

Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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### **Dear Parents:**

Happy New Year! I trust that you all had a relaxing Christmas holiday season and were able to spend time with family and friends. The students all look energized and ready to go for the second term of school. This term is the shortest and goes by quickly, but it's also the most productive learning time. I look forward to seeing all the progress our students will be making over the next 10 weeks.

We received some exciting news just before the Christmas break; Catherine Wong, one of our grade 5 students, was selected as a featured artist in a Christmas Card Contest. She was one of 12 students whose Christmas card was chosen to be part of Raymond James Ltd. corporate holiday cards. The proceeds from the sale of the cards will go towards nine camps across Canada that will provide camping adventures for children with special needs. The company also donated \$200 to our school library for Catherine's fine work. Congratulations, Catherine and well done!

## **Reminders for Parents**

Please always remember to pull through the pick up lane to drop off and pick up your child. Stopping when there is space ahead of you impedes the quick flow of traffic through our lot.

An epi-pen has been left in the lost and found area. It's in a blue hard case and does not have a name on it. If you think this belongs to your child please come by the office and claim it.

Hello Fundy Future Volleyball players/stars. Our sessions will be starting Wednesday January 17th. Thanks for signing up for the 'Fundy SMASH' volleyball sessions. If you haven't received any information yet from the Synergy administrator, I apologize for the delay. Ritchie was quite sick over the holidays and is still recovering. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me : jan\_ellison@hotmail.com or Ritchie Mallari (the program director) at: website@synergysmash.ca.

Info

Cost : \$200 for Fundamental families use code 'fundy' when registering Where : Langley Fundamental Elementary school When : Wednesdays, starting January 17th Time : (once we know numbers, times may extend slightly - if this works for everyone) 9-11 year 700pm to 800pm 12-14 year 800pm to 900pm

To Register go to: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/ 1FAIpQLSd0hruSe5Im6eLIebUQGaEhfOgp1j2aE4XI7RvGx80LDSU1XA/viewform The focus of all training will always be the proper development of techniques. While competing and winning may be fun... The focus will be FUN-damentals. I look forward to seeing you on the court January 17th. Thanks Jan Ellison

### Learning Commons News

Congratulations to Abigail Reimer, Jayden Kenyon, and Cameron Stevens for qualifying for the Langley Book Of The Year Celebration lunch in May. Students will have the opportunity to vote for the favorite book if they have read at least 4 of the 12 books by the end of May.

"Reading Is Groovy": Please return December home reading calendars by Monday, January 15th since prize draws will take place next week.

Reading Link Challenge: Congratulations to Leyla Odabasigil for reading all six books. We will be meeting every Friday after recess to prepare for the In-School challenge. It is expected that students will read all six books before the challenge. Students will also be given a booklet of questions to help prepare for the challenge.

The final numbers are in for our Scholastic Book Fair and the profit for our library is \$1842. We are looking forward to purchasing new books with these funds.

## **Upcoming Events**

Monday, January 15 Early dismissal at 1:25 pm for collaboration Tuesday, January 16 Artstarts Canadiana Presentation. Assembly begins at 1:40 pm. Friday, January 19 Dress Disney spirit day/Hot lunch String Quartet presentation for grades 3-5 at Thursday, January 25 10:30 am Early dismissal at 1:25 pm for collaboration Wednesday, February 7 Monday, February 12 Family Day - school not in session Wednesday, February 14 Valentine's Day. Dress in red/pink spirit day Friday, February 16 Hot Lunch

## **House Points**

Our Ugly Sweater spirit day was a huge success. It was great to see so many creative and home made designs.

Here are the points from the day:

# Home and School Working Together for Student Success

	Ugly Sweater Day	Total:
Canadians	253	1580
Canucks	291	1613
Lions	304	1651
Whitecaps	266	1681

Our next spirit day is fast approaching; Dress Disney on January 19.

