

Langley Jundamental Elementary School

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Date: Thursday, September 23, 2021

Dear Parents:

We certainly have enjoyed the last few weeks of beautiful summer like weather, but we all know that change is coming and our fall and winter seasons tend to be on the wet side. I truly believe that children need to be outdoors on breaks and it's only on rare occasions will I call an "in-day". Most children enjoy playing in the puddles and connecting with their friends outside. Students are miserable if they are not dressed for the weather though, so please consider keeping a pair of rubber boots and a good rain coat (with a hoodie) at school for these types of days.

It's that time of the year when we begin to think about our 2022-23 kindergarten application process. The on-line system will be opening at noon on Monday, October 4th and closing on Monday, October 18 at noon. You can apply anytime between these two dates with priority given to siblings of children already in our choice program and the remaining seats assigned based on a lottery system. If you have a child in our school presently, you still need to apply for any siblings wanting to start the 2022/23 kindergarten school year at Fundy. The link is on the SBO website:

https://www.sd35.bc.ca/programs-initiatives/programs-of-choice/

Reminders for Parents

Communicating with your School

Schools and families continue to work together to ensure success for students. If you have an issue or concern but don't know who to speak with, the District encourages you to read these helpful Communicating with your School guidelines for parents/guardians found on our District website here. As an additional reference, review this one page resource here.

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COVID-19 Notification Process

The Ministry of Education has informed the District of the COVID-19 Notification Process. The District will continue to follow the protocols as set out by Fraser Health to help keep our students and staff healthy and safe.

Here is what we can share with you now:

Public health will continue to prioritize schools for contact tracing. Public health will directly follow up with anyone identified as a COVID-19 case and determine if other students or staff were close contacts.

- · <u>Close contacts</u> are followed up with directly because they may be at greater risk of infection. They will be directly informed by public health if they need to take action, like self-monitoring or self-isolating.
- People at school who are not close contacts are not at increased risk, so don't need to take any additional actions beyond continuing to follow general public health recommendations.
- In line with practices for other community settings and workplaces, school notifications to the broader school community, such as letters or exposure notices on regional health authority websites, will be used when public health deems them necessary to support contact tracing or outbreak management.
- Public health continues to monitor transmission of COVID-19 across the province, with the latest data on COVID19 available from BCCDC.

BC Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation for Students

Fraser Health is sharing information with families regarding the BC Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation for Students. Vaccine reporting, which is a regulation that has been in effect since 2019, supports the gathering of immunization data and to offer immunizations in school settings. Examples of routine immunizations offered to grade 6/7 and 9/10 students may include Chickenpox (varicella) vaccine, Hepatitis B vaccine, and Meningococcal Quadrivalent vaccine. These in-school immunizations do not include the COVID-19 vaccine. The District will continue to assist Fraser Health in this process including distributing and collecting information and accommodating public health staff on school sites. As always, our schools will continue to follow all COVID-19 health and safety protocols. Please read this letter from Fraser Health here.

Learning Commons News

Home Reading

Our home reading program "Paws and Read!" will begin next Friday, on October 1st. Students will be bringing home October calendars later next week along with instructions on how the program works. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Aikema caikema@sd35.bc.ca

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 23 Meet the Teacher 6:00 - 7:00 pm and welcome

back BBQ.

Friday, September 24 School Improvement Day. Students not in

session.

Wednesday, September 29 Orange Shirt Day

Thursday, September 30 National Truth and Reconciliation Day. School not

in session.

Monday, October 4 Kindergarten application process for choice

program opens

Friday, October 8 Terry Fox Run.

Langley Fundamental Elementary is proud to be participating in this year's Terry Fox School Run. We will run/walk through the local neighbourhood on Oct. 8th. Our goal is to reach \$500. Let's get our fundraising going and show everyone how we can "try like Terry"!. Donate to: http://www.terryfox.ca/LangleyFundamentalElementary. Together, we can all make a difference! #terryfoxschoolruns #tryliketerry @terryfoxfoundation

House Points

Our first spirit day will be Friday, October 29th. Dress Hallowe'en.

School Goals

Literacy, Numeracy and Character development continue to be our focus for this upcoming school year.

Mrs Paton

Intheknow

Information and Support

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health challenges.

Every month, we host events for families called 'in the know'. We watch a video, or listen to a speaker, and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments. We help focus on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.

Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What It Looks Like at Ages 4 to 8

When our kids are having a hard time, or we are seeing something for the first time, we might wonder what's going on? In this video conversation, a parent and counsellor talk about the developmental stages of 4 to 8 year old children, what are typical behaviours, and how do we know when something more might be going on. This conversation is for all families and caregivers who feel like they are parenting in the deep end of the swimming pool or are just wondering what they can do when it feels like more.







Communities: Langley
Cost: Free of Charge

Date: September 29, 2021 at 4:30pm

Registration Required: http://www.familysmart.ca/events

Events are facilitated by Parent Peer Support Workers.

familysmart.ca

LANGLEY UKULELE ASSOCIATION: BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC

Learning Group Program

Featuring Peter Luongo and members of the Langley Ukulele Association

Weekly Lessons
Tuesdays from October to May
Willoughby Elementary School

Inviting students aged 8 to 12 years

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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