



Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Dear Parents:

One of the things that we can count on in BC is our wet weather with maybe the exception of this past week. Children really need the opportunity to be outside during recess/lunch and have a chance to run around and take in the fresh air. With our cohort restrictions we do not have the opportunity to close the fields if they are muddy so please remember to pack an extra set of clothes (including socks!) and, if possible, send your child with rubber boots, a rain coat or umbrella. Thanks!

I have included below some brief updates to the COVID changes that were announced last week with a link to the full details.

Next newsletter I will resume the classroom highlights. Stay tuned!

Reminders for Parents

Enhanced Safety Measures for K-12 Schools

The District appreciates all the hard work from students, staff, and families in helping keep our community safe. We continue to work closely with the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Office. This week the province announced changes to COVID-19 health and safety guidelines for schools. Mask requirements for middle and secondary school students and K-12 staff have been amended. Guidelines have also been strengthened for physical education and music classes.

It is important to note, our schools will need some time to implement these new changes; all changes will be in effect as of February 26, 2021. Your continued patience and support are appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Please read below and full details found in the province's news release located on the District website [here](#).

Changes to Mask Wearing

All middle and secondary students and K-12 staff will now be required to wear non-medical masks in all indoor areas, including when they are with their learning groups. The only exceptions are when:

- *sitting or standing at their seat or workstation in a classroom;*
- *there is a barrier in place; or*

- *they are eating or drinking.*

For elementary students, wearing masks indoors remain a personal choice.

It is important to note, as advised by the province, these changes above do not apply to grade 6 and 7 students attending an elementary school.

Changes to Physical Education and Music Classes

High-intensity physical activities are to be held outside as much as possible. Shared equipment or items, such as weight machines, treadmills or musical instruments, can be used only if they are cleaned between use, according to strict school sanitization guidelines. Students using equipment or playing instruments should also be spaced at least two metres apart and masks are to be used when singing.

Learning Commons News

[Langley Book Of The Year: Congratulations to Piper H. and Livia M. for qualifying for the celebration party in May.](#)

[Reading Link Challenge: Congratulations to Lauren Andersen for reading all 6 books. The date of the in-school challenge will be announced soon, and it will be a virtual competition.](#)

[Family Literacy: Thank you for taking part in Family Literacy. Congratulations to the following students who have each won an Inidigo gift card: Blake S., Raya G., Ella S., James D., Kathleen D., Lauren A., Sophie S., and Nebi C.](#)

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 12	Pro-d Day. School not in session for students
Monday, February 15	Family Day. School not in session
Monday, February 22	Report Card prep/Design & Assessment. School not in session for students
February 22 - 26	Respect and Diversity week
Friday, March 5	2nd Term report cards issued
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

Home and School Working Together for Student Success

Lions:	427	1548
Whitecaps:	464	1473

Today was wear pink/red/white spirit day. Point totals will be announced next week.

School Goals

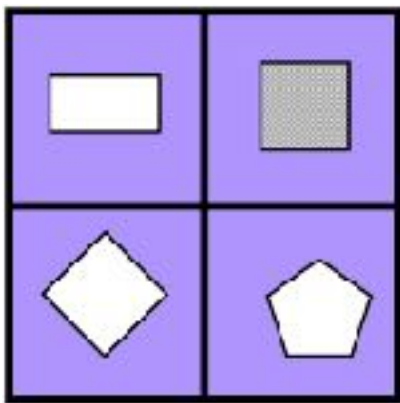
Character: This term we are focusing on optimism. Here is a quote for the day:

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Writing: Our students continue to be engaged in daily writing activities. Here's an activity to try at home. Give your child a picture. It can be digital or print. Ask them to write the story behind the picture. Brainstorming some ideas together can really help them think creatively.

Numeracy: Try these problems out this week! Submit your children's responses to dpaton@sd35.bc.ca for the draw. Deadline is Feb. 18. Congratulations to Alex S. and Alex S. for last week's winning draws.

Primary Problem (k-3). Which one doesn't belong? (students must give a reason)



Intermediate (grades 4 and 5)

Problem:

Sam the squirrel found a basket of pine cones one morning. He decided that every day he would double the number of pine cones in the basket in the morning and eat 2 pine cones out of the basket in the afternoon. At the end of the third day, there were 34 pine cones in the basket. How many pine cones were in the basket when Sam the Squirrel found it?



Mrs. Paton