## **School Goals**

1) **Character Goal**: We had an assembly today to kick off our **Integrity** virtue. We will be working on being honest, courageous and holding true to our values. Below is one of seven parenting tips from Michele Borba to help support our school character goals. It's from her novel, <u>Building Moral Intelligences. The Seven Essential Virtues That Teach Kids to Do the Right Thing</u>.

#### 1. Know What You Stand for So Your Kid Knows

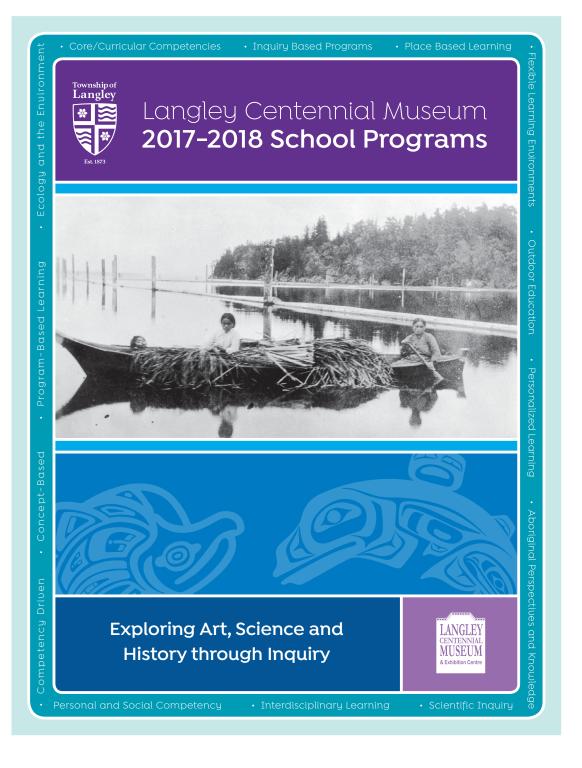
Parents with clearly identified moral convictions are more likely to raise good kids. Because their kids know what their parents stand for and why they do, their kids are more likely to adopt their parents' beliefs. So begin by asking yourself what virtues and moral beliefs matter most to you. Make a list, then narrow them to your top three. These will become your personal moral code and guide you in how you will raise your child. It's also the best way to help your child develop his own moral beliefs. Here are five quick questions to gauge how well you're parenting solid moral beliefs in your child:

- •You can quickly name the 3-5 virtues you want most for your child to acquire.
- •Your child could name the virtues you believe in most without prompting.
- •You reinforce your child whenever he shows your selected virtues in his behavior.
- •Your child can clearly see your chosen virtues in your daily behavior.
- •You use those virtues as your day to day code of ethical behavior and family living.

2) **Numeracy Goal**: The students have been involved in many numeracy activities this year. Games are a very engaging way to help your child improve their numeracy skills and have fun as a family as well. Here's one you can try at home:

#### **Concentration** (add, subtract, multiplication, division)

The object of the game is to find pairs of matching cards among an array of face down cards. Help your child write addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division facts on one set of index cards, and answers on another set. Shuffle the cards and lay them out face down. The first player turns over two cards and if they match the player keeps the two cards and takes another term. The next player continues by trying to find two matching cards. When all the cards have been collected, the player with the most pairs wins.



Langley Community Services Society

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Substance Affected Youth Support Group

A <u>6-week</u> support group for youth ages 7-12 who are affected by a family member or loved ones' substance use (Current or historical)

## A safe space to learn more about:

- What is a substance or drug
  - What is addiction
  - What causes addiction
- What can you do if someone you love is using substances
  - Healthy ways to take care of yourself
  - Effective ways to communicate your feelings
    - How to make healthy choices

# Starting Wednesday February 7, 18

Six weekly Sessions on Wednesdays (Last session Wed March 14, 18)

## 3:30-5:00 Pm

Langley Community Services 5339 207<sup>th</sup> Street, Langley, BC

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