



Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Date:

Dear Parents:

I trust that everyone had special time with family and friends over our Thanksgiving long weekend. Again, I want to thank Mrs. Toews, Ms. Younger and their Grade 4 classes for presenting "Thanksgiving Dinner" to introduce our first character trait of Gratitude. Over the next few weeks all of our students will be contributing a "leaf" to our front gratitude tree so be sure to stop by our main office and check it out.

We have now completed our staffing for the school year and welcome Mr. Ironmonger to our team. He is job sharing in the Grade 5 classroom with Mrs. Cox and will be teaching on Thursday and Fridays. He comes to us from Pacific Academy with over 20 years of experience. I trust that you will make him feel welcome at our school.

It's that time of year again for our Parent/Teacher Conferences. You will be able to sign up for a conference time with your child's teacher starting on Monday, October 15th at 9:00 am until Monday, October 22 at 10:00 pm. The link for the website is:

<https://lfes.parentteacherconferences.net>

access code: lfes2018

Our school will be participating in the Great BC Shake Out Earthquake drill on Thursday, October 18th. We will be doing our drill in the afternoon as the 18th is also our individual photo day.

Reminders for Parents

The RCMP will be making regular stops by our school to check on traffic and parking. Please remember that when you are waiting to pick up your child and you are still on the street your vehicle should be running at all times. Also, do not block side roads and driveways. In our lot, the only place you can stop to pick up your child is in the first lane (pick up/drop off). It is unsafe to have your child cross over to the drive thru lane for pick up. If you want to avoid the traffic try arriving 10 minutes after the bell as most of the cars have left by 2:50 pm. Certainly a lot less stressful.

Please do not park in the visitor parking in our neighbouring townhomes.

The church gravel parking lot is for parents of Kindergarten and Grade 1 children only.

Learning Commons News

Our Langley Book Of The Year program is now underway. This is a district wide program that our grade 3, 4, and 5 students may choose to be a part of. If students choose to read 4 of the 10 selected books they qualify to vote for their favorite book in May. At the end of May, the book with the most votes will be announced to our Langley schools. We have a special celebration at our school for those students who read beyond the 4 books and meet the following criteria: Grade 3 – complete 5 books, Grade 4 – complete 7 books, and Grade 5 – complete 8 books. For Library staff to keep track of the books that students read we ask for students to visit the library after reading one of the selected books. Students will be asked to share about the book or answer a few questions for us to see that they have read the book. Many of our intermediate teachers are also reading aloud these selected books in the classroom which also gives credit to students.



Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) will be taking place on Monday, October 22nd. Our entire school will be joining school across Canada to spend 20 minutes reading in celebration of BC School Library Day.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 18	Individual Photo Day/
Movie Night/Hot lunch	
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.
Monday, October 22	DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) 12:45-1:15
Wednesday, October 24	Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00-7:30 pm Early Dismissal at 1:40 pm
Thursday, October 25	Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00-4:30 pm Early Dismissal at 1:40 pm
Monday, October 29	Collaboration. Dismissal at 1:25 pm
Wednesday, October 31	Hallowe'en Spirit Day

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

House Points

Our Hallowe'en Spirit day is coming soon!

PAC News

Christmas Tea Raffle Prizes Needed!!

The Christmas Tea Raffle last year was a great success thanks to the fantastic support of our Langley Fundamental School community. The raffle raised **\$18,650!!** The money was used to purchase computers and to fund field trips. This year we're looking to use a portion of the money raised to help pay for field trips, agendas, sports equipment, and updating the library commons. **Our goal is to raise \$20,000.**

We need your help to make our 2018 Raffle a Huge Success! Please consider supporting the Raffle through a Prize Donation. In previous years, families and businesses have donated: weekend getaways, gift certificates/baskets, iPads, sports tickets, and cash. Any size donation is greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support.

