

Division 8 Newsletter

Tuesday September 15, 2026



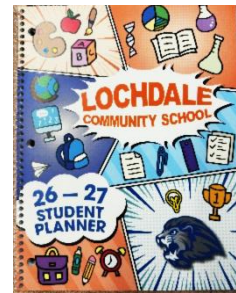
Dear Division 8 Families,

Hello and a warm welcome to new and returning families at Lochdale. My name is Mrs. Hon and I am your child's Grade 2/3 teacher for this school year. I look forward to getting to know all of you and working with a new group of students. I encourage parents to have a home conversation with your child to help him/her adjust to changes in routines and expectations that come with being in a new grade. Below is some information about our class I hope you will find helpful and I welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hon
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Home-School Communication

I will be sending class updates from time to time by email, so please check your inbox and also look out for emailed information from the school community. In addition, please read and initial the message in the school planner and send it back with your child each school day.



Attendance

Students who arrive after 9:00 am need to report to the office. You may call the school at 604-296-9019 and leave a message if your child is unable to attend due to personal reasons (e.g. illness, appointment).

Snack Time

We will have a snack time in the classroom each morning so please have your child bring bottled water and a nut-free snack. Healthy snacks such as fruit, cheese and carrot sticks are always encouraged ☺. Please let me know if your child has a food allergy or dietary restriction.

Lunch

The school's lunch hour is from 12:00 to 12:57pm. Students have an outside recess from 12:00-12:30 and then return to the classroom for lunch. There is a noon hour supervisor patrolling the playground on outside days and the hallways on rainy days. Each primary class will also have the assistance of intermediate student lunch monitors.

Birthdays

Each student's birthday will be acknowledged at school. You are welcome to send birthday snacks or treats for your child to enjoy and celebrate classmates.

Extra Clothes & Inside Shoes

I am asking parents to send a bag with extra clothes (e.g. top, pants, under garments & socks) and labelled with your child's name in case these are needed. Also, please send a pair of inside shoes to help prevent transfer of dirt or mud onto other areas of the classroom as well as the gym, library and music room.



Personal Items

Aside from coming to school with their backpacks and jackets, students are not to bring any personal items that can be lost or damaged (e.g. toys, Pokémon cards, jewelry).



Upcoming September & October Events

- School Spirit Day (Friday September 18)
- Welcome Back Picnic (Thursday September 24, 2:00-4:00 pm)
- Pro-D Day (Friday September 25) – No school for students
- Orange Shirt Day Morning Assembly (Tuesday September 29)
- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Wednesday September 30) – School closed
- Individual Student Photos (Tuesday October 6)
- Welcome Conversations (Thursday October 8)
- Afternoon Terry Fox Run (Friday October 9)
- Thanksgiving Holiday (Monday October 12) – School closed

