



Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021

Dear Parents:

As we recognized Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30th, our students participated in many age appropriate classroom activities and discussions. Each class displayed their work in the hallway outside their classroom so that our school could participate in a gallery walk and see the work that was done. Here is a display from our grade 1 children:



On Wednesday, October 13th at 9:00am our on-line booking system will be open to make an appointment with your child's teacher for the upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences held on Wednesday, October 20th (2:00 - 7:30 pm) and Thursday, October 21st (2:00 - 4:30 pm). Dismissal on these days will be 1 hour earlier to accommodate

our conferences. The website link is: lfees.parentteacherconferences.net and the school access code is: lfees2122.

Our Terry Fox Run will be tomorrow, October 8th. We will have a walk or run through the neighbourhood, each grade running at a different times.. Our goal was to raise \$500.00 but we have surpassed our goal with a total of \$843 to date. Let's keep it going and make an even bigger impact on cancer research! Donate today at: <http://www.terryfox.ca/LangleyFundamentalElementary> #terryfoxschoolruns @terryfoxfoundation. Thank you!

Reminders for Parents

Kindergarten application has opened for our choice program on Monday, October 4th at noon and will close on Monday, October 18th 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/>

Updated Daily Health Check

Our District's procedure is for all students to complete a daily health check at home prior to entering school and/or boarding a District bus. The Ministry of Education's Daily Health Check poster has been updated to reflect new federal regulations regarding international travel. The symptoms listed remain the same. You can find the updated print version [here](#). The updated version is being translated into multiple languages, which will be posted to the Ministry's COVID-19 Safe Schools website [here](#). Families can also continue to use the Ministry's mobile app or online version [here](#).

Programs of Choice – Registration Period is October 4 - October 20, 2021

Langley School District offers a rich diversity of programs that are designed to meet the specific needs and interests of students. Programs include Fine Arts, French Immersion, Fundamental, Langley Environmental Awareness Program (outdoor education), Montessori, U-Connect, and Career Education Programs (secondary). The registration period begins October 4, 2021 and ends October 20, 2021. For more information and instructions to register your child, visit our District website [here](#) and review our FAQ choice programs resource [here](#).

Contact Tracing Information

Schools in the District are continuing to assist the Fraser Health Authority in contact tracing and case management. We appreciate the ongoing cooperation from parents/guardians in this process. To help support our families, we are sharing resources from the BC Centre for Disease Control which outline the contact tracing process in schools. You can view the Contact Tracing Infographic [here](#) and Contact Tracing in Schools resource [here](#).

Home and School Working Together for Student Success

Learning Commons News

Langley Book Of The Year

Over the next two weeks our grade 4 & 5 students will be introduced to the eleven books that have been selected for the Langley Book Of The Year reading program. Some of these books may be read aloud by the classroom teachers of our grade 4 & 5 students. Students that read at least 4 of the books qualify to vote for the favorite book in May. The book that receives the most votes across the Langley School District will be awarded as the winning book. At our school we will have a celebration lunch for the grade 5's that read 8 of the books, and the grade 4's that read 7 of the books. If grade 3's would like to take part they need to read 5 of the books to be invited to the lunch. The books are also available at the public libraries, and can also be found on sorraapp.com. Students use their Teams sign-in and password to connect to the Sora App. For a mini synopsis of these books see the book trailers below:

Arlo Finch and the Valley of Fire https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/YA0aIKDKU_s
autoplay=1&iv_load_policy=3&loop=1&modestbranding=1&playlist=YA0aIKDKU_s

When Stars are Scattered <https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/111ztD-2QaU>
autoplay=1&iv_load_policy=3&loop=1&modestbranding=1&playlist=111ztD-2QaU

Power Forward https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/h4ml_eXH6xA
autoplay=1&iv_load_policy=3&loop=1&modestbranding=1&playlist=h4ml_eXH6xA

We're not from here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1bviJ150dE>

The Ghost collector <https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/WYHo8qranqg>
autoplay=1&iv_load_policy=3&loop=1&modestbranding=1&playlist=WYHo8qranqg

Small Spaces <https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/QY5-JvLwz90>
autoplay=1&iv_load_policy=3&loop=1&modestbranding=1&playlist=QY5-JvLwz90

