

LORD STRATHCONA ELEMENTARY

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MAY NEWSLETTER

Hello Strathcona Families,

We are in the home stretch of the school year, and as COVID restrictions continue to ease, a sense of normalcy in schools is returning that many of us remember from 2 to 3 years back. Many classes are now attending or planning field trips, our senior students are looking forward to outdoor education next week as well as grade 7 grad, the school is organizing Welcome to Kindergarten events, we are looking at piloting a return to normal lunch routines of eating in the cafeteria, and also having school wide assemblies!

I want to highlight last Thursday's assembly on May 5th, Red Dress Day. On that day, and throughout the entire week, Strathcona students and staff recognized the Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two Spirited People MMIWG2S. It was a powerful assembly to cover a very important topic. Many were moved by Jamie Smallboy's (Strathcona parent and PAC member) presentation and personal connections to the day and her involvement in activities throughout the week. Along with the teaching and learning taking place, many classes engaged in making their own red dresses which are displayed throughout the school. I've had many positive conversations with parents following the assembly, who really value the way the topic is being covered at the school level, while also ensuring that it is done in an age appropriate manner, and that students are supported as we cover this topic.

Sports Day takes place next Friday, May 20th, and I look forward to seeing many of you at McLean Park throughout the day! It is going to be a hectic but exciting final 6 weeks!

Jason Eng
Principal Strathcona

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION FOR 2022-2023

We are in the process of establishing our enrolment projections for the 2022 – 2023 school year. If you know that your child will not be returning to Strathcona in September 2022, please email our office at strathcona@vsb.bc.ca or call our office at 604-713-4630 to notify us.



GRADE 7 GRADUATION CEREMONY

The grade 7 graduation will take place on **Friday, June 24 at 11AM**. This will be a live, in person ceremony for the students and parents, and the grads will receive their diplomas.

STRATHCONA WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN EVENT

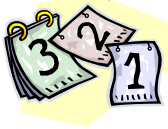
If you have a child entering Kindergarten at Strathcona in September 2022, please join us on May 27 for our Welcome to Kindergarten event. There will be 2 sessions, so please sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/3FKqoaH>

You and your child will have an opportunity to meet Strathcona staff, learn more about Strathcona Elementary, and participate in some fun learning activities. At the end of the event, you will receive a 'Welcome to Kindergarten' bag filled with supplies, such as books, crayons, paper, and scissors.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



WHAT'S GOING ON AT STRATHCONA

Friday, May 20	Sports Day
Monday, May 23	Victoria Day, school closed
Wednesday, May 25	Indigenous Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
Friday, May 27	Welcome to Kindergarten event
Tuesday, June 7	K, 1, 6, and 7 Immunization Clinic
Friday, June 24	Grade 7 graduation ceremony
Wednesday, June 29	Last day of school for students

STUDENT SHOWCASE



Div. 25 – Ms. Friess' class

This month, Div. 25 has taken on art projects with several mediums and steps (collage, painting, molding, form, value). We've been inspired by spring stories and songs like Singing in the Rain (and the April showers), books from Eric Carle, celebrations like Easter, and of course spring rainbows!



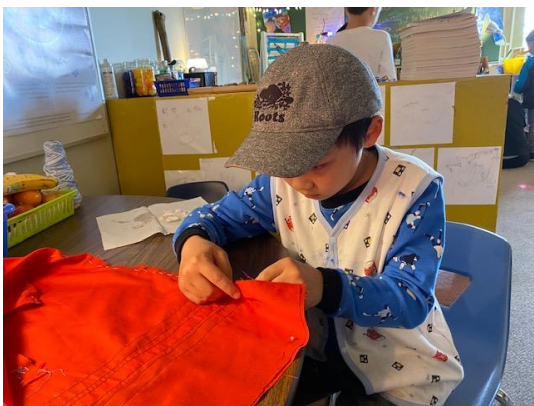
Star Wars Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's May the Fourth Star Wars Day. We had fun dressing up, reading Star Wars books, making comics, doing paper activities, and playing fun trivia games!



Red Dress Day

On May 5th, we honoured all the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls and Two Spirited People in Canada. Since colonization, Indigenous women have been targeted and suffered violence that has changed them and their families. Over 1000 Indigenous women and girls have gone missing from their communities over the last 40 years, and so many of their families have no idea what happened to them. There is a tradition to wear red dresses in honour of these women and girls, who can no longer wear these dresses themselves. At our school, we wanted to make sure that Indigenous women and girls, their culture, their language, and most importantly their lives, are honoured and cherished.



CALENDAR 2022 – 2023

Lord Strathcona Elementary School

School Operation Overview

Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non Instructional Days 1 Administrative Day (June 30)
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Important Dates

School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Friday, September 30, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2022
Remembrance Day Holiday	Friday, November 11, 2022
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 16, 2022
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 19, 2022 – Monday, January 2, 2023
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Tuesday, January 3, 2023
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2023
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 10, 2023
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 24, 2023
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 27, 2023
Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023
Easter Monday	Monday, April 10, 2023
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2023
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 29, 2023
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 30, 2023

Professional Development and Curriculum Implementation Days (school not in session)

Friday, September 23, 2022	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 21, 2022	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 25, 2022	Indigenous Focus Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)
Monday, January 16, 2023	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 17, 2023	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 24, 2023	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

Parent Conference Dates

Early Dismissal Times

Wednesday, October 19, 2022	Early dismissal at 2:00 PM
Thursday, October 20, 2022	Early dismissal at 2:00 PM
Wednesday, February 15, 2023	Early dismissal at 2:00 PM
Thursday, February 16, 2023	Early dismissal at 2:00 PM