



# Willoughby Elementary School

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## Upcoming Events

<b>January 12 &amp; 13:</b>	Drumming Presentation – Sponsored by the PAC
<b>January 15:</b>	Black Excellence Day
<b>January 16:</b>	Hot Lunch & Fun Hair Friday
<b>January 19:</b>	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
<b>January 23:</b>	Hot Lunch
<b>February 6:</b>	Hot Lunch
<b>February 9:</b>	Pro D – No students in attendance
<b>February 12:</b>	Red, White and Pink Spirit Day
<b>February 13:</b>	Design and Assessment Day -No students in attendance
<b>February 16:</b>	Family Day
<b>February 20:</b>	Hot Lunch
<b>Feb 23- 27:</b>	Respect and Diversity week
<b>February 25:</b>	Pink Shirt Day
<b>March 1-6:</b>	Student Inclusive Conferences
<b>March 4:</b>	Early Dismissal 12:30 pm (SIC)
<b>March 5:</b>	No students in attendance – Full Day SIC
<b>March 13:</b>	Spirit Day-Sports Jersey Day
<b>March 13:</b>	Last Day Prior Day to Spring Break



## Reminders

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**January 15: Black Excellence Day**

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**January 19: PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons**





## It's Flu Season

It's that time of year when we see a rise in illnesses impacting students and staff in our school. We are hearing from families about colds, respiratory illnesses, and stomach bugs circulating in our community. As a reminder to help keep our school community healthy and well, we are sharing this online resource from our community partner Fraser Health. Here you will find information about protecting your child from communicable diseases and managing their illnesses:

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/school-health/illness-and-immunizations/illness-in-the-classroom>

### **Child and Youth Mental Health (from Fraser Health)**

*Health, safety, and wellness continue to be a priority in our schools. To help support our students and families, we are sharing important information from our community partner Fraser Health about Child and Youth Mental Health. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.*

### **Support Your Child's Mental Health**

Positive mental health allows us to enjoy our lives and can help children and youth weather the normal ups and downs of life. It plays a critical role in the healthy development of children and youth, supporting their ability to build healthy relationships and succeed in school.

### **How Can Parents Support Positive Mental Health?**

Parents can foster positive mental health through strong and caring relationships with their children.

- Self-care – focus on doing something for yourself, even if just for a few minutes.
- Build routines – consistent schedules, such as meal, sleep and play times help children feel safe.
- Connect – talk and listen to their feelings and experiences.
- Be active together – take a walk and build physical activity into family time.
- Take notice – encourage and praise the positive behaviours and choices your children make.
- Keep learning – encourage your child to learn from both positive and negative experiences.
- Be present, not perfect – give your time, your encouragement and your presence.

Get more information about positive mental health for children and youth [here](#).

Sometimes parents aren't sure how to talk about mental health. Learn more about [tips for how to talk to your child or teen about mental health](#).

Family transitions like separation and divorce can be tough and can impact mental health. To learn more and access practical resources visit [FamiliesChange.ca](#).

Need help? Find out services, programs and resources for your child and/or youth on Fraser Health's [Child and youth mental health](#) page.

Remember, you can get fast and reliable health advice from registered nurses with emergency experience who have access to your child's personal health record. Contact them via phone at 1-800-314-0999 or web chat. Learn more at [Fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare](#).

**INCLEMENT  
WEATHER  
INFORMATION**



### **Information About School Status During Inclement Weather**

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in the Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you can access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/school-status-alerts>. Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](https://www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict). If you don't have internet connectivity, but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of the school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30 am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

### **Student Learning Survey**

We are excited to invite you to participate in British Columbia's annual Student Learning Survey—a valuable opportunity for your voice to inform school improvements.

This confidential survey explores important topics like student well-being, learning environments, and engagement, helping us understand what is working well and where we can grow. Your honest feedback ensures our school continues to be a place where every student can thrive. The survey is quick and easy, and your input will directly influence decisions on resources, supports, and programs throughout the school year. Thank you for taking a few moments to make a meaningful difference in our learning community!

*The participants access the survey by using their unique Logon # or direct access (see below) and going to the following website:*

### [Parent access](#)

*The survey saves on every page and can be re-entered by participants if they need to leave and return later. Please note that participants not using a unique logon number are not able to re-access the same survey.*

*Parents may access the survey through the Parent Direct Access from the website listed above by selecting their child's district, school name, and language of preference. Please complete the surveys before the end of April.*

### **Incoming Kindergarten Students 2025-2026**

**The Annual Kindergarten Welcome Teams event for ALL incoming Kindergarten is on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_ZTBiNTJlOTMtZDM1My00MThkLWlzOTktZjc4OWQ5YWNkZWFn%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fcabfaae-f80a-4f74-b6a7-ba15c2a4bb24%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2230f921e8-4243-4d81-a040-dcdbe37f27f2%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTBiNTJlOTMtZDM1My00MThkLWlzOTktZjc4OWQ5YWNkZWFn%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fcabfaae-f80a-4f74-b6a7-ba15c2a4bb24%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2230f921e8-4243-4d81-a040-dcdbe37f27f2%22%7d)**

There will be an additional parent session in April for families of students with diverse needs. More information will be coming.

