



Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Date: Thursday, October 25

Dear Parents:

Thank you for attending the two days of Parent/Teacher interviews that were held yesterday and today. It's an opportune time to meet with your child's teacher in October, well before the first term report cards come out. It gives you as parents a chance to see the areas where support is needed and help your child achieve their goals by the first report card. As a school we are specifically working on numeracy and character development goals again this year. Literacy is also an extremely important skill necessary for success in school and beyond. Our teachers continue to provide literacy and numeracy rich classroom environments where your child can learn at their own rate and advance. Please try to read with your child and engage in number sense activities daily. Parents play a key role in literacy development and in helping their children learn mathematical concepts involving time, shape, measurement and number.

Our Youth Care Worker (Mrs. Steier) is looking for some gently used lego and cooperative board games so if you are trying to clean out some clutter at home send them our way!

We are working on helping our students act appropriately during the recess/lunch play times as well as lining up at their classroom doors before the day starts. I know that it's natural for children to roughhouse play with other children and in a home environment this is controlled and acceptable play, but some of our students are engaging in the physical play at school. This is especially evident before and after school. Could you please remind your child not to engage in this type of play while at school.

Reminders for Parents

Ready, Set, Learn is coming to our school this November. These events provide a fun, family-oriented atmosphere with the intent of supporting children's transition for school. If you would like to sign your child up please phone our office. The dates are as follows:

November 16	1:30 - 2:30 Early Literacy
November 23	1:30 - 2:30 Early Numeracy
November 30	1:30 - 2:30 Fine Motor

All sessions will be taking place in the Learning Commons.

If you need to pick up your child before the end of the day, please remember to sign them out from the office. Also, if at any time you need to find them outside during the recess/lunch play times you need to sign in at the office and take a LFES visitor tag outside with you. The safety of our students is a priority so all personnel must be identified when outside with children.

Learning Commons News

Swing Into Reading: please return all October home reading calendars by November 5th. We will have prize draws the week of November 5th-8th for those students who have returned their calendars. November calendars will be coming home next week. Remember to place your child's calendar in a safe place and record minutes read each day.

Congratulations to Soren Collemine for qualifying for our Langley Book of The Year celebration lunch in May. We have a limited number of the ten books so it may be helpful to take out these books from the Fraser Valley Public Libraries throughout the Langley School District.

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 29	Collaboration. Dismissal at 1:25 pm
Wednesday, October 31	Hallowe'en Dress up Spirit Day
Monday, November 5	PAC meeting at 9:00 am in the MPR. All parents welcome
Wednesday, November 7	Photo re-takes
Thursday, November 8	Remembrance Day Assembly. Time TBA
Friday, November 9	No School
Monday, November 12	Schools closed for Remembrance Day
Friday, November 16	Hot Lunch
Tuesday, November 20	Collaboration. Dismissal at 1:25 pm
Friday, November 23	Crazy Hair Spirit Day/RSL (ready, set, learn) in Library for 3 and 4 year olds. Early Literacy.
Monday, November 26	Early dismissal for report card prep at 11:25 am

House Points

Our first Spirit Day is fast approaching. Wear your best Hallowe'en costume on October 31st. Please remember to not send any weapons that accompany costumes with your child on this day.

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



October 18, 2018

Dear Langley School District Families:

Re: Cannabis Legalization

As you are likely aware, the Cannabis Act came into effect October 17, 2018 legalizing recreational cannabis (marijuana) in Canada. In British Columbia, 19 is the minimum age to possess, consume, produce, supply or attempt to purchase cannabis products or cannabis accessories in any form.

For schools, the legalization of cannabis changes very little. Cannabis is still illegal for anyone under 19, and remains a controlled substance, not unlike alcohol. The Langley School District [Code of Conduct](#) continues to apply to illegal or restricted substances and cannabis products are still not permitted in Langley schools. Intoxication or impairment as a result of consuming any controlled substance is still prohibited. Cannabis cannot be consumed, smoked or vaped anywhere tobacco smoking and vaping are prohibited. This includes: a workplace, vehicle, playground or outdoor park, sports field, skate park, or other places where children commonly gather, near entry/exits, or at a bus stop.

Important Things to Know About Cannabis

- **Cannabis cannot be sold, supplied or permitted to be consumed by anyone under 19; it is still illegal for anyone under 19.**
- **Cannabis products cannot be consumed on any School District property.**
- **Impairment or intoxication is not permitted on school property.**
- **Cannabis can cause damage to a developing brain and families should learn about the health implications of cannabis use.**

Helpful resources for families:

- www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/district-code-of-conduct-dress-guidelines/
- For information on cannabis and cannabis laws, please visit: <https://cannabis.gov.bc.ca> or <https://Canada.ca/cannabis>
- www.heretohelp.bc.ca/workbook/cannabis-use-and-youth-a-parents-guide
- www.letstalkcannabis.ca

If you have any further questions about how cannabis legalization is being addressed in Langley schools, please contact your school administrator.

Sincerely,

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

Gord Stewart
Superintendent of Schools

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