

• Friday, January 9, 2026

# Lakeview Elementary Weekly News

Dear Lakeview Community,

Welcome to 2026! I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and joyful winter break. We have had an exciting first week back.

On Tuesday, we were pleased to welcome Superintendent Karim Hachlaf, who spent time visiting classrooms and seeing learning in action. A special highlight was meeting with some of our Grade 1/2 students, who confidently shared their goals for 2026.



Students participated in our “Rocks and Rings” lessons, where they learned about the sport of curling. These engaging activities helped students explore teamwork, strategy, and Canadian sport culture in fun and interactive ways.

Looking ahead to next week, we will acknowledge and celebrate Black Excellence Day. Black Excellence Day is a time to recognize and honour the achievements, contributions, resilience, and leadership of Black individuals and communities—past and present. We aim to affirm Black excellence, inspire pride, and deepen our understanding of equity, inclusion, and belonging for all.

Amelia Poitras  
Principal Lakeview Elementary



## Dates to note:

- Tues. Jan. 13 Boys Basketball Game
- Tues. Jan. 13 Accessibility Committee Mtg. 12:10
- Wed. Jan. 14 Primary Skipping Club – 8:15
- Thurs. Jan. 15 Black Excellence Day
- Thurs. Jan. 15 YPC – Blues Rock!
- Thurs. Jan. 15 Girls Basketball Game
- Fri. Jan. 16 January Jog
- Tues. Jan. 20 Grade 7s to Burnaby Central Course Selection
- Fri. Jan. 23 Literacy Week Kick off
- Mon. Jan. 26 Pro-D Day (No School)



## YPC- Blues Rock!

On Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> Grades 4-7 students will attend the second Young Peoples Concert of the year. **Students should arrive at 8:45 Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** to ensure buses can leave on time.

This brand-new interactive show from KBAM! introduces students to the very foundation of Western popular music: The Blues! Through listening, singing, and clapping along students will learn to recognize the essential blues chord progression.

By hearing everything from Robert Johnson to Elvis Presley, and Led Zeppelin to TV theme songs, students will realize that their favourite music is built on the blues. <https://www.kbamonline.com/#/blues-rocks/>

# “Diversity is the engine of invention. It generates creativity that enriches the world”

– Michaelle Jean, Canada

**BLACK EXCELLENCE DAY**

**Elijah McCoy (Inventor)**  
Born: May 2, 1844  
Died: October 10, 1929  
Elijah McCoy was a Canadian-born inventor who made machines work better. His ideas were known as "the real McCoy."

**Oscar Peterson (Musician)**  
Born: August 15, 1925  
Died: December 23, 2007  
Oscar Peterson was a famous jazz piano player from Canada. His music brought joy to people around the world.

**Nelson Mandela**  
South Africa  
"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

**Marcus Garvey**  
Jamaica  
"If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything."

**Willie O'Ree (Athlete)**  
Born: October 15, 1935  
Willie O'Ree was the first Black player in the NHL. He showed courage and helped make hockey more fair for everyone.

**Viola Desmond (Activist)**  
Born: July 6, 1914  
Died: February 7, 1965  
Viola Desmond stood up for fairness when she was treated unfairly at a movie theatre. Her bravery helped change Canada.

**Bob Marley**  
Jamaica  
"One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain."

**Haile Selassie**  
Ethiopia  
"Until the philosophy which holds one race superior and another inferior is finally and permanently discredited and abandoned, everywhere is war."

**Lincoln Alexander**  
Canada  
"I was the first, but I will not be the last."

**Maya Angelou**  
United States  
"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have."

**Martin Luther King Jr.**  
United States  
"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

**Harry Jerome (Athlete)**  
Born: September 30, 1940  
Harry Jerome was a Canadian sprinter who grew up in Vancouver. He won an Olympic bronze medal and set world records in track and field. He showed that hard work and perseverance can help people overcome challenges and achieve success.

## Word Whiz Wednesday is back!

Here are the three new vocabulary words and their meanings to build stronger language skills across the school. Check with your child if they can use any of these in a sentence, and if they know the antonym pair in the mix!

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- **propose:** to suggest an idea
- **benefit/drawback:** an advantage / a disadvantage
- **assumption:** something believed without proof

## West Coast Winters

As a reminder, students go outside to play rain or shine - even during our wet, west coast winters!

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with appropriate rain gear, including a coat and boots.

Thank you!

# Rocks and Rings by Curling Canada



## Know Your Care Options – from Fraser Health

When you or a loved one is sick, knowing where to go for care can reduce stress and help you get timely support. Fraser Health has several care options:

- Pharmacies for vaccinations, medications, and treatment for minor ailments.
- Urgent and Primary Care Centres for health issues that aren't life threatening and need attention within 12–24 hours.
- Fraser Health Virtual Care for non-urgent questions and advice from registered nurses and dietitians.
- The Fraser Health Crisis Line, available 24/7 if you need to talk to someone.

Find the best option for your needs at [fraserhealth.ca/careoptions](http://fraserhealth.ca/careoptions).