

JANUARY

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome - it is good that you are here!

With a new year, it can offer fresh starts. We welcome our students and families back. This time brings excitement around learning to come as students know routines and expectations well. We look forward to being together again as Leary Lions who ROAR Together!

Focus of the month: Attitude - Mistakes just mean I am learning!



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 5 - School Re-opens & Assembly
- Jan. 6 - Leary IAT Gr. 6-8 Parent Info Night
- Jan. 7 - Fire Drill
- Jan. 14 - Lockdown Drill
- Jan. 14 - PAC Meeting @6:30pm
- Jan. 12 - School Wide Field Trip: CSOPA - Wizard of Oz Performance
- Jan. 21 - Earthquake Drill
- Jan. 23 - Assessment & Evaluation Day: No school for students
- Jan. 26 - Talent Show Auditions



WINTER WEATHER

School Closures: All closures are decided by the District and announced by 6am. See here for details on [Inclement Weather Guidelines](#)

Outside Days: With cold weather and possibly snow, have your child dress appropriately. We always go outside for recess and lunch to play.

Clothing: We recommend your child packing extra clothes to change into if they get wet while playing outside.

Snowballs & Building: We allow building and throwing snowballs in a specific area. Any students entering this space risk being hit with a snowball. We review how to make safe choices with no 'head shots' allowed. Students who do (accident or not) will no longer be allowed in the area. The playgrounds will remain free of snowball throwing.



HOT LUNCH

Pizza Hot Lunch will be offered once a month.
Order online using www.munchalunch.com

Orders are due the week before.



REPORTING ABSENCES

Our Safe Arrival Program is available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported. You can use one of the following:

1. Download and install the SchoolMessenger App. (First time users need to create an account, select Attendance and then Report an Absence).
2. Access from the website: <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/safe-arrival>
3. Call toll free: 1-833-698-6567



IAT GR. 6-8 UPDATE

On Tuesday, January 6th we invite our grade 5 families transitioning to the IAT stream for gr. 6-8 for an information night. This will be hosted at Leary.



TOYS FROM HOME

Please keep all toys and equipment at home. We have plenty of items and equipment for students to use during their time at school.



PETS ON PROPERTY

Any pet on school property must be well-mannered. They need to be on leash, in control and stay with the adult owner. Dogs barking or jumping up on students will be asked to remain over at Walden Park.



PARKING ETIQUETTE

Crosswalks: Respect pedestrians and let them cross.

Follow the **flow of traffic. Drive slow & be alert.**

Drive Thru Drop Off Zone: Driver must remain in the car - student gets out on the school side.

Staff Parking: The lot attached to the school & along the Walden Street Fence is for staff use & those who need accessible parking.

