



Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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School District #35 (Langley) website: www.sd35.bc.ca

Principal: Mrs. Deah Paton
Vice-Principal: Mr. Casey Durnin
Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Tricia Mein
P.A.C. President: Mrs. Melynn Krausse

Date: Thursday, October 31

Dear Parents: Fall is the perfect time of year with the sun shining and leaves turning such beautiful, vibrant colours. This week I noticed several of the grade 5 boys in the back corner of the school yard all huddled together and working hard at "something." Now my years of experience as a teacher and now as a Principal have taught me that where groups of children are gathering together something is going on and it's usually not good! My "spidey senses" were definitely tingling as I headed to the back corner. To my surprise and great delight they were engaged in one of the best pastimes and forms of entertainment; play. No special equipment was needed. Just a corner of the school yard, a bunch of leaves, and a troop of boys to gather them. How fun!



Everett M.
Gavin P.
Logan B.
Nathan R.

I think we stray so far away from things that are important and miss out on the fun that simple activities can bring. Encourage your children to engage in simple play as often as you can.

Reminders for Parents

Our spirit wear is now ready to order: <https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com/>
All orders are due by November 11, 2019.

Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or www.sd35.bc.ca. Updates are also posted to Twitter @LangleySchools and Facebook at www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict. If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

Social/Emotional Learning

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Social and Emotional Learning: Supporting Kids at Home and School

Where You Are Listen on Apple Podcasts

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is a hot topic in schools and parent communities right now. Gail Markin (parent, school counsellor and District SEL Lead) and Dr. Kimberly Schonert-Reichl (Psychologist, Professor and world- renowned SEL expert) unpack what parents and caregivers can do to support SEL at home, as well as learn about the role of schools in promoting SEL. Brought to you by BC Children's Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre.

Please read the attached letter from the school district if you are deciding to pull your child out for an extended break or holiday. You will need to come to the office and fill out the form.

Learning Commons News

Reading Is My Superpower: Please return October home reading calendars by Thursday, November 7th. We will be having prize draws the week of November 12th for those students who have returned their calendars. Your child will have received a November calendar this week. Remember to read daily with your child and record the minutes read on the November calendar.

On Monday our grade 3 – 5 students will have the opportunity to attend an author presentation. The Fraser Valley Regional Library has kindly provided this presentation for free for our students. Doug Savage is the author of Laser Moose And Rabbit Boy and he will be sharing on how he became a cartoonist.

Langley Book Of The Year: Congratulation to Lauren A. for qualifying for our celebration lunch in May. Since we have a limited number of these books we recommend that students also take them out from the public libraries.

Upcoming Events

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."

Kirby Adams

Monday, November 4	PAC meeting at 9:00 am in the MPR
Thursday, November 7	Remembrance Day Assembly at 9:00 am

Friday, November 8 Schools not in session.
 Monday, November 11 Remembrance Day. Holiday.
 Friday, November 15 Cobs treat day

House Points

Our first Spirit Day was yesterday's Hallowe'en costume day. Here are the first point totals for this year:

	Hallowe'en Costume day	Total
Canadians	479	479
Canucks	482	482
Lions	500	500
Whitecaps	476	476

School Goals

Character goals: This year we asked our students which goals they felt we needed to focus on this year and their responses were for: Kindness, perseverance and integrity/honesty. The first goal that we will focus on is kindness.

Numeracy: Our numeracy board is up and running next week. Encourage your child to solve the problem of the week.

Writing: Teachers are gathering writing samples to evaluate the areas that we need to focus our attention to.

Mrs. Paton



**STUDENT MISSING SCHOOL TIME
Information and Conditions**

**NOTE – THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE
2 (TWO) WEEKS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE**

Due to the ongoing enrollment pressures across the Langley School District, the District is unable to guarantee spaces for students who choose to take an extended leave from their school.

Parent/Guardian Request Date: _____

My child _____ (Student # _____) in Grade _____
will be missing school for the following period: from _____ to _____

I understand that it is my privilege to take my child out of school for reasons I determine to be appropriate.

I acknowledge that my child may:

- Not pass the courses for which he/she is registered during the time for which he/she is out of school.
- Lose his/her space in this school if the absence is more than 25 consecutive school days (the last day of school before a scheduled break and the first day of school after a scheduled break are considered consecutive).
- Be put on a waiting list for re-enrolment at this school, dependent on student numbers in the school at the time of the absence.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Principal Signature

Parent/Guardian Name

Principal Name/School

Parenting Right From The Start

“The science & heart of growing up children”

Our children don't come with a manual. And it turns out that how we parent them has a LOT to do with how life will go for them. In fact, the science of child development has resolutely linked our approach to parenting with how successful our children will be in school, in relationships, in the workforce, and as contributing members of society. Dr. Vanessa has spent 20 years as a psychologist and researcher to pull together all of the key pieces so that parents might have a clearer path to follow as they take on the magnificent task of growing a human. And while it helps to parent right from the start, it is never too late to get started!

PRESENTER :

Dr. Vanessa Lapointe

REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGIST, PARENTING EDUCATOR,
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR, INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER.



- Founder & director of The Wishing Star Lapointe Developmental Clinic.
- Experience in community mental health and the school system.
- Connoisseur of all things to do with stunning footwear.

Organized by :



FEBRUARY
10 / 2020
MONDAY
6:30-8pm

Chief Sepass Theatre
9096 Trattle St. Langley

COST: \$20 PER PERSON
REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE

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:

Email: info@langleyhospice.com

Phone: 604.530.1115.



The Dougy Center
The National Center for Grieving Children & Families



Langley Hospice Society
langleyhospice.com
Providing compassionate care and support since 1983



Public Event: **Climate Action**

Tuesday, November 5

7:00 - 8:30pm

Civic Facility, 20338 - 65 Avenue
Fraser River Presentation Theatre (4th Floor)

The Climate Action Strategy

will provide strategic direction, targets and actions for both adapting to future climate change impacts and reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, both corporately and throughout the community.

- **LEARN** about the current development of the Township's Climate Action Strategy
- **TELL US** about your key priorities, concerns, and potential opportunities to mitigate climate change
- **DISCUSS** climate action with guest speaker:
Sara Muir Owen, UBC Program Manager at Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions
Opening remarks provided by Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese



Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

For more information and to register, visit tol.ca/climateaction

Questions? sustainability@tol.ca or 604.532.7300.

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TALK TO US ABOUT CHILD CARE

We Want To Hear From Parents, Guardians & Providers!

The City and Township of Langley are preparing **Child Care Action Plans** to address child care needs in our community and we need your input!

Take our survey before **November 22**
for a chance to win a **10 - visit family recreation pass!**
langleycity.ca/childcare

More Information?

City of Langley | www.langleycity.ca
Township of Langley | www.tol.ca