



Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Dear Parents:

This week has been officially called "Teacher Appreciation" week, and has been celebrated in schools since 1994. I am so thankful for all the amazing teachers who guide and support your children each day. I am also thankful for all the support staff who often work behind the scenes; Admin assistant, Resource Team, SEAs, Speech and Language pathologist, Library Tech, Aboriginal Support Worker, Youth Care Worker, Counsellor, Custodians, Early Language Learner Teachers. Thank you parents, for your support and acts of appreciation to staff this week.

COVID has taken many fun events away from us, but we are being creative so our kids still have the fun experiences that they anticipate each year. One of those events is Sports day. We are planning a modified sports day where classes can still participate in those fun cooperative and competitive races. We are planning on holding our sports day over 2 days so we can safely accommodate all the classes outside in two cohorts. Those days will be Wednesday, May 19 and Thursday, May 20. Our Team colours spirit day will be moved to Tuesday, May 18. If the weather is not cooperating then we will move these two days to the last week of May. More details to come.

Our grade 5s will also be able to participate in several year end events to celebrate their time at our school.

Our grade 5 teachers will be highlighted during the next few newsletters.



Hi, I'm Mr. Durnin, one of the Grade 5 teachers and the Vice Principal at LFES. I have been teaching for 15 years, having spent the last 4 of them with Langley School District. Before arriving in Langley I taught in Calgary, East Vancouver, and Burnaby. I have had many different teaching experiences, including Grade 3, Grade 6, Grade 7, Physical Education, and French. I have enjoyed every school I've worked at and every position that I've been fortunate enough to hold. My wife, Rica, is a teacher at RC Garnett, and our

three kids all attend public schools here in Langley. Having my own kids has given me greater perspective on education. I have learned a lot about my own practice while helping my kids with their assignments. If you've ever felt confused by your child's homework, or frustrated with their effort, I know your pain! More often than not, I am amazed by the instruction and support my children receive at their schools. Their growth and progress has been incredible. I can only hope that I have had a similar impact on my students over the years.

After 15 years as an educator I can honestly say that I enjoy my career now, more than ever. Working with kids is a joy and it's a privilege to play a small role in their learning and personal growth.

Hello Fundy Families! I'm Mrs. Baggio and I get the privilege of being Mr. Durnin's sidekick for our wonderful Grade 5 class. I love our class so much and I look forward to seeing them every Wednesday. I started teaching 15 years ago, with most of my time spent in the Surrey School District. I transferred to Langley to be closer to home, and was so excited to be welcomed on staff at our school. I have taught Grades K-5. Did you know that I grew up in Langley and live on a horse farm? I feel very blessed to be teaching at our school. I love the community feel of our school, the outstanding staff I get to work with, and the support of our awesome families. Along with my own children, I have nieces and a nephew who attend our school as well. I have a background in fine arts, and my favourite subjects to teach are art and drama. In my spare time I love horse-back riding, playing with my kids, dancing, having games' nights with friends, and of course eating kit-kats!



Mrs. Peterson:

Hello! I'm part of the wonderful grade 5 team here at LFES. I began my career 10 years ago in the Surrey school district and taught at a wide variety of schools. I made the switch to Langley 5 years ago and have been at Langley Fundamental ever since. Over the years I've taught grades 4-7 and even a little grade 1. Although I've been a teacher here for a few years, my experience at LFES began when I was a child, as it was the school I attended from K-7. I even had/have the pleasure of working with some of my previous teachers such as Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Macpherson.

My involvement in the school doesn't end there. I have two daughters (grade 1 and 4), two nephews (grade 2 and 4) and a niece (grade 6) who attend Fundy. The amazing students, supportive parents, and incredible staff/admin make the Fundament community truly special. In my spare time I enjoy hiking, camping, reading, and swimming.

Reminders for Parents

[BCCDC Survey – BC COVID-19 SPEAK](#)

Home and School Working Together for Student Success

The BC Centre for Disease Control is inviting families to take part in a survey to examine how British Columbians have been affected and how their experiences may inform recovery and re-opening. The survey closes May 9. Please see details [here](#).

Ready, Set, Learn (RSL) is an early learning initiative sponsored by the Ministry of Education. This initiative is intended for families of three to five-year olds to develop positive connections with the school system and with participating community agencies. In alignment with the province's Early Learning Framework, Ready, Set, Learn aims to provide pre-Kindergarten children with opportunities to learn more about their world in an age-appropriate way. Due to COVID-19, the District is currently unable to offer in-person sessions, however, videos have been developed and curated to provide children and families ways to engage with each other and the world while developing literacy, numeracy and social emotional understandings. The following link will take you to our Ready, Set, Learn webpage where you will find these videos. Please continue to check back for additional videos throughout the spring.

