



The Lion's Roar



Walter Lee Elementary

Friday, February 4, 2022

Dear Lee Lion families,

Lately, I have been really thinking about the PAWS Values we teach and instill in our students and how, during this time especially, they are *all* so important to remember:

As Lee Lions. we believe in PAWS:

Problem solvers

We demonstrate social responsibilities to solve problems with respect

Accept others

We treat each other with respect and understanding

We not Me

We consider the collective good

Safety first

We make choices that keep ourselves and others safe.



We are in challenging times. While we are experiencing increased student absenteeism, compared to other schools in Richmond, here at Walter Lee we are doing well. Some of these absences are children who are ill, some are children who are exhibiting mild symptoms, and some are children being kept home out of caution. **These are ALL good reasons** to keep your children home at this time. Right now, it is better to err on the side of caution. We will get through this period in our history, but we all need to continue to do our part and our due diligence.

Sincerely,
Alfred Chan

PARKING AND DROP OFF ZONE



There is no parking at Sharon Gardens, the townhome complex located at the back of the school field. We have received complaints from the owners, please be aware that your car could be towed.

Once again, this year we are asking parents to respect the restrictions we have with our parking lot. All parents and students are encouraged to walk to and from school. Our parking lot is open in the morning for parents to drop off their children. **The DROP-OFF zone is strictly intended to be drop-off only, parents MUST NOT leave their cars.** If parents want to walk their child to class they **must park outside on the street.** Please park in the

neighbourhood and walk to the school to meet your child.

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT FEELING WELL

A new Daily Health Check is attached to this newsletter. Everyone going into the school must complete this daily health check, including staff, visitors, and students.



If your child is sick or feel unwell, please stay home. This is important to stop the spread of illness, including COVID-19, in schools. **If your child has a fever or has vomited, please wait at least 48 hours and symptom-free before sending your child back to school.** Please make sure to call our Safe Arrival Line at 604-668-6269 Press 1 to report your child's absence.

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Staff and students are working hard to prepare for the mid-year reports. These reports are paired with each student's digital portfolios. Each portfolio post provides a snapshot of learning and a really great glimpse into what your child is learning at school.



The parent information session is for all parents who would like more information about what to do and what to look for within each digital portfolio.

Parent Information Session for Student Digital Portfolios

Feb 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

If this is your first time participating in a Microsoft Teams meeting [please refer to this instructions document to assist.](#)

VALENTINE'S DAY



Valentine's Day is quickly approaching on Monday February 14th. At Lee School, we would like to maintain the tradition of students expressing their friendship while, at the same time, continuing to keep everyone safe. Similar to Halloween, students may bring pre-packaged, store-bought treats to share with their classmates.

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TRANSFER APPLICATION

For any students planning to attend a non-catchment school in September 2022, please fill out a Transfer Application Form. The **First Round Online Transfer Applications are open January February 7, 2022 – Friday, February 25, 2022.** Please e-mail the requested school(s) directly with the complete application. Transfer decisions will be communicated to parents by Monday, March 7, 2022. The online application can be found here: <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/transfer-applications>

WALTER LEE STRONGSTART



Come join us at Walter Lee StrongStart! We are a provincially funded program for children 0-5 years old. Our indoor program runs Monday-Thursday from 9-11am which we enjoy free play time, crafts, circle, sensory play, and dramatic play. Our outdoor program is every Friday, this includes fun in the playground, sandbox, gardening, our outdoor classroom and exploring nature. All families are welcome and encouraged to attend one session per week as we have a maximum of eight families per session.

For more information or to book an appointment: <https://sd38.bc.ca/programs/early-learning-programs/strongstart-centres>
Come meet Ms. Tara at Door #5!

PAC UPDATES



Our next remote **PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9th at 7:00 pm** via Zoom. Please email LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com to receive Zoom details. Everyone is welcome!



Just in time for the growing season, Lee PAC is fundraising with West Coast Seeds. West Coast Seeds provides Canada's No. 1 seeds that are untreated and non-GMO, and promote sustainability. Choose from a wide range of seeds of their best-selling vegetables, herbs and flowers. You can order online at: <https://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com/collections/all> Available for a limited time only! **The last day to place your order is Monday, February 21, 2022.**



The PAC continues to fundraise with FlipGive. Every time you shop online through the Lee FlipGive link, our PAC earns cash back on your purchase. Before you shop online or buy a gift card, click on our FlipGive link www.flipgive.com/c/232105 or search for team 232105 on FlipGive app, and help us fundraise by simply shopping online (no extra cost to you). Shop online often, add yourself to the Lee Team!

All the money PAC raises goes right back to our students in the form of fantastic programming, events and opportunities, field trips, and additional educational resources.

Who we are?

All Lee parents and guardians are automatically members of the Lee Parents Advisory Council (PAC). Our PAC executives are elected each year, and represent our PAC with regards to fundraising, spending allotments and such. Lee PAC provides a voice for the parent community in our school, and Parents' voices are of tremendous value to their school. Have something you'd like to suggest, share or a concern? Please feel free to send us an email at LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com.

Check the PAC website regularly for details of upcoming meetings, PAC-related activities and news.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Wed, Feb 9 CSL Parent Info Session at 6:00 pm
PAC Meeting via Zoom at 7:00 pm
- Fri, Feb 11 CSL Mid-Year Report Cards
- Mon, Feb 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- Fri, Feb 18 Pro-D Day – No school**
- Mon, Feb 21 Family Day – No school**
- Wed, Feb 23 Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying)
- Fri, Mar 11 Last Day of School before Spring Break
- Mar 14 – 25 Spring Break – No school**
- Mon, Mar 28 School Reopens after Spring Break

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