

Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022 Dear Parents:

What a treat we've had with our beautiful weather pattern! Although it's hard to see our sunshine disappear the rain is a much needed welcome to our dry landscape. I endeavour to always send students out for recess and lunch playtimes as that fresh air does them wonders. If you can send your child with rubber boots and a water proof jacket that will keep them dry during those rainy out days. Thanks.

As Halloween approaches, this is a reminder of the importance of being culturally sensitive as you choose your costumes. As clothing from various cultures is not a costume, but often part of sacred rituals or belief, dressing as such is considered cultural appropriation. According to the Cambridge Dictionary, "the act of taking or using things from a culture that is not your own, especially without showing that you understand or respect this culture." As you move forward with planning costumes for your family, please take this information into your consideration. As always, we want all students and staff to learn in a healthy, safe and inclusive learning environment. We also ask parents to be mindful of sending children with excessive use of blood, weapons or scary masks. These are particularly scary to some children in our school especially younger ones.

Reminders for Parents

Grade 5 Fundraising Campaign

The grade 5's are thrilled to be fundraising for their Camp Day in June! Our school has teamed up with QSP- Canada's favourite magazine fundraising program. Please visit the online store to order your favourite magazines for everyone in your family! <u>shop.gsp.ca</u>

Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or <u>www.sd35.bc.ca</u>. Updates are also posted to Twitter @LangleySchools and Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict</u>. If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

Learning Commons News

Read Through The Seasons!

November home reading calendars will be coming home next week. Please return all October calendars by November 7th. Prize draws will take place November 7th – 11th for those students who have returned their October calendars. Staff will be putting up the stickers on the classroom records for students who have reached the minimum level or read beyond the minimum level.

Upcoming Events

Monday Oct. 31	Hallowe'en day. Dress in a costume or wear orange and black	
Friday, Nov. 11	Remembrance Day. School not in session	
Monday, Nov. 14	Our school breakfast program begins. Students can come to the PAC kitchen and receive a breakfast food item	
Wednesday, Nov. 16	Photo retakes	
Thursday, Nov. 17	PJ/Stuffed animal spirit day	
Friday, Nov. 18	Design/Assessment/Report card prep day. Students not in session	
Wednesday, Nov. 23	Red/White spirit day (Canada Cup)	
Friday, Dec. 2	Christmas Tea	

Home and School Working Together for Student Success

House Points

Here are the point and totals from our Jersey Day:

	Jersey Day	Total
Canadians	322	612
Canucks	349	643
Lions	360	660
Whitecaps	309	606

School Goals

Our first character goal is Courage. Here are some great ideas from Karen Young on how to nurture Courage in your children:

Be the example:

"Everything you do is gold in their eyes. Talk to them about the times you feel nervous, or the times you've. Said 'no' or 'yes', when everyone else was moving in the opposite direction. Talk to them about the times you've pushed through fear, exhaustion, sadness, anger, to do the thing that was right for you. Talk about your risky ideas, the times you thought differently, did differently and the times you felt small but did something big. Let them feel that the brave in your is in them too."

Give them space for courage of thought:

"Courage isn't only about pushing against their own edges. Sometimes it's about pushing against the friends who might steer them off track, the limiting expectations of others the media, the majority, the world. Too many times, creative, change-making, beautifully open minds have been shut down in the name of compliance. There is nothing wrong with questioning - it opens hearts, minds, and mouths - what's important is that the questioning in done respectfully. One of the reasons the world is capable of great things is because young minds who are brave enough to challenge the way things are and to want something better grow into adults minds who make it happen. Ask for their opinions and let them know they can disagree with yours. Some of the world's very ideas have often started with small ideas that made no sense at all at the time." COME TRY

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