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/programs-initiatives/early-learning-birth-5-yrs/ready-set-learn/>

Learning Commons News

Nuts About Reading!

Please return all April home reading calendars by May 7th. Prize draws for April will take place next week. Keep in mind that we are now finished our school wide home reading program. Thank you for participating and keep reading.

Langley Book Of The Year

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for our celebration party: Demitree G., Alexander S., and Ashley S.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 18	Team colours day
Wednesday, May 19	Sports Day - Cohort TBD
Thursday, May 20	Sports Day - Cohort TBD
Friday, May 21	Pro-d - school not in session
Monday, May 24	Victoria Day - holiday

House Points

	Crazy Hair/Hat	Totals
Canucks:	420	2763
Canadians:	402	2804
Lions:	433	2910
Whitecaps:	453	2813

Our next Spirit Day is Tuesday, May 18: Team colours day.

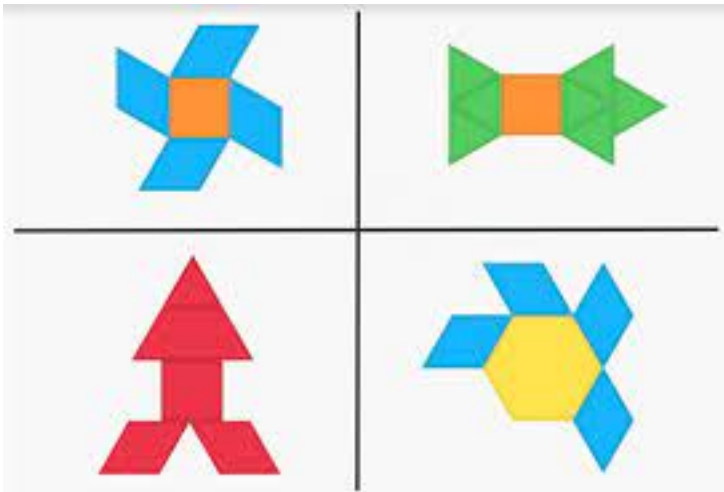
School Goals

Character: for the third term of school we will be working on compassion/empathy. Here is the quote of the day:

- No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." – Theodore Roosevelt

Numeracy: Last newsletter's estimation question was a hard one. There were 808 beans in the jar. The closest estimates were: Zach (Division 1- 700)/Kim (Division 10 – 990)/Liviya (Division 11 – 1000)/. Izzy (Division 22 – 1005) and Kali (Division 11 – 1035).

This week's challenge is "which one doesn't belong?" You must give your reasons!



Mrs. Paton

FAMILY tech time



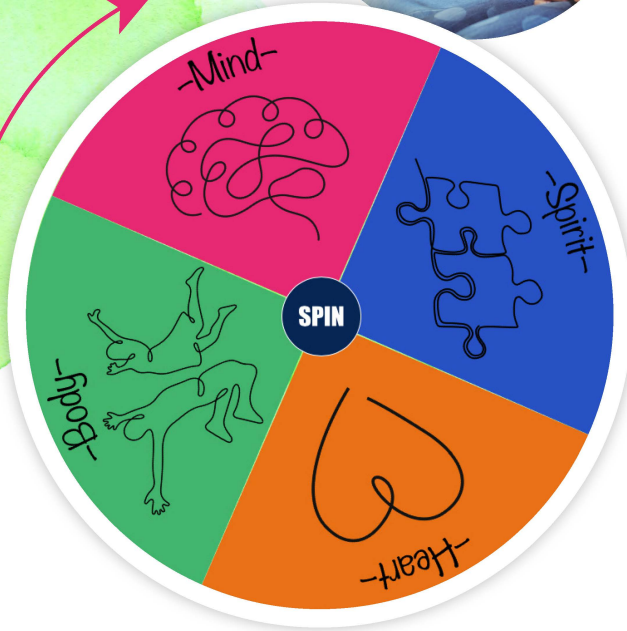
What is Family Tech Time?

A FUN AND INTERACTIVE TOOL DESIGNED TO SUPPORT CONVERSATIONS IN OUR FAMILIES AND OUR COMMUNITY AROUND HOW TO USE TECHNOLOGY TO BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.

spin and chat!



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Family Tech Time – New Interactive Tool from Langley Literacy Network

Want your next talk about screen time, social media, and video games to be more positive with your child or teen? The Langley Literacy Network is launching Family Tech Time, which is a new interactive tool to support conversations in our families and our community around how to use technology

to build healthy relationships rather than disrupt them. This tool includes a resource containing questions to help foster positive dialogue on topics including expectations around usage, privacy, consent, and how to enjoy activities on and off screen. You can access the Langley Literacy Network tool and resource on this website here. As part of the launch, you will notice #LangleyTechTime weekly social media campaign posts to highlight talking points that will help empower families over the next ten weeks.