

Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 Dear Parents:

The grade 2 classes did an amazing job last week hosting our Thanksgiving assembly. A special thank you to all the grade 2 teachers, Mrs. Spaulding and Mrs. Kim. One of the core values of the Fundamental system is celebrating the traditions of Canada and Thanksgiving is certainly part of our heritage as a country.

Another important date coming up is Remembrance Day. We will be holding our Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 7th at 9:00 am; all parents are welcome to attend. I received a letter from one of our parents who is a member of the organizing committee of the Murrayville Remembrance Day Ceremony. Here is an excerpt from his letter encouraging participation from our students:

"In an effort to engage all members of the community and to further educate our young Canadians to the importance of remembrance to the sacrifices Canadians have made, we are inviting your students to join us at Remembrance Day.

We are inviting the students and parents from your school to join us at the Murrayville Community Cemetery on November 11th to mark this occasion.

In past years, we have marked each grave of the veterans with a small Canadian flag. This is done to recognize their sacrifices. It serves as quite a visible impact to the public and family members as well. We are also looking for volunteers to join us in marking the graves for the ceremony. In order to have the markers in place for the ceremony on Monday, we are inviting any volunteer students and family members to join us on Sunday, November 10th, 2019 at 2 pm (21405-44 ave) to help mark the graves of the Veterans by placing individual Canadian flags at each one. We feel that by engaging the youth with a tangible and impactful task, could really drive home, in a meaningful way, the sacrifices made and the reason we gather every year. We also feel that it would also dovetail into the community and social awareness aspect of the school's curriculum."

What a great opportunity to involve your children in remembering the sacrifices made by so many for our freedom.

We are pleased to offer spirit wear to all our Fundy families! Here are some options that you will be able to choose from:

HOODY AVAILABLE IN BLACK OR DARK HEATHER GREY WITH FRONT AND BACK LOGO IN **WHITE**

OR ATHLETIC HEATHER WITH FRONT AND BACK LOGO IN BLACK-\$25.00

ZIP HOODY AVAILABLE IN BLACK OR DARK HEATHER GREY WITH FRONT AND BACK LOGO IN **WHITE**

OR ATHLETIC HEATHER WITH FRONT AND BACK LOGO IN BLACK-\$28.00

HOODY AND ZIP HOODY AVAILABLE IN SIZES—YOUTH SMALL TO ADULT XL

TEE SHIRT AVAILABLE IN BLACK OR DARK HEATHER WITH FRONT AND BACK LOGO IN WHITE

OR ATHLETIC HEATHER WITH FRONT AND BACK LOGO IN BLACK -\$12.00

TEE SHIRTS AVAILABLE IN SIZES—YOUTH XS TO ADULT XL

These will be available for purchase through school cash online by Friday, Oct. 18. An email will be sent through school cash online as a student fee available for purchase. Samples are available in the office for sizing, please drop by and try them on.

This year our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 29 (2:00 pm - 7:30 pm) and Wednesday, October 30 (2:00 pm - 4:30 pm). Students will be dismissed at 1:40 pm on these days. Please be sure to sign up for a conference time using the following link: <u>https://lfes.parentteacherconferences.net/admin/</u>

The access code is: lfes2019

Booking starts on Monday, October 21st at 9:00 am and closes on Monday, October 28th at 3:00 pm.

Reminders for Parents

Please remember to pack utensils for your child to use at lunchtime. We are noticing quite a few students come to the office for forks or spoons in order to eat their lunch.

On Monday, October 21st our school is a polling station so the parking lot and surrounding areas will be busier than normal. Please allow extra time for pick up and drop off.

As our weather changes into late fall and winter we are faced with rainy days. I will be sending students outside for recess/lunch unless it is a heavy rain. If your child has a raincoat or rubber boots this will be helpful for our west coast winters.

Home and School Working Together for Student Success

Learning Commons News

Our Lego wall was installed at the end of September and our students are loving it. Students can be found creating collaboratively with one another before school, after school, and after they have chosen their books. We are thrilled with this new addition to our Library Learning Commons that was purchased by our lovely PAC. Stop in and check out what our students are creating.

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 18	Hot lunch
Monday, October 21	Our school is a polling station. Traffic will be
	busier than normal
	DEAR (Drop Everything And Read - This is not
	our family literacy day when parents read with
	their child or a group of children. This is just
	done in classes with the teacher)
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

House Points

I am looking forward to seeing all the amazing Hallowe'en costumes on October 31st. Students will be awarded team points for dressing up.

School Goals

We are continuing with our numeracy goal this year. Our numeracy board will be starting soon with a problem of the week.

This year we are asking our students to give input into the character traits that we will be focusing on this year. I look forward to sharing the results with you soon.

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, 2019 **Time:** 4:00pm to 6:00pm **Location:** HD Stafford Middle School, 20441 Grade Crescent, Langley

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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