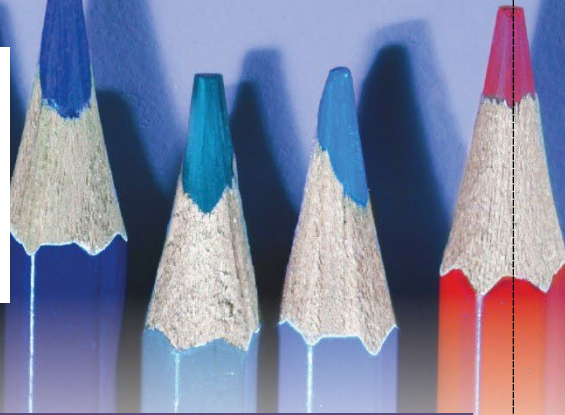


Friday, June 20, 2025

Lakeview Elementary Weekly News



Dear Lakeview Community,

Thank you to all the families who came out to volunteer, watch and participate in Sports Day today. All teams showed fantastic sportsmanship, enthusiasm and effort! Scores were very close for both the School Spirit Days competition and Sports Day.

The final winning teams were:

- Pink team – Sportsmanship
- Green team – Spirit Days
- Blue team – Sports Day

Photos will be shared in the year end slideshow on June 23rd, and I will include some in next week's newsletter.

Saturday, June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This day holds immense significance as it recognizes and honours the rich heritage, diverse cultures, and invaluable contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples across Canada.

The date June 21 aligns with the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, which has been celebrated by Indigenous groups for generations. It's a time to come together, learn, and appreciate the wisdom, art, and resilience of Indigenous people across Canada.

This week students shared National Indigenous History Month Moments over the announcements. You will see what was shared to the right. On Monday, students will have the opportunity to participate in a scavenger hunt with Ms. Buchanan at lunch. These are fun ways to learn and engage with local Indigenous culture.

Next week, we will recognize Indigenous Peoples Day in our final assembly where we will hear the Coast Salish anthem and look back on learning that has occurred throughout the year.

Warm regards,
Amelia Poitras, Principal Lakeview Elementary

Dates to note:

- Mon. June 23 – 1:00 End of Year Assembly
- Thurs. June 26 – 9:00 Grade 7 Farewell
- Thurs. June 26 – Students dismissed @ 10:30
- Thurs. June 26 – Report Cards Home

National Indigenous History Month Moments



1. Did you know that the Eagle represents balance, strength, vision, and spirituality to the Coast Salish people? The Eagles fly highest in the sky and are closest to the Creator! The eagle will part of our Scavenger Hunt at Lunch this Monday!

Our Indigenous Language for the day is the Hul'q'umi'num' word for thank-you which is "huychq'u" and is often paired with raising our hands to person you are thanking as a customary way to show respect and appreciation, echoing the gratitude

2. Did you know that the Owl is a keeper of sacred knowledge to the Coast Salish peoples and that Owls are messengers of change and guides to the Spirit World?

Our Indigenous Language for the day is the Squamish word for Raven which is Skeekw.

3. Did you know that the goose represents determination, faithfulness, and loyalty to the Coast Salish peoples and that Geese are recognized for being silly and funny! They love family and always work as a team!

Student Experience in Learning, Belonging, and Reconciliation

Students visited the Burnaby School District office. A special thank you to Rob Smyth (District Principal of Indigenous Education) for leading the group in the Greeting of the Day, for sharing teachings on the cultural and spiritual significance of Cedar to the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, and for creating a welcoming space through leading us in circle. We are especially grateful for the opportunity to learn about the rich artistic traditions of the local Nations and the teachings communicated to the Burnaby School District and the learners, through the artwork. Students spent time learning about the Welcome Figure by Squamish carver Xwalacktun, the Coast Salish Weaving by Angela George (a^wənət) from the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and the art prints in the foyer from Musqueam artists. The artwork and stories shared with us helped our students build a deeper understanding of Indigenous knowledge, but also the commitment of the Burnaby School District to the local Nations, Indigenous Learners within the learning communities, and reconciliation.



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Families and Volunteers

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers and to PAC for their generous support throughout the year!

From organizing and participating in school events to assisting in classrooms and supporting our students learning journeys, your contributions have made a significant impact. Your involvement not only enriches our school community but also sets a wonderful example for our students about the importance of collaboration and community spirit.

Thank you for your time, energy, and enthusiasm. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive and engaged community.

2025-2026 IMPORTANT DATES – LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY

Tuesday, September 2	School Opening (Grades 1-7 students attend 9:00-10:00)
Friday, September 5	Early Dismissal @ 2:00
Thursday, September 11	Kindergarten Intake Meetings
Friday, September 12	Kindergarten Intake Meetings
Tuesday, September 16	Early Dismissal @ 2:00
Tuesday, September 16	Grades 1-7 Intake Meetings 2:15-6:15
Wednesday, September 17	Early Dismissal @ 2:00
Thursday, September 18	Intake Meetings 3:15-5:00
Friday, September 16	Student Photo Day
Tuesday, September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)
Monday, October 13	Thanksgiving (No School)
Monday, October 20	Photo Retakes
Friday, October 24	Provincial Pro-D (No School)
Tuesday, November 11	Remembrance Day (No School)
Friday, November 21	District Pro-D (No School)
Friday, December 12	Report Cards Home
Friday, December 19	Pancake Breakfast
Monday, December 22- Friday, January 2	Winter Vacation
Monday, January 5	School Reopens
Monday, January 26	School Based Pro-D (No School)
Tuesday, January 27	Family Literacy Day
Monday, February 16	Family Day (No School)
Friday, February 27	District Pro-D (No School)
Thursday, March 12	Early Dismissal @ 2:00
Thursday, March 12	Student Led Conferences 2:15-6:15
Friday, March 13	Early Dismissal @ 2:00
Friday, March 13	Reports Home
Monday, March 16- Friday, March 27	Spring Break
Monday, March 30	School Reopens
Friday, April 3	Good Friday (No School)
Monday, April 6	Easter Monday (No School)
Monday, April 27	District Pro-D (No School)
Friday, May 15	Emergency Release Drill (starting @ 1:30)
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day (No School)
Thursday, June 4	Kindergarten Students Dismissed @ 1:00
Thursday, June 4	Welcome to Our School (1:20-3:00)
Friday, June 5	School Based Pro-D (No School)
Friday, June 19	Sports Day
Friday, June 19	Early Dismissal @ 1:30
Monday, June 22	Year End Assembly
Thursday, June 25	Students Last Day (10:30 Dismissal)
Thursday, June 25	Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony
Thursday, June 25	Reports Home