

Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Dear Parents:

As we close out the month of January it's hard to believe that we are half way through this school year. The time sure does fly! This week's newsletter will highlight Mrs. Reich and Mrs. Penner/Ratzlaff's Grade 2 classes:



Hello! I am Mrs. Penner and this is my 11th year teaching, and 10th year at Langley Fundamental. I have taught kindergarten, grades 2, 3 and 5 and French at this school! My favourite subjects to teach my students are art, writing and music. When I am not teaching I am spending time with my husband and two daughters, taking nature walks and reading! I love seeing students be creative, hearing them sing and watching them learn to read.



Mrs. Ratzlaff:
I have been teaching 7 years and this is my 3rd year at LFES, job sharing in Grade 2 with Mrs. Penner. I've taught at a number of schools but hold Langley Fundamental close to my heart. It is a joy to work with the students, staff and supportive families! When I'm not teaching, I love hiking and playing basketball!



Mrs. Reich has lived in Langley most of her life. In fact, she attended LFES when the school first opened. She has been teaching for 30 years; 20 years of that has been in grade 2. Mrs. Reich loves to travel and ride bikes. She has recently taken up watercolour painting as a new hobby. She loves seeing confidence grow as students learn new skills, reading fun books and hearing her students laugh.

Miss Brake (student teacher) was born in Beirut, Lebanon and moved to Canada when she was two years old. She was homeschooled with her brother and sister until grade 10 when she moved to LFMSS. She enjoys photography, hiking, wake surfing, playing the guitar and spending quality time with family and friends. Miss Brake wanted to become a teacher because she loves working with children and teaching them new things. She loves to see them develop new skills and to watch them learn.

Reminders for Parents

We are noticing many students bringing toys and cards (pokemon) to school this year. Please ask your child to keep these items at home. Also, just a reminder that all stuffies should also be kept at home to comply with our COVID protocols.

Please remember to avoid parking in the school lot before school. The church gravel parking lot can be used for parents of Grade 1 and kindergarten children and there are parking spots on many of the adjacent streets as well. With a large staff some employees are finding it difficult to get a parking stall in the morning. Thanks.

As we are fast approaching Valentine's Day, many parents are wondering about treats and cards. It's fine to send Valentine's cards but please do not send treats. Thanks.

Learning Commons News

Help us celebrate **Family Literacy Day** this coming week. Since we could not celebrate on January 27th the way we have done in the past we are holding a contest for our families to participate in that will run until Tuesday, February 9th. Complete any of the family literacy activities on the family literacy website below and send in the activities with your child's name on it and division to the library. We will have one draw per grade on February 9th for \$10 Indigo gift cards. Enter as many different family activities as you can!

<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day/>

Nuts About Reading! Prize draws will take place for January home reading between February 8th – 11th. Look out for the February home reading calendars that will be coming home either tomorrow or on Monday.

Langley Book Of The Year: Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for our celebration party: Tristan K., Ryan V., and Keira B.

Reading Link Challenge: Students have now received a booklet of practice questions and they are encouraged to practice the questions and read all 6 of the books. The questions are not the questions that will be asked in the challenges; the questions are for practice only. Mrs. Aikema will continue to meet with students approximately twice a month to prepare for the in-school challenge.

Home and School Working Together for Student Success

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 5	Treat Day
Thursday, February 11	Spirit Day; wear your Valentine's colours (red, white, pink)
Friday, February 12	Pro-d Day. School not in session for students
Monday, February 15	Family Day. School not in session
Friday, February 19	Hot Lunch
Monday, February 22	Report Card prep/Design & Assessment. School not in session for students
Friday, March 5	2nd Term report cards issued/hot lunch
Wednesday, March 10	1-hour Early dismissal for conferences
Thursday, March 11	1-hour Early dismissal for conferences
Friday, March 12	Spirit Day; mixed up and backwards day/last day prior to spring break
Monday, March 29	Schools reopen

House Points

	1/2 way to Summer	Totals
Canucks:	440	1486
Canadians:	438	1531
Lions:	427	1548
Whitecaps:	464	1473

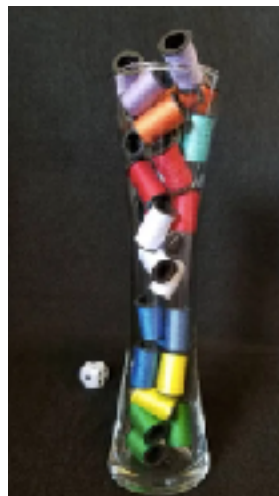
Next Spirit Day is Thursday, February 11. Wear pink/red/white

School Goals

Writing: February 22-26 is the District's Respect/Diversity week (formally anti-bullying day) and we are doing some really engaging activities with our students to build to this event. One activity is writing letters to people who are feeling isolated during this time. Perhaps your family has a grandparent or other relative that is unable to have visitors and feeling lonely. We would love to send them a letter to help spread some kindness. Please let me know if you have someone in your family who would benefit from this.

Numeracy: Here are two numeracy problems to try! One for primary and one for intermediate students. If you submit your answers to me, I will enter your child's name in a draw for a prize. (dpaton@sd35.bc.ca).

Primary Problem:



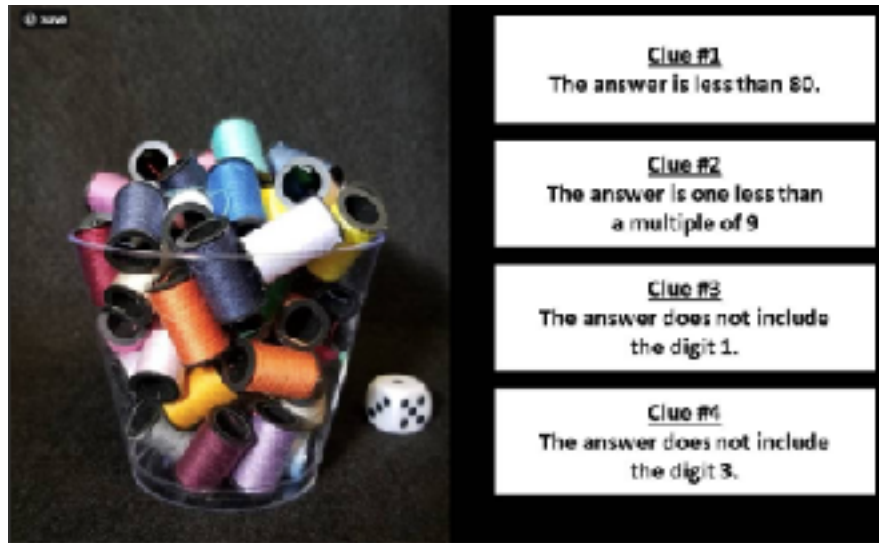
Clue #1
The answer is between 22 and 40.

Clue #2
The answer is an odd number.

Clue #3
The answer does not include the digits 5, 7, or 9.

Clue #4
The answer includes 2 different digits.

Intermediate Problem:



Character Goal: Here is a quote for our optimism goal.

“It always seems impossible until it is done.”

...Nelson Mandela

Mrs. Paton