



## Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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<https://lfe.sd35.bc.ca/parent-community/helpful-resources/>

(Bookmark this link. Our school website has all the resources and access to forms that you need!)

**Date: Thursday May 11, 2023**

**Dear Parents:**

As we enter the middle of May, many parents begin to think about next year and class placements. Please avoid putting your Child's teacher in a difficult position by talking about other teachers, especially to express a desire to avoid or to be placed in a particular class. The process for placement is a very complex one, please trust our staff and know that we do our best to place your child. It's never perfect but a good teaching point for children about resilience and how to navigate life.

Here is a look at the process we use:

Your child's current grade level teachers, Resource Room teachers and Administration meet multiple times over the course of June to begin crafting our September class placements. As we begin, we remind ourselves of the importance of the task in which we are engaged and of the respect that must be shown for every child, parent and teacher throughout the process. During this process there are many things to consider:

- They have a teacher with whom we anticipate the child will work well,
- There is a mix of students from throughout the grade and not just the child's current class,
- They have at least one friend,
- There is an appropriate academic group for each subject area,
- There is separation from particular children, if necessary.

Additionally, we seek to ensure heterogeneous classes with students at a range of ability levels in all subject areas, a balance of girls and boys just to name a few.

During the weeks we work on class placement, teachers reflect constantly on their students and continue to review the classes, child by child, to see that we meet as many criteria as we can.

Our own understanding of individual student needs and the needs of the grade community guide our process. We know our students, our classes and our grades well. Teachers have insights into how your child learns and interacts with others and we strive to do right by each and every child as well as by each class community and by the grade. Parents can be confident that we will assess every child's placement needs with great care and respect. So rather than requesting placements for next year, please focus on information about your child that would help guide our process. Thank you.

## Reminders for Parents

As we enter the final part of our school year, field trips are an exciting part of year end activities. I have included some information below on booster seats and the proper use of them. Please read these prior to any parent driver field trips.

### **Summer Session 2023 – Elementary/Middle/Secondary**

*Are you looking for skill-building or new learning opportunities for your child to keep them engaged during the summer? The District offers a variety of courses as part of Summer Session. Online registration begins on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am for Langley School District students. For dates, times, and courses available to grade 1-12 students, please visit our webpage [here](#).*

Plans for our 2023-2024 Active Beyond the Bell (ABTB) program are underway and we're pleased to roll out our registration information for your planning purposes.

Priority Registration will be available to current, continuously-registered families in the Active Beyond the Bell (ABTB) program. This priority registration option will be available to qualifying families looking to register their child(ren) and any applicable siblings for the entire school-year (September 2023-June 2024). All spaces will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis on your priority registration date.

- Participants who are/were registered in every consecutive week since January 3, 2023 will be offered an early registration date via phone call on or before May 2. Your exact registration date will be communicated during this phone call.
- Participants who are/were registered in a minimum of 12 weeks since January 3, 2023 will be offered an early registration date via phone call on or before May 9 provided there are spaces left in your program. Your exact registration date will be communicated during this phone call.

All others will have the ability to register as of these general registration dates:

- May 17 – Alex Hope, James Kennedy, and Langley Fundamental Elementary.
- May 18 – Dorothy Peacock, Lynn Fripps, R.C. Garnett, and Richard Bulpitt Elementary.

Additional program details will be sent to you on or before Tuesday, May 2.

**Jenna Morrison, BTR, CTRS**  
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## Learning Commons News

### Langley Book Of The Year

Congratulations to Kristen B. and James D. for qualifying for our celebration lunch in May. We now have 20 students who have qualified for our lunch on Monday, May 29th from 12 – 12:30pm. Students will be receiving their invitations soon. If your child has any dietary needs, please let Mrs. Aikema know by May 24th.

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 11	Final day of gift store
Friday, May 12	Treat day/PAC meeting at 9:00 am
Thursday, May 18	New Kindergarten Orientation
Friday, May 19	Students not in session
Monday, May 22	Victoria Day. Schools closed
Friday, May 26	Hot lunch

## House Points

	May the 4th	Total
<b>Canadians</b>	167	2865
<b>Canucks</b>	170	2847
<b>Lions</b>	216	2916
<b>Whitecaps</b>	162	2927

Our next spirit day is Friday, June 16. Sunglasses/hats

## School Goals

Our three goals this year are: kindness/compassion, courage, responsibility/sportsmanship.

Mrs. Paton



## STACEY KOSTUROS

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIAN  
CERTIFIED WITH THE CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

### FIELD TRIPS

Make sure to send your child with an appropriate seat for school field trips. The parent volunteer driver is liable for your child. Make sure to give your child proper instructions on how to use their seat and send the instruction manual. Make sure the seat is not missing pieces and is not expired.

### CONTACT

Stacey is available for online or in person car seat consults and full car seat inspection appointments. Please contact her at [Stacey.kosturos@gmail.com](mailto:Stacey.kosturos@gmail.com) or 604-614-0623. Make sure to mention you are a parent from Langley Fundamental Elementary School.

### BOOSTER SEATS

Legally, a child must be 40 lbs to ride in a booster seat in British Columbia. Many children are not developmentally mature enough for a booster seat at 40lbs and should remain in a five-point harness. A child in a booster seat must stay positioned properly for an entire car ride, including when asleep.

### RIDING IN THE FRONT SEAT

Children aged 12 and under must ride in the backseat. There is no front seat law in British Columbia; however, vehicle manufactures prohibit children under the age of 13 to ride in the front seat. Air bags in the front seat can be deadly for a young child who doesn't have fully developed bones. Unless your vehicle airbag can be turned off with a switch (not a sensor) children need to ride in the backseat.

### HARNESSED CAR SEAT

Many children who meet the legal requirements to ride in a booster seat still need a five-point harness car seat to fully protect them in a collision. If a child cannot sit properly for an entire car ride, including when asleep, then they need to remain in a five-point harness. Many children are ready for a booster seat around age 6 or 7. A forward facing harnessed seat legally must have the top tether attached to an approved tether anchor. Make sure to read your car seat manual and vehicle manual before installing your car seat.