

Secord News

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SAFETY CORNER

How could we not feature Covid-19 in our Safety Corner?

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Dates to Remember in May

May 2 nd	Fruits and veggies make up day
May 8 th	Mother's Day
May 16 th	Fruits and Veggies
May 18 th	PAC meeting
May 20 th	House Team Colour Day.
May 23 rd	Victoria Day Holiday
May 25 th	Welcome to Kindergarten (Sept K's)



Ecole Laura Secord Elementary School Calendar 2022-2023

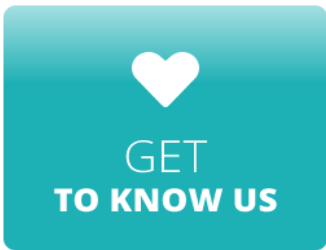
School Operation Overview	
Number of Days in Session	185
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 30)
Important Dates	
First Day of School for Students	Tuesday September 6, 2022
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Friday September 30, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 10, 2022
Remembrance Day	Friday November 11, 2022
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday December 16, 2022
Winter Vacation Period	Monday December 19, 2021 - Monday January 2, 2022
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 07, 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 Non-Instructional Days (School not in session)	
Friday, October 21, 2022	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 25, 2022	Non-Instructional Indigenous Focus 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)
Friday, May 19, 2023	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Student Conference Dates	
Tuesday, November 08 th , 2022	2:00 pm dismissal
Wednesday, November 09 th , 2022	2:00 pm dismissal
Wednesday, March 08 th , 2023	2:00 pm dismissal
Thursday, March 09 th , 2023	2:00 pm dismissal
Early Dismissal Times	
Tuesday, November 08 th , 2022	2:00 pm dismissal
Wednesday, November 09 th , 2022	2:00 pm dismissal
Wednesday, March 08 th , 2023	2:00 pm dismissal
Thursday, March 09 th , 2023	2:00 pm dismissal

Reminder....

Victoria Day Weekend

Monday May 23rd





Without a doubt students and parents know our staff at Laura Secord. But do you know us as well as you think you do?

Each month we'll tell you a new tidbit about a staff member. You may be surprised ☺

This month, Division 8 welcomed a student teacher from Laval University. Emmanuelle arrived mid-March and was excited to learn all about our classroom. She worked with Mme. Giroux and Mme. May planning fun French lessons and even a field trip to the Museum of Vancouver. Emmanuelle is originally from Montreal, Quebec and is passionate about teaching French as a second language.

We would like to thank her for all her hard work and for taking the time to connect and work with our students.

Thank you, Emmanuelle!

Best of luck on your journey to becoming a classroom teacher!



Wear your Colours Day

Wear your House Team Colour to the Rup Loops performance on May 20th. Students can earn one point for their House Team when they wear their House Team colour or something that represents their House Team animal.

Grizzlies (green) Strength in Courage	Ravens (red) Strength in Wisdom	Orcas (blue) Strength in Unity	Wolves (yellow) Strength in Loyalty

Welcome to Kindergarten

Welcome to Kindergarten Is Back to being in-person on Wed. May 25th, 2022

It will be held outdoors under the covered areas off lakewood Drive

It will be held between 9:00 and 12:00 noon for two separate groupings

More details will be emailed out to our 2022 Kindergarten families including

Information regarding Kindergarten gradual entry in September



10 Things You Didn't Know About Mother's Day in Canada

Our moms are our heroes

Moms deserve the praise: A 2012 study quoted in *Reader's Digest* found that 84 per cent of Canadians think that being a mother is one of the hardest jobs there is, and 64 per cent of Canadians consider Mom to be one of their heroes.

The origins of Mother's Day

Mother's Day started in the United States in 1908 with Anna Marie Jarvis, who wanted to commemorate her own mom's Mother's Day Work Clubs, which raised money for women with tuberculosis. Jarvis set up the holiday as, of all things, a sober day of reflection. She ultimately [came to regret her invention](#).

"M" is for Mother

Across languages, most words for "mother" start with the letter M.

Find out more fascinating [facts about every letter in the English alphabet](#).

Moms are great actors, too

Forty-two per cent of Canadian moms have reported faking appreciation for their Mother's Day gifts. It might have something to do with the fact that over half of us put off the planning until the last minute...

Your mom is more tech savvy than you thought

Tech trumps tulips: apparently nine out of 10 mothers would [prefer iPads to flowers](#).

Day in Canada isn't Mother's Day in the UK

Throughout North America, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. In the United Kingdom, however, "Mothering Day" takes place on the fourth Sunday of Lent. This year, it was observed on Sunday, March 14.

Joan Rivers offered sage advice for moms

There are a million sayings about motherhood, but only a few by Joan Rivers: "Always give them the freedom to make mistakes, and then never miss an opportunity to say, 'I told you so,'" and "Sometimes you're their best friend, sometimes you're their enemy, but you'll always be their bank."

