



# The Lion's Roar

Walter Lee Elementary



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Tuesday, June 27, 2023



We are now into the final stretch of our school year. These last couple of months have felt like a celebration. Lots of fun activities, spirit days, presentations, and a whole bunch of learning! This will be our final newsletter going home this year. Some important reminders for the end of this school year and the beginning of next.

#### Departing Staff

The end of each school year is bittersweet as it means saying goodbye to some staff members on temporary contracts. To our six departing staff, we want to thank you for your hard work this school year; your contribution to our school is immeasurable. The students and staff at Walter Lee will miss you and wish you the best of luck in your new school placements in September. Thank you to Ms. Gomez, Ms. McIvor, Mr. Cia, Ms. Kan, Ms. Dong and Mr. Wade.

#### Epipen pick up

If your child has an **Epipen at school**, please **come pick it up at the school office on the last day of school after dismissal.**

#### Last Day of School

**Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>** will be the last day of school for students. School will be dismissed at regular time at **2:45 pm.**

#### First Day Back

Our first day back to school for the 2023/24 school year will be **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**. We will send an email the over the summer with more information about the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school.

**The Walter Lee staff would like to wish you all a wonderful summer.**



#### OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR SUMMER

Please note that the school office will be closed for the summer from **Saturday, July 8 – Sunday, August 27, 2023.** The best way to contact us over the summer is through e-mail at [lee@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:lee@sd38.bc.ca). We will respond your e-mails when the office staff return to school.

#### JUST B4 PRESCHOOL

Just B4 is a new initiative from the Ministry of Education to introduce preschool to 4–5-year-old children who are starting Kindergarten in September 2023. Just B4 will provide opportunities for children to engage in lots of activities, spend time outdoors and in the school garden, and socialize with peers.

Just B4 will run from September – June for 2 hours and 15 minutes a day. The program will be held at Walter Lee and Grauer Schools, in the StrongStart classrooms. Walter Lee's program will be held in the morning from 9:30am – 11:45am and Grauer's program will be in the afternoon from 12:30pm – 2:45pm. Parents will have the option to request 2-3 mornings at Lee OR 2-3 afternoons at Grauer. **Selection will be done on a lottery basis.**

For more information, please visit: <https://sd38.bc.ca/programs/early-learning-programs/just-b4-preschool>

#### LATE RETURN TO SCHOOL

**Please note that being absent at the start of the school year has the following ramifications for students:**

1. Missed valuable instructional time, therefore missed valuable learning opportunities.
2. Missed valuable teacher and administrative explanations of expectations and routines for the course & school.
3. Missed valuable opportunities to make important social connections at the start of a school year.
4. If a student is not returning on or before September 13, 2023, we cannot reserve a spot. There may be a need for placement at another school upon the students' late return.

**In conclusion, the reason for a late return should only be for extremely extenuating circumstances.**

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In the event of an unforeseen critical family circumstance occurring on or after June 29, 2023 that causes an unexpected late return to the school, the parent must advise the school as soon as possible by emailing the school at [lee@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:lee@sd38.bc.ca) with the student's full name, grade that the student will be in September, date that the student will return to school and the reason for absence.

Receive PAC updates on WhatsApp by joining our group. Please email [LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com](mailto:LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com) to receive the secure invite link.

**Have an amazing Summer!**

### PAC UPDATES



Thank you to our entire Lee community for your continued support this year of our various PAC fundraising programs including the Popular Hot Lunch days, Purdy's Chocolatier

Fundraiser, West Coast Seeds, and our annual Prowl-a-Thon. With your assistance, we continue to fund various school-related expenses which benefit all our students at Lee.

Thank you to all our Lee parents who stayed connected this year through our various communication channels. Thank you to all our Parents who even when they could not be there physically, still stayed connected and supported the PAC in whatever way they could. A Special Thank you to our Parents who volunteered their time and energy to our very successful Hot Lunch program, Prowl-a-thon, and many other PAC supported events. We see you and we appreciate you!

Please take the opportunity in 2023-2024 to participate in your PAC. Everyone is welcome!

Our PAC Executive Team for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year are:

**PAC Chair** - Melissa Smith

**Treasurer** - Julie Bevan

**Co-Secretary** - Cindy Cheung & Michael Chou

**Fundraiser & Hot Lunch Coordinator** – Kathleen Chung & April Cheng

**RDPA Representatives** – Donna Lee & Raman Gill

**Members-at-large** -Michelle Ferguson, Sawa D'Souza

Check the PAC website throughout the summer for details of ongoing PAC fundraisers, and plans for next year PAC-activities, including a *NEW* Hot Lunch schedule, and our annual **Back to School BBQ!** <https://lee.sd38.bc.ca/parents/parent-advisory-council-pac>

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**Wed, Jun 28** Grade 7 Farewell Assembly AM  
Grade 6/7 Dance PM  
Report Cards Available Online through MyEd at 3pm

**Thu, Jun 29** **Last Day of School**  
Year End Assembly

**Fri, Jun 30** Administrative Day – No school

**Fri, Jul 8** Last Day for School Office

**Mon, Aug 28** School Office Reopens

**Tue, Sep 5** **First Day of School**  
(Information will be sent out via email by September 1<sup>st</sup>)

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