## "A Season of Theatre"

The Langley School District is proud to be presenting another season of Main Stage Productions! This year's lineup dives deep into what makes us human - **identity, love, resilience, and transformation**. From the bold defiance of *Antigone* to the glittering ambition of *Chicago*, the heart of *The Prom*, and the magic of *The Little Mermaid*, every show invites you to explore who we are and what we stand for. Please see the full listing of shows and dates at the link below and reserve your seats and experience the power of live theatre!

**Langley Schools**

# SEASON OF THEATRE

**the PROM SCHOOL EDITION**  
February 18-21, 25-28, 2026

Brookswood Secondary  
February 18-21, 25-28  
Tickets:

**110 STORIES**  
R.E. Mountain Secondary  
March  
See school website for ticket information

**LONDON SUITE**  
A PLAY BY NEIL SIMON  
Aldergrove Secondary  
May 26-29  
See school website for ticket information

**NEWSIES THE BROADWAY MUSICAL**  
Langley Secondary  
February 26-28, March 5-7  
Tickets:

**CHICAGO TEEN EDITION**  
Walnut Grove Secondary  
April 30, May 1-2, 7-9  
Tickets:

**EMMA**  
by Edith Wharton  
Based on the novel by Jane Austen  
U-Connect Secondary  
Chief Sepass Theatre  
May 2 and 3  
Tickets:

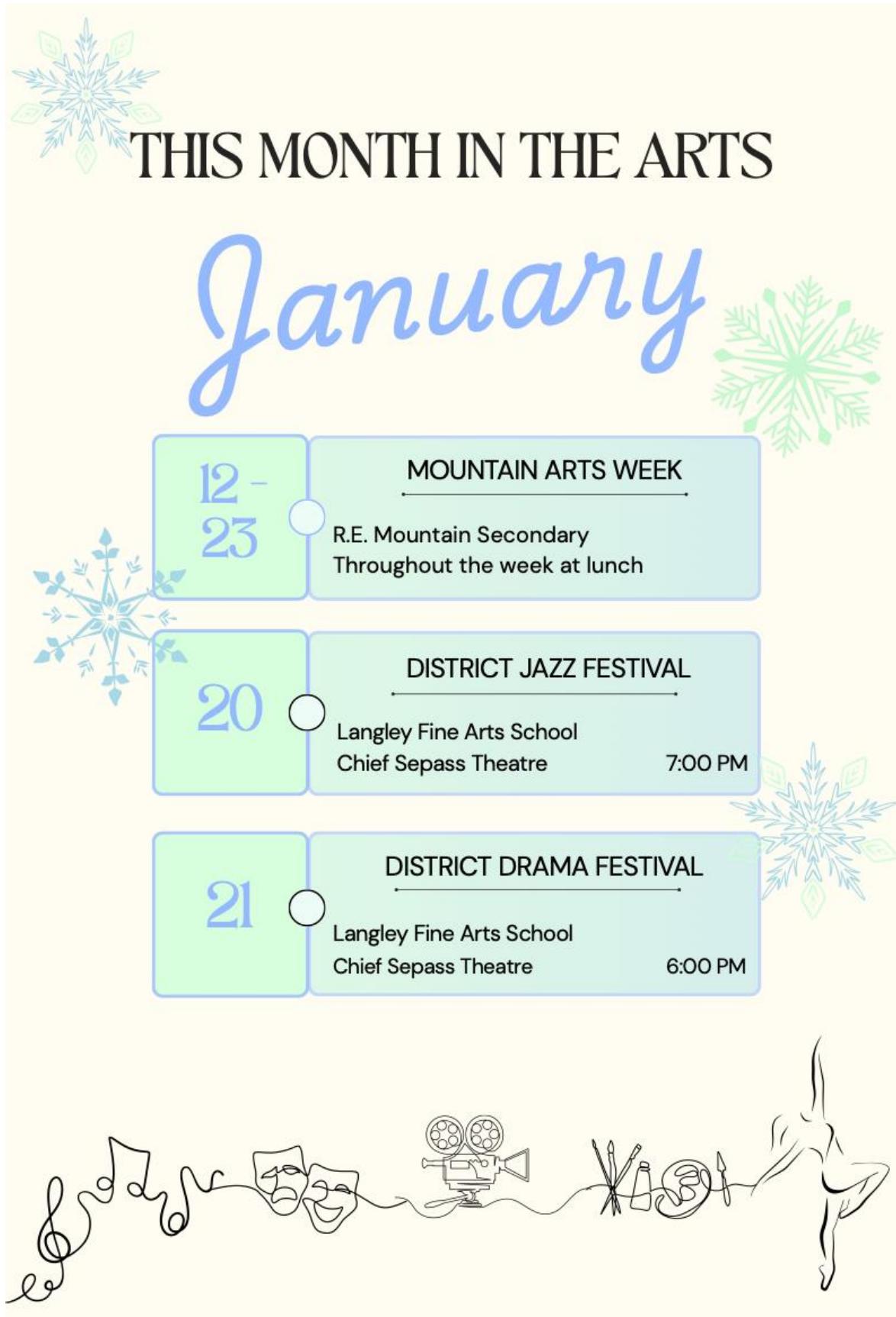
**ANTIGONE BY SOPHOCLES**  
Langley Fine Arts  
March 1 - 7  
Tickets:

