

Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Date: Thursday, October 3, 2019 Dear Parents:



On September 19 we held our annual Terry Fox run. Students were given incentives for donating to the Terry Fox Foundation; \$1,000 earned them an extra recess/ \$1,200 Mrs. Gessaroli would dye her hair pink/\$1,300 freezie day! As always, our students generously gave \$1,604.26. Way to go! Mrs. Gessaroli was also a good sport as many of the students arrived in the gym at lunch time to watch her hair go pink and cheer her on.

Do you have a hidden talent playing the trumpet? If you would like an audience of over 500 elementary aged students please contact me. We are looking for someone who can play The Last Post/The Rouse at our upcoming Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 7 at 9:00 am. We are also looking for any RCMP officers or Veterans who would like to be on stage for our ceremony.

Reminders for Parents

The church next door generously allows us to use their gravel parking lot for our busy morning and after school pick ups. I have spoken to many of our kindergarten and grade 1 parents who are thankful for this space which enables them to park and drop off their children, and take the necessary time they sometimes need for this. It has come to my attention that some of our parents are parking in the paved area of the church lot. **Please do not park in this area.** This is reserved for the church staff and teachers that work for the home schooling program.

It won't be long until we begin planning for next year's kindergarten classes and the choice programs complete their enrolment before other schools. I have included some information for you below so you are prepared for our upcoming intake of new students:

Families applying for first year entry into any choice program for September 2020 will need to apply online. The online application system opens at 12:00 (noon) Monday, October 7, 2019 and closes 12:00PM (noon), Monday, October 21, 2019

On December 8, 2015, the Board of Education adopted changes to Policy 5084 (Application to Enter Choice Programs). Important information and registration procedures may be found on the school district website, under Programs & Initiatives, Programs of Choice.

These programs include:

- Early French Immersion (Kindergarten Belmont, James Kennedy)
- Late French Immersion (Grade 6 Alex Hope, Noel Booth, Betty Gilbert)
- Montessori (Kindergarten Uplands)
- Fine Arts (Kindergarten Langley Fine Arts)
- Fundamental (Kindergarten Coghlan, Langley Fundamental Elementary)
- U-Connect (Kindergarten Simonds)
- Outdoor Education (K-3 Fort Langley)

Learning Commons News

Reading Is My Superpower! Our school wide home reading program began on Tuesday of this week. Our teachers expect that all students will participate by reading daily and recording on the monthly calendars. If your child did not bring home an October home reading calendar please see the library staff.

Langley Book Of The Year: Our school takes part each year in this district wide reading program for grade 4 to 7 students. Students are encouraged to read 12 chapter books that have been selected as outstanding literature between now and May. If students read 4 of the 12 books, they qualify to vote for their favourite book. At our school we have a celebration pizza lunch in May if students have also met the following criteria: grade 4 – read 7 books, and grade 5 – read 8 books. Grade 3's may also participate if they would like, and they need to read 5 books. After reading one of the selected books, students will need to see library staff to get credit for their reading. There is a bulletin board in the hall outside the library that showcases the books and our students who have read them.

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 6	PAC meeting at 6:30 pm
Thursday, October 10	Individual Photo Day
Friday, October 11	Thanksgiving Assembly at 1:00 pm. Our grade 2 classes are presenting
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving. School not in session
Friday, October 18	Hot lunch
Monday, October 21	Our school is a polling station. Traffic will be busier than normal
Thursday, October 24	Movie Night
Friday, October 25	Non-Instructional Day. Students not in attendance
Tuesday, October 29	1:40 pm early dismissal/parent-teacher conferences
Wednesday, October 30	1:40 pm early dismissal/parent-teacher conferences
Thursday, October 31	Spirit day - Hallowe'en

Home and School Working Together for Student Success

House Points

Our first spirit day is fast approaching. We are looking forward to seeing all those creative Hallowe'en costumes on October 31.

School Goals

This year we will be continuing with our character traits as well as continuing our work with Numeracy. We will also be targeting our student's writing skills to enhance the content and structure of their writing. More details to come as we roll out our goals.

Mrs. Paton

Langley Hospice Society is hosting a FREE Community Workshop for Children's Grief Awareness Day

Join Us for an Afternoon of Learning with the Dougy Center

A Workshop for the Community — FREE Registration

• for parents, neighbours, teachers, school counsellors, and interested community members.

True Blue: Best Practices to Provide Meaningful Support to Grieving Children & Teens

Join Dr. Donna Schuurman and Dr. Monique Mitchell from The Dougy Center: The National Center for Grieving Children & Families as they explore and examine how to support children and teens amidst major losses such as suicide, death due to illness, and violent deaths. In this interactive presentation, the foundational principles of grief and resiliency will be identified. Complicating factors, protective factors, and special issues related to suicide loss, grieving styles, and community responses will be discussed, and practical strategies to assist and support grieving children and youth will be outlined.

Date: Thursday, November 14th, 2019 Time: 12:00pm to 3:00pm Location: HD Stafford Middle School, 20441 Grade Crescent, Langley

A Workshop for Professionals - \$20.00 Registration Fee

 open registration, but priority will be given to local school counsellors, hospice and palliative care staff and volunteers. Registration is subsidized through the generous support of our sponsors.

Navigating the Family Blueprint: Engaging Children When a Family Member Has an Advanced Serious Illness

Join Dr. Donna Schuurman and Dr. Monique Mitchell from The Dougy Center: The National Center for Grieving Children & Families as they identify best practices to support children and families when a family member has an advanced serious illness. During this presentation, participants will explore and examine how to support children and families from the point of diagnosis, at end-of-life, and after the death of a family member. Practical strategies to engage children as they create and navigate the family blueprint will be discussed and outlined.

Date: Thursday, November 14th, 2019Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pmLocation: HD Stafford Middle School, 20441 Grade Crescent, Langley

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE AT: www.langleyhospice.com/CGAD

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