The Science of Breakable things https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/_Em7hmE-Vg4
autoplay=1&iv_load_policy=3&loop=1&modestbranding=1&playlist=_Em7hmE-Vg4

Wink <https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/OVr7d5DATbs>
autoplay=1&iv_load_policy=3&loop=1&modestbranding=1&playlist=OVr7d5DATbs

My Best Friend is extinct <https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/jeHreBkbHC4>
autoplay=1&iv_load_policy=3&loop=1&modestbranding=1&playlist=jeHreBkbHC4

The land of roar <https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/5NAGshMY0go>
autoplay=1&iv_load_policy=3&loop=1&modestbranding=1&playlist=5NAGshMY0go

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 8	Terry Fox Run. This will be done in grade level groups and throughout our community
Monday, October 11	Thanksgiving. Schools closed
Friday, October 15	Hot lunch
Monday, October 18	Application to Kindergarten 2022/23 closes today at noon
Wednesday, October 20	1-hour early dismissal for Parent/Teacher conferences (1:30 dismissal time)
Thursday, October 21	1-hour early dismissal for Parent/Teacher conferences (1:30 dismissal time)
Friday, October 22	Provincial Pro-d. Students not in session
Tuesday, October 26	Pumpkin Patch
Friday, October 29	Hallowe'en Spirit Day

House Points

Our first spirit day is October 29th. Dress Hallowe'en. We ask that you do not let your child bring any "weapons" that may be part of their costume as we find that it is disturbing to some of our younger students.

Deah Paton



Fraser Health COVID-19 School Update – Immunization for 12-17 year olds

Health Canada has approved the use of the Pfizer vaccine for youth aged 12 to 17. British Columbia is expanding the COVID-19 Immunization Plan to include this age group.

Youth are excited to protect themselves and their families.

Children aged 12 to 17 can register to get vaccinated now by going to www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated, calling 1-833-838-2323 or in person at any Service B.C. centre. Once child(ren) are registered in the provincial system they will be contacted at a later date via the method they indicated (either email or text) to book their vaccine appointment.

Household and group vaccination options are also available to make it easy for households to be immunized at the same time. Multiple young people in a household can attend one booked appointment and be vaccinated together. Young people accompanying adults to the adult's new vaccine appointment can register on site and do not need to be registered or booked in advance. Just let clinic staff know you have arrived.

Ensure all family members bring identification and ideally, their personal health card if they have one.

In the coming days, schools will receive an information package to be shared with families with key information such as how to prepare for and what to expect during your child's vaccine appointment.

More information can be found at www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated and at www.fraserhealth.ca/vaccine



September 23, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardians:

Re: Foundation Skills Assessment

Every year students in grades 4 and 7 participate in the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA), a province-wide assessment, mandated by the Ministry of Education. This year, the FSA will be administered in Langley between October 4 and November 12, 2021. The following information is intended to clarify for Langley parents the purpose and use of the FSA.

The FSA:

- is designed and marked by teachers;
- is aligned with BC's re-designed curriculum taught in schools and the BC Performance Standards;
- assesses foundation skills in reading, writing and numeracy;
- is returned to schools and individual results are sent to parents;
- provides a snapshot of how individuals and schools are performing.

Langley School District does not use the information to rank or compare schools. FSA results are used to inform the system on areas requiring attention and support.

While all grade 4 and 7 students attending public and independent schools are to participate in the FSA, a few students with exceptional needs may be excused from some or all of the FSA. Please note:

- There are Ministry guidelines clarifying exemptions.
- Only a principal can exempt a student from writing the FSA.
 - Students that are excused usually have a disability that results in an inability to participate even with adaptations.
- Parents may write a detailed letter to their child's principal requesting exemption.
 - Reasons for this request include a family emergency, a lengthy illness or other extenuating circumstances.
 - Form letters are not sufficient and will not be accepted.

There is a provincial agreement that school districts will not oppose the distribution of BCTF/Local Union produced FSA pamphlets via students or directly to parents by teachers on school property. *It is the District's position that this is in no way an acknowledgement, endorsement or agreement by the employer of the views, statements or content of the pamphlets.*

The Ministry of Education website contains a brochure, "Information for Students, Parents and Guardians" which can be accessed [here](#).

If you have questions about the FSA, please contact the principal of your child's school.

Sincerely,

Gord Stewart
Superintendent of Schools