



Lavington Elementary School

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February Newsletter

Student Learning Survey: (Parents of Grades 4 and 7)

Parent Surveys:

Parents may access the survey by the Direct Access from the website listed below. Surveys are to be completed by parents with children in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12. A parent may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades. The parent survey is available in English, French and 16 other languages.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>

Valentine's Day: February 14th, 2023

The goal of Lavington Elementary's Valentine's Day is to let others know that we care, support, and accept each other for being the unique individuals that they are. In the past, candy was usually the most exciting part of Valentine's Day, however, we are taking this opportunity to move away from the sugars and plastics to focus on this message. We are hoping to collect non-perishable foods for the Lumby Food Bank in order to support families in need. We will be collecting donations from February 6th to February 15th.

Thank you for understanding and supporting our initiatives!

Fun Fair: February 16th, 2023

(See information below)

Lavington Elementary Fun Fair

Thursday, February 16th
Fun Fair and Concession 5:30pm-8:30pm



Come enjoy another evening full of fun games, prizes, good food and visiting with friends and neighbours.

Every class will offer an exciting event where virtually everyone is a winner!

- Special events again this year are the **Bouncy Castle from our own LAVINGTON FIREFIGHTERS**, Plinko, Cake Walk, Nerf shoot, Ring toss, Basketball shoot, Fish Pond, Hockey shoot, Bean bag toss, Mini Golf, Lollypop pull, **and a Special Appearance from Vernon Vipers own Sniper**

The **Prize Table** is back so get ready to earn those stamps!
(\$1 per ticket and every game/event takes only 1 ticket to play)

A **Concession** will be available for dinner, and snacking enjoyment courtesy of our Grade 7 Grad's all proceeds will go to their year end!!!



Cake Decorating Contest



Everyone's favorite "**Cake Walk**" is back again.....
so get your aprons on!

We will be awarding certificates to cakes that stand out and catch our attention. And this year **each cake baked will earn a ticket** to play at the FUN FAIR.
ALSO **1st place wins 10 tickets, 2nd place 7 tickets, and 3rd place 5 tickets**

All students are encouraged to participate in this delicious contest. **Again** This Year, There Will Be A **Parent AND Older Sibling Category!** Decorate a Cake and **WIN** Your Family **5 EXTRA TICKETS!!**

****Please bring your decorated LABELED cake to the school gym by 8:30am
Thursday, February 16th**

{Please make sure your cake is labeled with your child's name and grade,
and covered with plastic wrap or cover}

Thank you, and Happy Baking!!!

Any questions please contact your Parent Class Rep or Angela Barnes @ 250-306-4575

Pink Shirt Day: February 22nd, 2023

Pro-kindness focus! Wear pink in support of the message: <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>

BC Winter Games: Wheelchair Basketball

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lavington Elementary has been selected to be an accommodation site for the BC Winter Games which will take place here in Vernon between **March 22nd and 26th**.

SD#22 is a main partner of the games and will welcome approximately 1800 athletes, coaches, and officials both to our city, and more significantly, to eight of our district school sites for an extended weekend of competition across a range of sports.

Athletes

- Emerging high-performance athletes
- Age range 9-18 years depending on the sport
- Average age of 14.5
- Athletes with a disability included in select sports

Here at Lavington Elementary, we will be housing close to 80 guests and the people tasked with coordinating and implementing this task need many volunteers to make it work.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the driving force and heart and soul of the BC Games. Each volunteer is committed to ensure that the community comes together in a celebration of pride and that participants have an unforgettable experience. From meal preparation, to transportation, to hospitality, and sport competitions, the enthusiasm and expertise of volunteers is what makes it all happen.

Accommodation Directorate:

We are hoping that we can help the games be successful at the accommodation level, in other words on the ground, right here in our school by attracting the number of volunteers needed for Lavington from our own community.

Check below for ways you and your family could help:

Accommodation-Dorm Management Volunteers are the Accommodation Attendants that will staff the dorm desk, check participants in, monitor accommodations processes and provide information on the school layout to participants residing in the schools. Anyone like graveyard shifts? We need coverage 24/7 !!

Accommodation-Hospitality Volunteers will serve as additional Accommodation Attendants during the evening stationed in the hospitality or social spaces at each school to service the distribution of snacks and provision of minor games/activities throughout the evening.

Accommodation-Housekeeping Volunteers will support Accommodations Attendants with minor cleaning and sanitization rounds of high touch surfaces.

Accommodation-Site Preparation Volunteers will serve as the set-up (Wednesday evening) and take-down crew (Sunday afternoon/evening) They help convert schools to accommodations sites and then return them afterwards.

Accommodation-Hold Area Volunteers is a special shift of 8-12 Accommodation Attendants that will staff and service a holding area space at the Vernon Recreation Centre from approximately 11:00-3:00 PM (TBD) Sunday, March 26 to provide space and minor services for participants waiting for charter flights home.

All Accommodations volunteers (except Site Prep) require proof of vaccination expectations and Criminal Record Checks. Speak to Accommodations Director/Chair leaders about Criminal Record Check processes for current district employees.

Click here to register online www.bcwintergames.ca

Select one of the respective volunteer areas above in the Volunteer Information-First Choice pull down area of the online registration. An Accommodation Volunteer Management Chair will contact you for additional screening and school or shift scheduling preference. At this point Volunteers can be scheduled to a school site of their choice.

Pacific Assistance Dog Program (P.A.D.S)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that we will be welcoming the Pacific Assistance Dog (PADS) program to our school as part of a school community project. Pacific Assistance Dogs (PADS) are in training to become support dogs to individuals who have disabilities. As an approved PADS Sitter, Ellie Jensen our School Based Resource Teacher, will be working with the program to help build the foundation for training and socialization. Puppy sitters care for and train puppies in the program for a period of 6 months to one and a half years.

PADS puppies are carefully selected at 8 weeks old to be part of the program based on parents who are healthy and temperamentally sound. Puppies are specifically selected based on submissive and confident temperaments and are dogs who love people and the world around them. As part of the program, these puppies are legally certified to accompany Puppy Raisers and Sitters everywhere, including work, school, sporting events, restaurants, movies, etc. The goal is to include these puppies in day-to-day activities that they may participate in as an Assistance Dog in future.

All staff in the building have shared their support in this being a community initiative. Teachers will be providing instruction using the Be A Tree Doggone Safety Program, so all students have confidence in approaching the PADS dog in our school, and strange dogs within the broader community. Should you have any questions or concerns related to PADS dogs being in the school with your child, please contact Nigel Maccagno, Principal who would be happy to seek out further information as needed.

Warmly,

Ellie Jensen
SBRT and PADS Sitter

Lavington Calendar: Upcoming Events

February 6th: P.A.C Meeting @ 6:30 (Zoom)

February 10th: Spirit Day – Crazy Hair Day!

February 14th: Valentine's Day

February 17th: Okanagan Zone Professional Development Day (No School for students)

February 20th: Family Holiday (No School)

February 22nd: Pink Shirt Day

March 6th: P.A.C Meeting @ 6:30 (Zoom)

Respectfully,

Nigel Maccagno