How much Canadians spend on Mother's Day

The average Canadian spends **\$111 on Mother's Day**, making it the most shopped-for event after Christmas. Sons tend to spend more (\$123) than daughters (\$99); residents of Manitoba tend to budget the most (\$278) on average, residents of Nova Scotia the least (\$55).

We buy a lot of Mother's Day cards

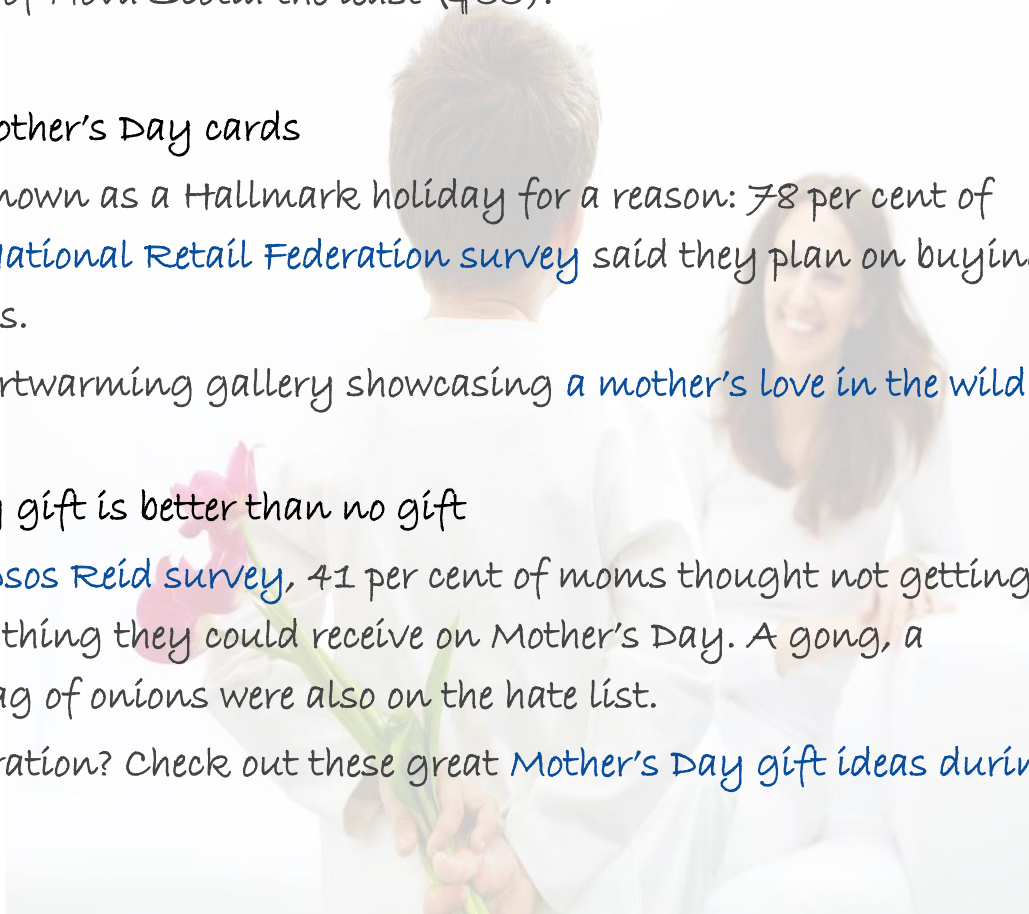
Mother's Day is known as a Hallmark holiday for a reason: 78 per cent of respondents to a **National Retail Federation survey** said they plan on buying Mother's Day cards.

Check out this heartwarming gallery showcasing **a mother's love in the wild**.

Any Mother's Day gift is better than no gift

According to an **Ipsos Reid survey**, 41 per cent of moms thought not getting a gift was the worst thing they could receive on Mother's Day. A gong, a chainsaw and a bag of onions were also on the hate list.

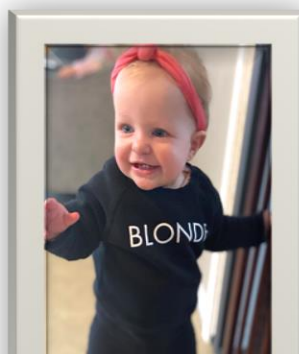
Looking for inspiration? Check out these great **Mother's Day gift ideas during the pandemic**.



Curtsey of: <https://www.readersdigest.ca/health/relationships/13-things-you-didnt-know-about-mothers-day/>

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Hear are Chelsea Fidgets', our Primary resource teacher's little darlings. Chelsea has Just returned to us from Mat Leave.





To Report Your Child's
Absence – Please Call (604)
713-5159 ext 74 prior to 9 am
on the first day of the absence



Mental Health Week: May 2nd – 8th

This year marks the 70th annual CMHA Mental Health Week. Each May, Canadians in communities, schools and workplaces rally around CMHA Mental Health Week.

