

Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Dear Parents:

Last Monday was our annual Family Literacy Day and once again many of you came to school to read with your child or a group of children. It was so peaceful walking through the halls, library and classrooms and seeing small groups reading and enjoying a story together. Reading is an essential skill for all of our children to have, but we also want to build in them a passion for reading that will continue throughout their lifetime. Reading is something that we should do for pleasure and not just for information. Thank you for your support in reading with your child and modelling your love of it. That was evident by the volume of parents (grandparents etc.) who showed up to read on a Monday morning.

We have noticed an increase in student absences due to illness in the recent few weeks. Unfortunately we are in the midst of flu season and many of our students are becoming sick during the school day. If you notice your child has a fever or is complaining of a stomachache please keep them at home. This will help prevent the spread of viruses to other students and staff. We also encourage them to wash their hands frequently and certainly before eating.

Reminders for Parents

Our chess club for grade 4 and 5 students is up and running on Thursdays. Encourage your child to come out and learn a new skill or hone their present skills. It's always a great turn out.

Please be aware of our school neighbours and be careful not to block driveways or roadways. The police will be making regular visits to enforce the rules of the road.

Learning Commons News

Langley Book Of The Year: Congratulations to Hana Timmins for qualifying for the celebration lunch in May.

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Reading Link Challenge: We are continuing to meet every Monday morning to prepare for our in-school challenge. This date will be announced shortly. The team that wins our in-school challenge will advance to the Langley challenge that will be on Wednesday, April 10th at 1pm. Encourage your child to read all six of the books over the next 5 weeks.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 6 Collaboration. Early dismissal at 1:25 pm

Friday, February 8 Grade 5 final ski date

Thursday, February 14 Spirit Day; wear red, pink or white

Friday, February 15 Pro-d. School not in session Monday, February 18 Family Day. Schools are closed

Thursday, February 21 Hot Lunch

Monday, February 25 Report card prep. Students dismissed at 11:25 am

Friday, March 8 Term 2 report cards released

Tuesday, March 12 Grade 5 entrepreneurial fair in the gym

Wednesday, March 13 Early Dismissal at 1:40 pm for student-led conferences Thursday, March 14 Early Dismissal at 1:40 pm for student-led conferences

Friday, March 15 Last day prior to Spring Break

House Points

Our half-way to summer spirit day was very interesting. I saw everything from dressing totally in summer wear to a combination of winter/summer. Very creative! Here are the points and totals to date:

	Half-way to summer	Total
Canadians	386	1625
Canucks	392	1660
Lions	382	1642
Whitecaps	371	1691

A close race. Next Spirit Day is February 14; dress in white, red or pink.

School Goals

Character: A special thank you to Mrs. Thomson's grade 3 class for their wrap up assembly on compassion. They did a video demonstrating all the different ways they could show compassion in their class and in their school. It looked like they had a lot of fun making it as well.

Numeracy: Although knowledge of facts is important the understanding behind these concepts is essential. Playing math games is a fun way to enrich your child's learning and asking the "why" helps them to solidify their understanding.

Mrs. Paton

