



Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019

Dear Parents:

Wednesday night we held our BBQ/Meet the Teacher combined event. Thanks to the many parents who came out to enjoy a BBQ and meet their child's teacher as well as the numerous people involved in food preparation, organization and decorations. The weather was perfect and we had a huge turnout. I look forward to another great year working with the amazing families at LFES.

We started our school year with the theme: "Be Here Be You Belong." Every child has a longing to be part of a community and feel accepted by those around them. Below is the board that students/staff/parents were encouraged to write positive messages on. It was heartwarming to read the welcoming notes.



This year we are excited to offer choir for grade 4 and 5 students during the school day. They will be practicing right after lunch on Tuesdays. I know the students, under Mrs. Spaulding's guidance, will do some amazing things.

Reminders for Parents

Our Kindergarten and Grade 1 parents have the privilege of using the church parking lot for pick up and drop off. When you are parking there remember to back into the stalls and please do not block other vehicles by parking in front of them.

Our drive through lane in front of the school is for drop off/pick up only. Please remain in your vehicle and drive up as far as you can to pick up/drop off your child. Never leave your car unattended in this lane.

There is a food bank bin by our Library Commons entrance. We are continuing to collect non-perishable items to help support needy students in our Langley district.

Learning Commons News

This year our home reading program is called "Reading Is My Superpower" and it starts on Tuesday, October 1st. The October calendar and instructions for the program will be coming home soon. Please keep the calendar in a safe place and record the minutes each day that your children spend reading at home. At LFES we value the importance of literacy and reading is a superpower that our students need to succeed. Make reading a daily habit in your home and enjoy the love of reading together as a family. If you have any questions about the program see Mrs. Aikema in the library.

Upcoming Events

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
Monday, September 30	Orange Shirt Day
Monday, October 6	PAC meeting at 6:30 pm

House Points

Our first spirit day is October 31.

PAC News

If you would like to be part of the PAC Facebook page the link is below:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/lfesparents/?epa=SEARCH_BOX



September 17, 2019

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 7, 2019. 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://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/assessment/fsa-parent-brochure.pdf>

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

Sincerely,

Gord Stewart

Superintendent of Schools

LAUNCHING YOUR CHILD: Successful Kindergarten Transition



Presented by Dr. Dayna McCracken

Who is this presentation for?

- Caregivers of young children transitioning into kindergarten

What will I gain?

- Develop understanding and awareness of the developmental factors occurring in your child
- Gain understanding as to how the changes in development affect the brain and behaviours.
- Learn parenting strategies that strengthen the relationship with your child and improve child behaviour
- Self-compassion and community with other caregivers

Topics Covered

- Child Development
- Attachment and Attunement
- Attachment-Friendly Interventions
- Emotional Dysregulation & Stress Response
- Positive Parenting Strategies

October 3, 2019, 6:00 – 7:30pm

Langley School District Office - Board Room
4875 222 St, Langley

Presenters: Dayna McCracken, M.A., RCC
Jalene Davies, MA, CCC
Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Clinicians
Langley Child & Youth Mental Health

Registration Required: <https://launching.thinklangley.com/>

This is a free event.

