



Lansdowne Middle School

This Week @ Lansdowne

Week of October 20 to 24, 2025

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

Monday, October 20 from 11:05 to 11:25am

It's that time again Lansdowne...we all get to stop what we're doing and read uninterrupted for 20 minutes! On **Monday October 20th**, the province of BC will be celebrating Drop Everything And Read Day. This annual event involves students and staff at schools all around the province.

For those new to this annual event, the basic principle of DEAR is for all staff to stop whatever they are doing as a class (even in gym, the hallway, the office, outside, in band, in foods, in drama, in art, in woodwork, in mini-ex, in math class...everywhere) and READ silently for 20 minutes.

Please encourage your child to bring something to read FOR PLEASURE: magazines, newspapers, books, graphic novels, Kindles...

Cheers and happy reading!

Sarah Tait, Teacher Librarian North Campus
Lorraine Powell, Teacher Librarian South Campus



UPCOMING DATES

October 20

- DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) 11:05am

October 22 & 23

- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Early Dismissal at 1:50pm

October 24

- Pro D Day - No School

November 2

- Daylight Savings Ends

November 3

- LMPA Meeting 7pm

November 6

- Grade 6 Immunization Clinic South Campus

November 10

- Remembrance Day Assembly

DRESSING APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER

Victoria is fortunate to have a relatively mild climate, so even in these winter months we like to get our students outside for some play-time in the fresh air during their breaks. We only call an “inside recess” when the weather is particularly wet and/or cold, so please be sure your child dresses appropriately (warm clothing, rain jacket, etc.) to be comfortable spending most recesses outside.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween at LMS!
Costumes are welcome. Please remind your child to take care of their costume so they can wear it on Halloween night.



PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS, OCTOBER 22 & 23

A Reminder that students are dismissed early at 1:50pm on both days

It's not too late to book your meeting with your child's teacher. Click on one of the links below:

Grade 6 Parents (South Campus) please use this link: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/LansdowneSouthMiddleSchool1@gvsd61.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Grade 7 and 8 Parents (North Campus) please use this link: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/LansdowneMiddleSchool@gvsd61.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Please provide your student's name in the “Notes” section. Please ensure that you select the correct staff member from the list. Please book just **one** appointment with your child's advisory teacher only.

Lansdowne Clubs and Activities 2025-26

We are excited to offer many opportunities for students! A large portion of the opportunities available rely on staff and family volunteers, and we are grateful to them.

Although many of these activities have regular meeting times, the schedule may change from week to week, or over the course of the year. Students are responsible for listening to daily announcements, checking Google Classrooms, or otherwise communicating with the staff member for their club/activity.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	Strings 6	Grade 6 Flute/Low <u>brass</u> Sectionals	Grade 6 Clarinet/Saxophone sectionals	Strings 6	Grade 6 Trumpet/Percussion Sectionals
Lunch recess	Strings 7/8 - North Fine Arts Studio South Silent Reading Club - South Library	Strings 7/8 North Fine Arts Studio	North Musical Theatre Drama Club - Ms Marcus - North Campus Drama Room South Gender Sexuality Awareness Club - South Campus, Drama Room	North Campus Craft Club - Mme Michelle - North Campus Room 214 Jazz Band 7/8 - North Fine Arts Studio South D and D Club - Dance Studio, South	Leadership 8 - Ms Braun - North Campus Art Room 7/8 Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) - Phosy - North Campus room 202 North Campus Braille Club - Mrs Polievre - North campus room 011 ("Dungeon")
After school	Drama - Beauty and the Beast 3:10-5 - Drama room North and moving to South later	Choir 6-8 North Fine Arts Studio	7/8 D&D Club - Mme Michelle - North Campus Room 214 Jazz Band 7/8 - North Fine Arts Studio	Drama - Beauty and the Beast 3:10-5 - Drama room North and moving to South later	

Athletics

Students involved in athletics should listen to the morning announcements and check in with their coaches about their practice and game schedules.

- Fall
 - Ultimate Frisbee
 - Touch Rugby
 - Cross Country
 - Basketball

CULTURE IS NOT A COSTUME

Race
is not a
costume

Culture
is not a
costume

Religious
faith
is not a
costume

Gender is not
a costume
(Gender switching for
humour or to mock)

Trauma is not
a costume
(hangman's noose/
weapons)

KEEP HALLOWEEN SAFE AND
FUN FOR EVERYONE!

One Learning Community

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School District

IS YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME

RACIST

ASK YOURSELF

- Is my costume supposed to be funny? Is the humour based on making fun of real people, human traits, or cultures?
- Does my costume represent a culture that is not my own?
- Does my costume reduce cultural difference to jokes or stereotypes?
- Does my costume package include words like "traditional", "ethnic", "colonial", "authentic", or "tribal"?

Would I be embarrassed or ashamed if someone from the group I'm portraying saw me wearing this?

Are you **REALLY** going to wear someone's culture as a costume?



Have questions or want more information? intercultural.u@mail.ubc.ca or visit really.ubc.ca

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