**THE LITTLE MERMAID**  
Langley Fundamental Middle Secondary  
April 22-25, 27-29, May 1, 2  
See school website for ticket information

**NEWSIES THE BROADWAY MUSICAL**  
D.W. Poppy Secondary  
February 26-28, March 5-7  
Tickets:

## This Month in the Arts – January 2026

The Langley School District is proud to showcase the hard work of our Fine Arts students and teachers through our January “This Month in the Arts” poster which showcases the many different Arts Education productions and events that are happening around the District in January for staff, students, parents and community members to attend and enjoy!



THIS MONTH IN THE ARTS

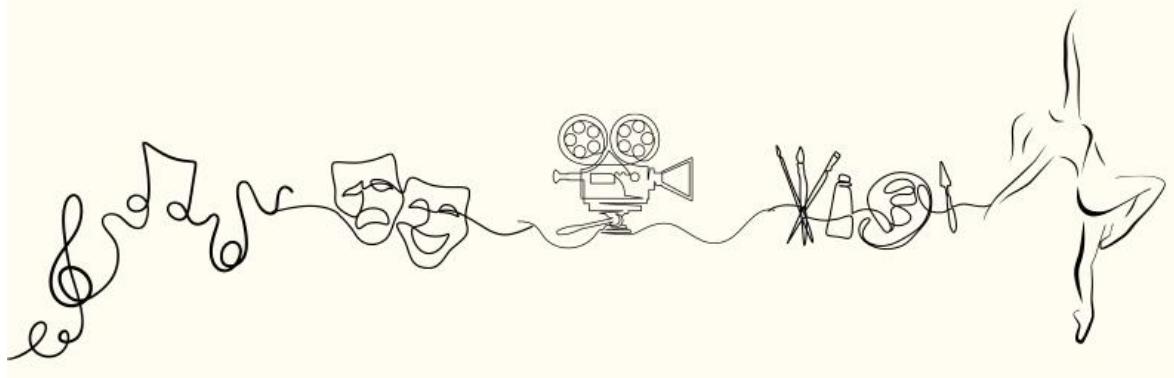
# January

12 - 23	MOUNTAIN ARTS WEEK
20	DISTRICT JAZZ FESTIVAL
21	DISTRICT DRAMA FESTIVAL

**MOUNTAIN ARTS WEEK**  
R.E. Mountain Secondary  
Throughout the week at lunch

**DISTRICT JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
Langley Fine Arts School  
Chief Sepass Theatre      7:00 PM

**DISTRICT DRAMA FESTIVAL**  
Langley Fine Arts School  
Chief Sepass Theatre      6:00 PM



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## Willoughby Elementary School PAC Meeting Agenda

Date: January 19, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: School Learning Commons

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Introductions
3. Adoption:
  - a. January 2026 Meeting Agenda
  - b. Meeting Minutes: November 2025
    - i. Past meeting agendas: <https://www.willoughbypac.ca/meeting-minutes-agenda/>
4. Principal's Report
5. Chair's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Review Gaming and General Accounts for November and December 2025
7. DPAC Report
8. Committee and Fundraising Reports:
  - a. Ongoing: Hot Lunch
  - b. Ongoing: COBS Reading Challenge
  - c. Recap: Vancouver Giants game
  - d. Recap: Sport, PE and recess equipment
  - e. Upcoming: Stay Safe Course
  - f. Upcoming: Pink Shirt Day poster contest
  - g. Upcoming: Treat Days:
    - i. Push Pops (May 1)
    - ii. Krispy Kreme (May 22)
  - h. Upcoming: Staff Appreciation Lunch (week of May 4)
  - i. Upcoming: Grade 5 Farewell ceremony- form committee
9. Event Reports:
  - a. Recap: Pancake Breakfast
  - b. Recap: Healthy Drums Workshop
  - c. Upcoming: Movie Night (Apr 17)
  - d. Upcoming: School Block Party (June 19)
10. Old Business
  - a. Playground funds
  - b. Parent Volunteer Food Safe course
  - c. Nature park
  - d. Stencil purchase for playground
11. New Business
  - a. Parent Education workshops
  - b. Teacher request: Kindergarten counting supplies, \$500
12. Open Discussion

Next Meeting: April 20, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons