



The Lion's Roar



Walter Lee Elementary

Monday, November 1, 2021

OUR SCHOOL STORY

Our school goal at Lee will continue in the area of our Math Mindset. This is our third year working on our Math focus. Teachers recently had students complete a Math survey and we are now looking at the data. We are planning to have Ms. Novakowski work with Lee staff to go over this data on our November 22nd Pro-D day. Ms. Novakowski is a Consultant in the district who specializes in the area of Math. For more information on our school's goal, please visit our website at <http://www.lee.sd38.bc.ca/> and check out "Our School Story" that will appear on the heading bar on the website.

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE & PARKING LOT



Thanks so much to those of you who are choosing active ways to get to school - walking, cycling or skateboarding to school are all possible for most of our students. Some parents choose to park on neighbouring streets and walk in with their children - this is also a great option giving you and your children some fresh air and activity before the school day starts.

Many parents continue to use the parking lot to drop off their children in front of the school. If you choose this option, please remember to follow traffic rules and school regulations:



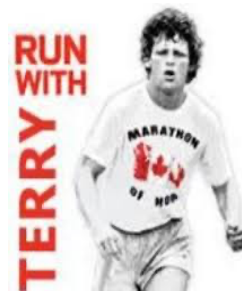
1. Please park in only designated parking spots.
2. Please leave staff parking for staff.
3. Please leave handicapped parking for families with a handicapped designation.

RICHMOND CHRISTMAS FUND

Richmond Christmas Fund registration is now open. The Richmond Christmas Fund is a non-religious, non-discriminatory program operated by Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives. This organization assists low-income individuals and families living in Richmond, BC, who do not have the financial means to celebrate the holidays. The Christmas Fund provides eligible individuals and families with grocery vouchers, toys, books, and gift cards. Please see registration information at: <https://www.rcrg.org/WhatWeDo/RCRGPrograms/richmond-christmas-fund/assistance>

TERRY FOX RUN FINAL TALLY

We are very happy to announce that the Lee community raised **\$6,735.00** through the Terry Fox Run! This is a great accomplishment and one that we are very proud of. Thank you to the Lee community for your generous donations in working towards finding a cure for cancer.



VOLLEYBALL SEASON IS UNDERWAY



Thank you to Mr. Hung for sponsoring our Grade 6 and 7 girls and boys volleyball team. Practices are underway and we are proud of the participation and good sportsmanship of our students. This year we will focus on skill development and play some in-house scrimmage games at the school.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

This year, our Remembrance Day recognition will look a bit different at Lee. We will be recognizing this important day on Wednesday, November 10th at school for staff and students. Unfortunately, as we continue to follow the Health & Safety protocols as outlined by Vancouver Coastal Health and the Provincial Health Officer, we are unable to have an assembly where we invite parents in to attend. This year's format will include a school wide sharing of a Remembrance Day video which will include a few classroom presentations and will be put together by staff and students. This video will be played for all divisions on November 10th. We hope all of our Lee Lion families take a moment on November 11th to reflect on how fortunate we are to be living in Canada and thank the people that fought for our freedom.



PAC UPDATE



Our next **remote** PAC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm via Zoom**. If you would like to attend, please email us at LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com to receive Zoom details. Everyone is welcome! Please take this opportunity to participate in your PAC.

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Neufeld Farms Fall Favorites Fundraiser – Support our PAC by purchasing top quality meats, entrees, appetizers, desserts and cookie dough! Last day to place, and pay for your orders is this **Friday, November 5th, 2021**. Click the link below to place orders online:

<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2021-walter-lee-elementary>



Coming Soon! Purdy's Winter Fundraiser - Support our PAC through purchasing some very sweet Christmas gifts for friends, family and yourself from Purdy's Chocolatier. Please check our PAC website for details regarding this upcoming fundraiser.

Do you shop online? Walter Lee PAC continues to fundraise with **FlipGive**. **Shop** online from a large selection of popular online retailers and our PAC can earn cash back on your purchase. Online retailers include Starbucks, Indigo, Amazon and many more. Please go to our **FlipGive Storefront** at www.flipgive.com/c/232105 to see participating retailers and offers. Please see our PAC website for more information.

Our Lee Lion Spirit Wear Pop Up Store is now closed. Thank you for your orders. Our school order will take about 3 weeks after store closing (Oct 31st) to be fulfilled. Families who have ordered spirit wear will be notified when their items are ready for pick up.

Please check our PAC website regularly for details of upcoming PAC-related activities and news. To receive PAC updates on WhatsApp, please e-mail LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com to receive the private invite link.

