



Lansdowne Middle School

This week @ Lansdowne

Week of October 19 to 23, 2026

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ **Monday, October 26 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 26th**, 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!

Elise Patten, Teacher Librarian North Campus
Lorraine Powell, Teacher Librarian South Campus



UPCOMING DATES

October 20

- Photo Retakes (Both Campuses)
- North Campus - morning
- South Campus - afternoon

October 21 and 22

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

October 23

- Pro D Day – No School

October 26

- DEAR – Drop Everything & Read

October 27

- PAC Meeting 6pm, South Campus

October 29

- Blowing Out the Dust Concert North Campus, 7 to 8pm

November 2

- LMPA Meeting 7pm

November 11

- Remembrance Day, No School

'BLOWING OUT THE DUST' CONCERT **- THURSDAY, OCT. 29 AT 7PM (GRADE 7/8's ONLY)**

Our first concert of the year (grade 7's only performing, but grade 6 families are welcome to attend!) is Thursday, October 29 at 7pm.

Our grade 7 and 8 music students will put on a short (~45 minute) concert to showcase what we've worked on so far this year and to 'blow the dust' out the instruments that may have not been played very much during the summer. The concert is in the North Campus Gym (*not Oak Bay High as we have done in the past*). Performing students need to arrive at 6:30pm. Students can wear their music program uniform (black music program t-shirt and black below the waist) or wear their Halloween costume!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

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 21 & 22

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.office.com/book/LansdowneMiddleSchool@gvsd61.onmicrosoft.com/?ismsaljsauthenabed>

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.

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!

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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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