Raffle Prizes will be advertised on:

The LFES PAC Christmas Tea Raffle Website – over **2000 views per month** last year

The LFES school newsletter – sent to every family (**503 students**)

Sale of raffle tickets throughout the community (Top 3 prizes/donors on tickets)

A "Thank-you board" & prizes will be displayed at the Tea (approx. **1000+ visitors**)

To make a donation, please fill out the form below or visit our raffle website:

[http://lfespac.com/pac-events/christmas-tea raffle](http://lfespac.com/pac-events/christmas-tea-raffle)

The Christmas Tea Raffle website will provide you with information about the event, prize ideas, donation forms, and weekly updates.

Donations must be received no later than Wednesday October 31, 2018

Donation Form – Please return at your earliest convenience

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Contact Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Donator(s) Name: (will show on advertising): _____

Donator link to company website (if applicable): _____

Value of Donation: _____

Description of Donation: _____

If you have any questions, please contact Jacqui Jack 604-807-5906

Mrs. Paton

Improving Your Child's Reading Skills (K-2)

Parents are children's primary educators and are recognized for the crucial role they play in establishing the foundations of their children's education, facilitating their development and achievement and remedying educational and developmental problems.

Research has consistently proven that parent involvement increases student achievement in school. Students whose parents are involved in their education, especially their early literacy development, are more motivated to read, demonstrate a greater self-efficacy as readers and voluntarily participate in literacy activities more often. These students are more inherently interested in learning and they experience higher perceived competence, as well as exhibit more effort, concentration and attention.

In my experience as a Classroom, Resource and Reading Recovery Teacher, I have found that the majority of parents will try their best to support their child's academic development, but at times may not be aware of the most current or effective practices to improve their child's academic success. This seems especially true in the area of early literacy development.

Over the past ten years, I have worked very closely with parents to increase their understanding of how to support their children with their early literacy development. To do this, we are offering a 3 session workshop that we are strongly encouraging parents with children in Kindergarten to Grade 2 to attend.

If you would like to participate in this program, you would be expected to attend all three Parent Information Evenings at Coghlan Fundamental Elementary where we will work together to develop an increased understanding of how to support your child's development as strategic readers and word detectives.

In the weeks between sessions, you will be expected to read daily with your child and support their reading development by using the prompts and strategies that we will discuss.

Dates of Parent Information Evenings: (approximately 1 hour sessions; 6:30 pm start)

- Thursday, Nov 1; Thursday, November 15th; Thursday, November 29th
- Child minding will be provided (Please let me know if you require childminding in your RSVP so I will have enough caregivers available)

If you would like to participate in this program, please RSVP to me by email at cgracie@sd35.bc.ca by October 26th.

Thank you so much for your time and the interest you show in your child's education.

Cathy Gracie

Proud Principal Coghlan Fundamental Elementary



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

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



October 11, 2018

Dear Langley School District Families:

Re: Langley School District Reducing Natural Gas Usage as Province Experiences Shortage

As you have likely heard, a large natural gas pipeline explosion near Prince George has greatly reduced the availability of natural gas in British Columbia. As such, FortisBC has asked that British Columbians conserve natural gas as the supply lines are being repaired ([CBC News: FortisBC asks customers to turn down the thermostat in wake of pipeline explosion](#)). Conservation efforts are also underway in Washington State.

For this reason, the Langley School District would like to contribute and participate in the conservation efforts by reducing natural gas consumption until the supply lines are restored. In order to reduce gas usage, the District will lower thermostats, and therefore temperatures, in all of its schools and facilities by two degrees Celsius. As much as 70 percent of the natural gas customers in BC may be impacted by the reduction in gas supply and the students and staff of the School District can assist those who may be in more direct need by dressing more warmly rather than relying on ambient heat. The District would like to encourage everyone to slip on a sweater or pull on a hoodie in the coming days to conserve natural gas for those in more northerly areas to access the gas flow.

By wearing another layer indoors, like a sweater or hoodie, the students and staff of the School District can do something simple that greatly benefits others. District Leadership would like to thank you in advance for your participation and cooperation as temporary small sacrifices add up to positive change for the citizens of BC.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school administration or email feedback@sd35.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gord Stewart".

Gord Stewart
Superintendent of Schools