We say we're fine, even when the truth can be very different. Every time we just go through the motions, we miss out on the chance to connect for real. In times of crisis like this, we need each other more than ever.

Connecting doesn't just feel good – it's good for our mental health.

Click [here](#) for lots of information, services and help.

Div. 12 Earth Day projects.



Div. 26



Ms. Kwok's Art class cont...

Div. 20 and 21 Optical Illusions

Seascapes



Noton Art

Div. 17, 18 and 19



Div. 27 Art



The Royal Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 30th annual popular grassroots summer soccer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Offering full day and morning sessions to all children aged 5 to 13, the program runs all weeks in July and August. There are 3 locations across Vancouver (site details available by [clicking here](#) or visiting the LOCATIONS page on our website royalsoccerclub.com. To register or for more information, visit royalsoccerclub.com or call 1-800-427-0536.



RSC poster & brochure 2022-vanc



LONGEST DAY ROAD RACE

COME FOR THE RUN – STAY FOR THE PARTY!

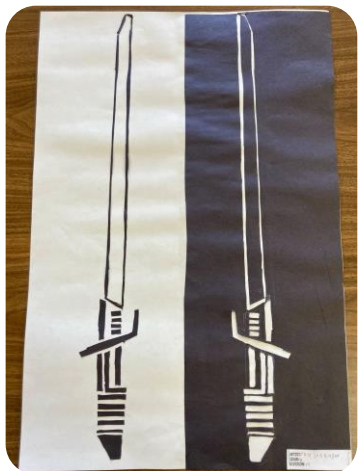
Enjoy an evening run on UBC’s beautiful campus followed by the best post-run party in Vancouver! There will be BBQ, music from a live band, a kids’ play zone, a beer garden and a picnic area!

Race registration is now open!

Early bird pricing till April 17, 2022

[Longest Day Road Race 2022 — Vancouver Thunderbirds Track & Field Club](#)

[2022 Kid’s Mile — Vancouver Thunderbirds Track & Field Club](#)



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We're on the Web!
<http://secord.vsb.bc.ca>

Vancouver School Board

School Calendar

[PAC](#)

PAC is on Twitter!
@SecordPAC

There are 2 PIZZA DAYS IN MAY - the 12th and 19th!

An extra day has been added in May, to make up for the missed pizza day in January, on Thursday, May 12th. If you had already ordered for January, those orders have all been transferred to the new date. If you didn't order for January, you can do it now. Just go to secord.hotlunches.net and update your order. Ordering closes on May 8th for the 12th and May 15th for the 19th.

If you have an extra hour to spare on May 12th, please consider volunteering between 11am-12pm. It's a great way to meet other parents and the kids love seeing their parents on their turf.

Please go to [Pizza Hot Lunch Volunteers \(signupgenius.com/go/8050b4caeae22a3f49-pizza1\)](http://signupgenius.com/go/8050b4caeae22a3f49-pizza1) and add your name.

The PAC Anti Racism Committee has the following messages:

Moosehide Campaign Day at Trout Lake - moved to May 26th

The [Moose Hide Campaign Day](#) is a day when we are called to join together to take a stand against gender-based violence. Wearing the moose hide pin represents a commitment to honour, respect and support the women and children in our lives, to work to end violence against them, and support truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. The men of the École Laura Secord Elementary community are organizing a gathering at Trout Lake (John Hendry Park) on May 26 from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. We are grateful to be partnering with Elder Randy Tait, who is Nisga'a and Gitksan, for this event. We are inviting all men, boys and allies of the school's community to gather, listen, walk and share food together. Let us know you're coming and stay updated through the [Facebook event](#) or by emailing James at jamesianrankin@gmail.com.

Celebrating Asian Heritage Month

Join us in connecting with the diverse histories, cultures, traditions, and strength of those with Pan-Asian heritage. Every day is a good day to explore and right now there are many local events taking place in honour of Asian Heritage Month. For example, check out the *explorASIAN* festival. The [program guide](#) on pages 8 and 9 showcase many ways to listen, learn, and celebrate. We also came across this [Picture book library list](#). What books do you and your kids enjoy that elevate Pan-Asian voices and perspectives?

The Importance of Community

Thank you to those of you who made it out to learn, unlearn, and share at the [MAR](#) Anti-Racism workshop follow up on April 20th. It's clear there's a lot of work to be done to develop a more inclusive society (see [this example](#) connected to the Chinese community here). One theme that came through in the discussion was the value of community to support each other in our lifelong anti-racism journeys. We even gained new ARC members- yay! Get in touch anytime at laurasecordarc@gmail.com.

PAC Meeting

Next meeting May 18th @ 7:00pm

Will be a Hybrid of Live and Virtual. There will be snacks but bring picnic dinner if you prefer.

See attached meeting minutes and link to next meeting. If you intend to attend live RSVP secordpac@gmail.com



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