Lansdowne Middle School

This week @ Lansdowne

Week of November 2 to 6, 2026

INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

We are now in the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause school closure or some School District 61 services to be suspended.

During inclement weather, information about schools will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at http://www.sd61.bc.ca/. Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Superintendent of Schools, Deb Whitten, will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 6:30 a.m.

UPCOMING DATES

November 2
· LMPA Meeting 7pm

November 10
· Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11
· Remembrance Day, No School

November 19
· CC Day Letters Go Home

November 24
· PAC Meeting 6pm, North Campus

November 26
· CC Afternoon – No Hot Lunch

November 27
· Pro D Day, No School

December 7 to 11
· Last Week of Hot Lunches

December 9 to 11
· Russell Books Book Fair
- North Campus

December 10
· Winter Celebration of Music
Grade 6 – 6 to 6:45pm
Grade 7/8 – 7:30 to 9pm

December 18
· Last Day of School
· Learning Updates Available

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.

Hello Lansdowne Families!

Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school photo session is now live!

Please visit this link to access the gallery: https://vando.imagequix.com/K9L3W9Z

· The login code to access your images was provided on photo day.
  Please check with them.
· Any active email address can be used to login.
· **Your order deadline is: November 10, 2026**
· All orders will be shipped to the school. **If you miss the deadline, your order will be shipped with directly to your home with a shipping fee applied.**

Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Visit https://www.mountainwest.ca/support-for-families
2. Click on "Looking for your login code?
3. Enter the information required.
4. Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

*** For the student number, ask your student for the login that they use for their Google learn account ***

Click Here to find out more about ordering.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

MOUNTAINWEST STUDIOS

Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser:

The LMPA has their Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser running! **30%** of your purchase goes directly to your child's individual music fundraising account! Simply put your student's full name under Order Notes! If you do not have a child in the music program, you can still direct those funds to a certain music student.

Important: Proceeds of orders without a student's name will go into the general account.

Purdys chocolates are made in Canada with premium quality ingredients, and sustainable cocoa.

Order here: **https://fundraising.purdys.com/fundraising/campaign/000036705**
Order deadline: Saturday, November 28 (absolutely no orders can be accepted after this date)

Any questions? Please email lansdownemusicpurdys@gmail.com

Thank you for your support and Happy Ordering!

Plant Sale Fundraisers:

The LMPA winter Plant fundraiser has begun!

Orders due November 24 and pickup is December 9 (3-6pm, North Music Room)

Order here:
https://lansdownemiddlemusic.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home#products

We are selling beautiful plants to raise money student music fundraising accounts! Students earn **20-25%** on each plant sold. Plants are a great way to encourage our friends to get out into the garden while choosing to support a healthy fundraiser!

Be sure to include full student name in Fundraiser Support section so the right musician receives credit for the sale.

Any questions? Please email lansdownemusicpurdys@gmail.com

Thank you for your support and Happy Ordering!

Fernwood Coffee Fundraiser:

You can purchase delicious freshly roasted coffee beans through the LMPA, from a local coffee roaster, Fernwood Coffee Company. The coffee they produce is organic and fair trade certified, which ensures that coffee farmers get paid a fair price for their efforts. As a small, local company they strive to be involved in their community and are committed to socially and environmentally responsible business practices.

If you or other family members drink coffee on a regular basis, please support your child's music fundraising efforts by purchasing coffee beans! For the very competitive price of $17/lb you will receive a fresh 1 lb bag of locally roasted coffee beans and your child will be able to add $5 to their individual music account for each pound ordered. This year we have 5 lb bags available for $85, with $25 going towards the student's music account. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, or e-transfer.

Orders are usually placed the day after the deadline, with delivery taking place the following week, depending on Fernwood coffee's timeline for fulfilling the order; volunteers then bring the order to the school and the office staff graciously help distribute the orders between the campuses and into the music rooms as soon as they can!

Follow this link for the online ordering Google form:
* November 12 - https://forms.gle/qLyMx3R79z2HPcGR9
*December 10 - https://forms.gle/Sq48PcCirccVpTjj7

Please put all your child's orders (for example, from other friends or relatives) on one monthly order if possible, rather than on multiple forms.

E-transfers are sent to lansdownemusicparents@gmail.com - no security question is needed. Please include the word "coffee" and the student's name, grade and advisory in the memo of the e-transfer to ensure your student receives the fundraising credit.
Please make cheques payable to the Lansdowne Music Parents Association (LMPA). Please include the word "coffee" and the student's name, grade and advisory in the memo line of the cheque to ensure your student receives the fundraising credit. LATE FORMS cannot be processed as it takes time to reconcile payments with orders, and the group order is placed as soon as this is done.

Coffee beans will be delivered to the music rooms for pick up by your student as soon as possible after they are received from Fernwood. An announcement will be made at school when the beans arrive. Remind your student to be on the look out for your beans if you have placed an order that month!

If you wish the proceeds of your coffee purchase to go to the LMPA's general account, please write 'LMPA general account' in the notes field of your e-transfer. The general account is used to purchase instruments, sheet music, support students who would otherwise not be able to participate, and much more.

If you have any questions, please call or email your coffee bean coordinator c/o lansdownemusicparents@gmail.com

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses 4 days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.