

Langley Jundamental Elementary School

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Date: September 5, 2019 Dear Parents:

Welcome Back! I trust that you had a relaxing and fun summer with your families. I love this time of year when structure and routines are back in place; I truly believe that children thrive in these types of environments as well. As a way to build some community and welcome everyone back, the rolling bulletin board is in the front entrance way for all students, staff, parents and teachers to write up encouraging messages. It's exciting to see the thoughtful comments that have been placed there this week.

This September we welcome some new faces! Welcome to Mr. Durnin (VP and grade 5), and Mrs. Van De Bon and Ms. Soriano who will be working in classrooms to support students. I am still in the process of hiring a grade 4 teacher and will let you know as soon as I do.

Student safety is a priority for us. To help keep your child safe please remember the following protocols:

*If you are coming to take your child out of class early be sure to check them out at the office. If you have someone else picking them up for you, please let the office know who will be picking them up.

*when working in classrooms or outside; sign in and wear a visitor tag.

*let the office know if your child is going to be away or sick not just the teacher. Thank you for helping us ensure your child is safe by following the above.

This year we are combining Meet the Teacher night with a BBQ (sponsored by the PAC). The BBQ will begin at 5:30 pm and teachers will be available in their classrooms to meet parents anytime between 6-7 pm. We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, September 18th.

Last year a group of teachers and parents were involved in implementing a change for our school logo. This year we will be offering spirit wear with the logo for all students and families to purchase. T-Shirts, pullover and zipped hoodies will be available towards the end of September. More information to come.

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Reminders for Parents

I am going to include parking lot etiquette for you in this newsletter to help you navigate our very busy lot. Please share this information with other family members that may pick up or drop off your child too.

- •Please stay in your vehicle if you are in the drop off/pick up lane. This is the one closest to the school. Remember to drive ahead when there is room so that other parents can move up in line as well. If you need to go into the school, please find a parking spot and come inside.
- •Always park in allocated spaces and not in driveways or roadways that have been marked as no parking. The police will be enforcing safe driving practices over the course of this year.
- •The church parking lot is for our new kindergarten parents and parents of grade 1 students. Always back into the stall for student safety and hold you child's hand when walking through the lot. The gravel area is the only area for parent parking so please respect this wish of the church. They are very generous to allow us parking on their space!
- •The space under the flags is for emergency vehicles and district personnel. Please do not block these areas.

Learning Commons News

Did your family join the summer reading program "Imagine The Possibilities" from the Fraser Valley Regional Libraries? If your children completed their reading logs please send your children with their reading logs to the library. We are displaying them on the bulletin board outside the library, and students will receive a small prize.

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 9 9:00 am PAC meeting in the MPR

Wednesday, September 18 BBQ 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Meet the Teacher 6:00-7:00 pm

Thursday, September 19 Terry Fox Run 1:00 pm start time (staggered for

primary and intermediate students)

Friday, September 20 Pro-d. School not in session

Thursday, September 26 Artstarts presentation. Green Thumb Theatre

9:00 am

Friday, September 27 Hot Lunch

House Points

Our house points are set to 0 and we are ready for another year of competitive fun. Our first spirit day is Hallowe'en so start planning your costumes.

Mrs. Paton



August 30, 2019

Back to School 2019

Dear parents and guardians of B.C. students:

Welcome to the new school year – I hope you enjoyed a safe and restful summer. Whether your child is entering Kindergarten or nearing graduation, it's a great time to be a student in B.C.'s education system.

New this year, all students in the province will be learning from B.C.'s new curriculum and working towards completing the new Graduation Program and assessments, with the K-12 curriculum redesign process now complete. Students now have more opportunities to explore their passions and engage in inquiries and hands-on activities as they develop their foundational skills and knowledge. In the graduation years, students will have a range of new course options in areas such as environmental science, web development, digital media, engineering and robotics, giving them the chance to develop the skills they need to pursue their individual goals.

We are committed to true and lasting reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, and education is a key part of that. Indigenous students deserve culturally relevant services and programs, and all students have something to gain from an education that includes Indigenous cultures and perspectives. First Nations partners have helped us ensure the new curriculum accurately and fairly reflects the rich history of Indigenous Peoples in B.C., across all grades and subjects.

Parents know better than anyone that kids today are facing challenges we never imagined when it comes to social media, mental health and other challenges. All students deserve the best educational experience possible in healthy, positive and safe schools. We've expanded the ERASE (Expect Respect and a Safe Education) strategy to focus on mental health and wellness, substance use, social media safety, gang prevention and supporting students of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

All students in B.C. will have access to free menstrual products in school washrooms this year – ensuring stigma free access so that students don't miss school, extracurricular, sports or social activities because they can't afford menstrual products.

Students are returning to an education system that has more resources than ever before. Our government is investing \$1 billion more in education than just three years ago. They will attend some of the smallest classes in a generation, with more educators and others supports in the classroom. And we've invested over \$1.5 billion in new schools, expansions and seismic upgrades to ensure our kids are learning in safe, modern and comfortable schools.

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<u>Family Accident Reimbursement Plan</u> Voluntary Insurance

Our insurance partner, iA Financial Group, is now offering a new comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family.

The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan is ideal for supplementing costs not covered by your provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans. Regardless of the size of your family, all eligible family members can be insured under one set monthly rate.

Your coverage also includes a critical illness component, which pays out a lump-sum amount if any of the covered individuals are diagnosed with one of the covered conditions. Plus, the money can be spent however you need. Use it to pay medical expenses, take care of bills or cover income lost due to recovery. That's one less thing to worry about while you or someone in your family recovers from a serious illness.

Key Benefits

Accident Insurance Benefits

Accident Insurance Benefits are payable if an injury from an accident results in a loss, treatment, or expenses not covered by any existing health plans. Specific benefits covered include:

- A Permanent Total Disability Benefit of \$100,000
- An Accidental Death Benefit of \$20,000

Expense Reimbursement Benefits

- Dental Benefits should any of your children require dental treatment resulting from an
 accident, they can receive coverage for dental work done within 7 years after the accident.
- Hospital Stay Benefits covers hospital services (including hospital room and other necessary hospital services such as a registered nurse, wheelchairs, casts and prescription drugs)
- Funeral Expense Benefit up to a maximum of \$5,000

Critical Illness Insurance Benefits

Tax-free lump-sum payment of up to \$10,000 if an insured is diagnosed with one of the following conditions:

Critical Illness Insurance Covered Conditions

	For All Insureds	For Dependent Children Only
Cancer (Life-Threatening)	✓	✓
Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery	✓	✓
Heart Attack	✓	✓
Stroke	✓	✓
Cerebral Palsy		✓
Congenital Heart Disease		✓
Cystic Fibrosis		✓
Down Syndrome		√
Muscular Dystrophy		✓

