



## Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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School District #35 (Langley) website: [www.sd35.bc.ca](http://www.sd35.bc.ca)

**Principal: Mrs. Deah Paton**  
**Vice-Principal: Mr. Neil Powell**  
**Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Tricia Mein**  
**P.A.C. President: Mrs. Melynn Krauss**

**Date:** Thursday, September 27, 2018

### **Dear Parents:**

Last Thursday was our Meet the Teacher/Fun Night Extravaganza. A special thank you to Miranda Ronse who put in many hours making Fun Night such a success. Thanks to the many other people who volunteered to work at various stations, baked cakes for our cake walk, flipped hamburger/hotdogs, worked in the concession/kitchen, or various other jobs that were needed to make the evening successful. Although it was a rainy evening, the children had a wonderful time.

The installation of our new kindergarten playground was another large project that was completed this month. Thanks to Jen Weins for her work on the playground committee also to: Jeff Wiens with Cedar Creek Fencing, Jason Kolkman, Lance Holcombe, Kris Krausse, Customline Homes Ltd, Online collision and those who volunteered to help unload the playground and who helped to supply building tools. These dedicated people came out on a rainy Saturday to complete the installation. Thank you.

As with any new year there are staffing changes. Below is an update of new staff members in our community:

- Mrs. Bernie Steier is our new Youth Care Worker. She comes to us from the Brookwood area and has been working with our students on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday mornings.
- Ms. Younger is our new grade 4 teacher. She came to us from HD Stafford and Douglas Park. In her free time she is involved in competitive Highland dance.
- Ms. Toews is our new grade 4 teacher. She is from the Abbotsford School District where she taught grade 3 and 4. She is a recent graduate from TWU and in her spare time plays and teaches piano.
- Ms. Brett is teaching Kindergarten this year for Mrs. Mould as she is off on maternity leave. Ms. Brett come to us from the Abbotsford district and loves outdoor activities like kayaking in her spare time.
- Mrs. Pinkerton is a new SEA to our school. She has worked in the Langley district for 10 years and in her spare time she loves Dragon Boating.

- Ms. Bailey has just recently been hired as our new Aboriginal Support Worker. She is a recent graduate of UNBC as is part of the Kaska Dene/Tahltan first nations. Ms. Bailey loves art, painting and the outdoors. She will be working with our students on Mondays and Wednesdays.

- Ms. Ratzlaff is job-sharing with Mrs. Penner this year in grade 2. She has taught primary in a variety of Langley schools (Richard Bulpitt and RC Garnet to name a few). In her spare time she loves to keep active by playing basketball and participating in Zumba classes.

Welcome to all our new staff members.

## Reminders for Parents

Our parking lot is an extremely busy place so please be sure to follow the rules so our students are safe. Please cross at the crosswalks and do not walk through the drive thru or pickup/drop off lanes to get to your car. The parking under the flag poles is for district and emergency services so please avoid parking in this area. Over the next few weeks the police will be giving warnings and tickets to drivers that park illegally. Please always park in areas that are safe and don't limit the visibility of other drivers or pedestrians.

Monday is the last day to return all entertainment books and orders.

## Learning Commons News

Our school wide home reading program starts October 1<sup>st</sup>. "Swing Into Reading" will run from October through April and we expect all students to take part in home reading. Your child will be bringing home the October calendar with instructions, so all families will be ready to start on Monday. Reading daily with your child will create a habit of being a lifelong reader.

## Upcoming Events

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| Friday, September 28 | Orange Shirt Day   |
| Friday, October 5    | Non-Instructional Day  |
| Monday, October 8    | Thanksgiving holiday   |
| Thursday, October 18 | Individual Photo Day/Movie Night   |
| Friday, October 19   | Pro-d. School not in session/Red Cross Stay safe course is offered at our school for interested grade 4 and 5 students. See below. |

### **Red Cross StaySafe! Course**

Do you or your parents want to feel confident knowing you are responsible on your own and have the skills to deal safely with an emergency situation?  
First Aid. Active role-play! Interactive and fun!

### **Red Cross StaySafe! Course**

**Langley Fundamental, Oct.19th, 2018, 9:00-3:00**  
**Grade 4-5's**

## Home and School Working Together for Student Success

**\$60 + GST online registration**  
[http://firstaidhero.com/stay\\_safe.html](http://firstaidhero.com/stay_safe.html)

## **House Points**

Costume day on October 31st.

## **School Goals**

Our school will continue with our Numeracy and Character goals this year. The character traits that we will be focusing on this year are: Gratitude, Compassion, Perseverance, Honest and Respect. We will be having assemblies to highlight each trait as well as coordinating school/calendar events around a trait. Our first trait is Gratitude as we are fast approaching Thanksgiving. More details to come.

Mrs. Paton



September 25, 2018

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 15 and November 8, 2018. 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 at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment-reporting/new-foundation-skills-assessment>.

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

Sincerely,

Gord Stewart  
Superintendent of Schools



## Brookwood Girls Fall Friday Night Hoops 2018

Friday Night Hoops is a league that introduces grades 2-7 girls to basketball. Head instructor will be Sr girls head coach Chris Veale assisted by past graduates and current members of the Brookwood Girls' basketball program. FNH program have won **14 provincial Championships** in the past years!!!! Three U-13, two Gr. 8, three Jr. and six AAA titles. Our girls program has been one of the top and most competitive programs in the province's history.

### Details Include:

**6 Sessions:** SEPT 28, OCT 12, OCT 26, NOV 2, NOV 16, NOV 23

**Run Time:** 6:00 → 7:30

**Cost:** \$85.00 (Payable by Cash or check made out to Brookwood Secondary School) All players will receive a FNH t-shirt.

\*Bring your own ball if you have one (girls size 6 or 28.5)

\*Grades 2-5 will be separated from grades 6/7's, (advanced grade 5's may move up)

Emails will be sent to remind you of our start date. Please fill out the form below and drop off with payment at the registration table when you arrive on the first night. Please come 15-20 min early on the first night to get registered. If you have any questions please email Chris Veale at [vealebasketball@gmail.com](mailto:vealebasketball@gmail.com)

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### Player info

(please print clearly)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size: YOUTH:    S        M        L  
ADULT:                    S        M        L        XL

### Parent info

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE:** Consideration of the acceptance of the application for the registration, I intending to be legally bound hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against Friday Night Hoops or it's representatives and/or assignees, for any and all damages which may be sustained and suffered by me in connection with my association with or entry in the league.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature Date