SALEEMA NOON FREE WORKSHOP

Saleema Noon is a sexual health and empowerment educator. She will be hosting free, live, online workshops for parents called **Growing Up Game Plan: Parents Edition**. It's a workshop focusing on the top 3 things preteens struggle with:

1. **Managing social media**
2. **Coping with Puberty**
3. **The big one - bullying**

For details on dates and registrations, please visit:

<https://learn.saleemanoon.com/webinar-registration>

Space is limited so make sure to register early!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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- Wed, Nov 3 PAC Meeting at 7:00 pm
- Thu, Nov 4 Photo Retake Day
- Wed, Nov 10 Remembrance Day at Lee
- Thu, Nov 11 **Remembrance Day - no school**
- *Mon, Nov 15 Saleema Noon – Safe Bodies presentation for parents at 6:30 pm
- *Thu, Nov 18 Saleema Noon - Safe Bodies presentation for students
- Gr. 6/7 Immunization
- Mon, Nov 22 **Pro-D Day – no school**
- Tue, Nov 30 Kindergarten Hearing Screening
- Wed, Dec 8 PAC Meeting at 7:00 pm
- Thu, Dec 16 Report Cards go home
- Fri, Dec 17 Last day of school before the winter break
- Pajama Day
- Mon, Dec 20 **Winter Break – no school**
- Mon, Jan 3
- Tues, Jan 4 First day of school after Winter Break
- *More information will be sent to parents next week.

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CSL AT LEE!

We are happy to announce that all of our classes will be participating in CSL (Communicating Student Learning) this year!

Your child's progress will be described using the Proficiency Scale provided to us by the Ministry of Education, which is the same scale used on the Grad Literacy Assessment and Grad Numeracy Assessment. Please see more details on the following page.

Communicating student learning in this way requires us to provide timely and responsive feedback and updates on student progress throughout the school year and we will be doing this in a variety of ways, including:

- digital portfolio posts and reviews
- learning conference(s) (either by Zoom or in-Person, when possible)
- student reflection and self-assessment of the Core Competencies
- summary of progress (mid-year and end of year)

We hope that providing you with timely, flexible information about your child(ren)'s progress this year will help ensure that you will be well informed about their learning. Please see the following page for proficiency scale information.

If you have any questions, please stay in touch and we will be happy to help. Thank you for supporting your child's learning and growth.

Sincerely,

Mr. Elcombe

Here are some helpful tips for interacting with your child on their e-portfolio:



Sentence Starters for Parents

We encourage you, the parent, to make positive comments about your child's work on their ePortfolio. Here are some sample sentences to help get you started:

- I'm proud of you because...
- I like the way you...
- I can see that you....
- It's interesting to see that you...
- I made a connection to....
- Here are some questions I have for you....
- Why did you....?
- What were you thinking when...?



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Understanding the PROFICIENCY SCALE

THE LEARNING JOURNEY TAKES TIME AND PATIENCE

For each individual student, learning moves through various stages. The goal is the same; there is a particular skill or understanding that needs to be learned and demonstrated. However, the time it takes for students to reach their destination and the route they take to get there varies. The proficiency scale is a way for teachers, students and parents to understand where each student is on their learning journey and what they need to work on to move towards proficiency. The following examples are adapted from our work with Canadian Assessment Educator, Katie White, who describes these stages of learning in the context of learning to drive.



EMERGING

When learners are emerging, they are in the process of building their readiness to learn. This includes elements such as becoming familiar with language, background context or foundational skills.

When we are learning to drive, before we get behind the wheel, we need to learn what the street signs mean, the basic rules of the road and what all the parts of the car do. We need a solid foundation before we move onto practicing the skill we’re learning and move to being supported.

DEVELOPING

When learners are developing, they are working with others to improve their skill and understanding. This is where students spend most of their time, practicing, refining, making wrong turns and correcting their processes and thinking.

This is when we actually turn on the car and try driving. We need opportunities with someone to guide us where we might need support and further practice with the process. It is this practice with a more experienced driver that allows us to move towards proficiency.

PROFICIENT

When learners are proficient, they are able to demonstrate the skills they have learned independently and with confidence. Students should be able to show their proficiency in a number of ways.

Drivers demonstrate their proficiency by passing their driving test. Once they show that they have the skill to drive independently, they no longer need someone in the car with them; they can continue to develop their comfort and enjoyment independently.

EXTENDING

When learners are extending, they are free to explore the larger applications and possibilities of their learning. As they develop deeper understanding, they have more opportunities to make thoughtful connections and to innovate.

Once drivers are extending, they can try their hand at many new experiences. They can drive different sorts of vehicles and explore different terrain and weather. Their proficiency in the skill of driving allows them to explore the world in ways they previously weren’t able to.

Proficiency Scale	→			
	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.