

## LOCH LOMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Good Afternoon:

This is Greg Norton calling from Loch Lomond School, with a few updates regarding upcoming events at Loch Lomond School for Monday, January 25th – Friday, January 29th.

Our move to the Red phase requires enhanced safety measures for our staff and students. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) and Public Health, has created the newly released Red Level document outlining updated safety protocols: https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/eco-bce/Promo/covid-19/red-alert-eecd.pdf

- Students and staff must stay home if they have even one symptom of COVID-19
- School staff will be actively screened for COVID-19 when they report to work each day
- If a positive case of COVID-19 is confirmed at a school in the Red level, the school will be closed to students for a minimum of three days to allow for contact tracing. During this time teachers will be supporting students' learning at home.

During the Red phase, students from K-12 are still required to wear a mask on the bus. Students K-8 must wear masks at all times in school unless eating or sitting quietly at their desk. This includes outside and during physical education class, for all grades. All physical education and activities will be limited to low-to-moderate exertion activities and those conducive to physical distancing. Interscholastic, extra-curricular and intramural sport activities will not be permitted.

We understand that some families and students may feel anxious to return to school during the Red phase. In the event that a parent/guardian chooses not to send their child to school, the parent/guardian is responsible for their child's learning. At this time, teachers at K-8 are not required to provide home learning materials or meet on Teams with students who remain at home.

Thank you for your understanding as we work together to follow the safety guidelines provided to us by Public Health and EECD. Please know that our staff and students have been doing an exceptional job adhering to safety procedures and we thank them, as well as you for your support, in maintaining protective measures in our schools and on our buses.

We ask all families to continue reminding students about the importance of hand washing/sanitizing; practicing good cough/sneeze etiquette; physical distancing; bringing 2 clean face masks each day; and monitoring for symptoms. If you have symptoms, you can visit <u>this site</u> to do a self-assessment and book a COVID-19 test.

We will continue to provide you updates as the situation in our province evolves.

Thank you to the many Loch Lomond School families and community members who donated to our school bottle drive fundraiser on the morning of Saturday, January 16th. Because of your efforts, \$701.15 was raised to help support classroom activities, school special events, athletics & clubs and student CELEBRATE events.

Tuesday, Jan. 26th, every homeroom class will CELEBRATE a classmate as we present our monthly "ROAR Award" certificates. These special student recognition awards celebrate deserving students who best exemplify our ROAR motto – "Respecting Others & Accepting Responsibility." Certificate recipients are also consistently kind, ready to learn and participate positively.

Yours in Education,

Greg Norton Principal

> Loch Lomond School, fostering scholarship, leadership and responsible citizenship. École Loch Lomond, développe les connaissances, le leadership et des citoyens responsables.