

Hello PEMS Families,

It has been a busy and exciting start to October at Peter Ewart! We are incredibly proud of our students and grateful for the continued support of our families.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Terry Fox fundraising efforts. Grade 8 volleyball is now in full swing, and our athletes are showing great teamwork and school spirit. We are also very proud of our cross-country team members for their effort, determination, and positive representation of Peter Ewart.

Administrative Update at Peter Ewart Middle School

I would like to share an important update regarding administrative appointments within our school community and across the district.

As many of you are aware, I will be transitioning from Peter Ewart Middle School as I prepare to open and lead Langley's new middle school. I have been appointed Principal of Statlén Middle School, effective October 19, 2026, and will continue in my role as Principal of Peter Ewart until that date.

It has truly been a pleasure to serve the Peter Ewart community over the past three years. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated staff, engaged students, and supportive families. The relationships we have built and the experiences we have shared will always be meaningful to me. While I am excited to take on the opportunity and challenge of opening the district's newest middle school, I remain fully committed to Peter Ewart and our work together during this transition.

I am pleased to share that Ms. Erin Favero has been appointed Principal of Peter Ewart Middle School, effective October 19, 2026. Ms. Favero is a familiar and valued member of our school community, having served as Vice-Principal at Peter Ewart. She brings extensive experience from her previous roles as Vice-Principal at H.D. Stafford Middle School, District Teacher in the Instructional Services Department, Team Leader, and Classroom Teacher at Simonds, Peterson Road, and Uplands Elementary Schools.

Since early May 2026, Ms. Favero has been serving as Acting Principal at Glenwood Elementary School. She will remain in that role until October 19, when she will begin her new role at Peter Ewart. Ms. Favero is excited to return to our school community and continue her work with the Willoughby Slope Family of Schools. She brings strong leadership, a deep commitment to student success, and a genuine appreciation for the relationships that make our school community so special.

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for your ongoing support and partnership. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Favero as she steps into her new role. I am confident that Peter Ewart will be in excellent hands under her leadership.

The following are a few reminders of upcoming events and some new information.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on October 21st from 2:00-4:30pm and October 22nd from 2:00-7:30pm. Both days are early dismissal days where students will be dismissed 1 hour early.

An email will be sent home to book interviews using School Appointments.

Halloween Dance

The PAC is putting on a Halloween dance for our students on October 28th from 6-8pm.

Some Reminders:

Cell phones are not allowed. Students can use the office phones if they need to contact parents. If cell phones are brought, they will be put in an envelope with the student's name on it and locked in the office until after the dance.

Costumes cannot have any weapons or replica weapons. Masks are not allowed.

No ins and outs. Once students are at the dance they cannot leave and come back.

Finally, this dance is for PEMS students only. Students need to bring their student ID (this was sent home after picture day) or some other form of identification that will be shown before entering the dance.

October 30th

Students are allowed to dress up in costume at school on October 30th. Again, costumes cannot include weapons or replica weapons. Masks are not allowed.

From the District:

Byelection Day (October 25)

Election Day – Use of School Sites (October 17 and October 24)

On Saturday, October 17th (local election) and Saturday, October 24th (provincial election), many school gyms across the District will be used as election polling stations. As

guided by Section 81 of the Election Act “accommodation in a school that is the property of a Board of School Trustees under the School Act must be made available by the Board for use as a voting place.”

Please take note of extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area of these sites on these days. The District appreciates the support and cooperation from families and members of our community. The District is encouraging everyone who is eligible to do their civic duty and vote. For a list of school sites being used, visit the District website [here](#).

Parent Consent Forms on MyEDBC Ready for Families

Parent consent forms can now be received on MyEDBC. Families are asked to please log in to the [MyEDBC parent portal](#) and complete the process. A set of consent forms will need to be completed for each child attending a Langley school. It is advised to access MyEDBC and complete the parent consent forms using a desktop or laptop as the process requires the full site version (which is not mobile-friendly). For step-by-step instructions, please read [here](#). More information can be found on the District website [here](#).

Programs of Choice – Deadline to Register is Monday, October 26th

Langley School District offers a rich diversity of programs that are designed to meet the specific needs and interests of students. Programs include Fine Arts, French Immersion, Fundamental, Langley Environmental Awareness Program (outdoor education), Montessori, and UConnect. Registration for Kindergarten entry (for most programs) begins on **Monday, October 5th at 12 noon**, and closes on **Monday, October 26th at 12 noon**. For UConnect, please contact the school directly. For more information and instructions to register your child, visit our District website [here](#) and review our FAQ choice programs resource [here](#).

Student in Distress and School Safety

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Our schools follow procedures to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. Depending on the situation, communication to parents/caregivers is needed to keep families informed about incidents in our school, such as during lockdowns, hold & secures, and room clears, or in the event of a student in distress. Sometimes these situations may not be emergencies but events that require a school response. It is important to note that the decision to send communications to families is dependent on a variety of factors including the nature of what happened, who has witnessed or was directly impacted by what happened, as well as student and staff privacy. Communication is unique and dependent on the specific

situation; there are times when a student is in distress, yet the situation may or may not require a message or letter to families. In addition to communication with parents/caregivers, teachers and staff may debrief with students after an incident that may have upset them. In some cases, the school counsellor may offer support to students in need. As always, we want families to let us know if your child requires support. If you have any questions or concerns about communication related to situations or emergencies, please reach out to the school.

Staying Healthy this Winter (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 how to stay healthy this winter. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Keep Your Children Free From Respiratory Illnesses This Winter

As the weather gets colder and more time is spent indoors, we are more likely to get sick with things like colds, flu or COVID-19 because these illnesses spread more easily in enclosed spaces.

Everyone should take these steps to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Get vaccinated against flu and COVID-19.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have flu-like symptoms, stay home and away from people at higher risk of serious illness. If you are sick and cannot stay away from others, wear a mask. Learn more about masks [here](#).

Vaccinations for Respiratory Illness

Vaccinations prepare our immune system to recognize and respond to viruses. When children get immunized, they are less likely to get sick or pass along illness to others. When

children remain healthy, they are better able to focus on learning, playing and doing the activities they love. Their parents and caregivers also have less disruptions in their personal and work routines.

Register your children with the [Get Vaccinated](#) system so you can be reminded to get flu or COVID-19 vaccinations when they are due. Seasonal respiratory vaccinations are available from pharmacies, public health units and some primary care providers.

School-aged Immunizations

Getting your child [vaccinated on schedule](#) is one of the best ways to protect their health. To set young people up for long-term health and well-being, vaccines are offered routinely in kindergarten, grade 6 and grade 9 with catch-up opportunities in other grades.

Protection is long lasting for most vaccines, except for whooping cough. This vaccine is one of the [infant immunizations](#) that can wear off and needs to be given again around Kindergarten and Grade 9 to provide protection. All routine school-aged immunizations are free in British Columbia. If your child is not up to date with their vaccines, please make an appointment with a public health unit, family doctor, nurse practitioner or pharmacy.

If your child's record shows their vaccines are not current, but they did get vaccines from a health care provider outside of public health:

- Contact the health care provider who immunized your child and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
- Provide these immunization records to Public Health online at:
<http://www.fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform>

Learn more about school-aged immunizations, including how to access your child's records, here: [Children and youth immunizations – Fraser Health Authority](#)

Other Important Dates:

- October 12 – Thanksgiving Monday (Stat Holiday. School Closed)

- October 21 – Parent/Teacher Interviews (1 Hour Early Dismissal)
- October 22 – Parent/Teacher Interviews (1 Hour Early Dismissal)
- October 23 – Professional Development Day (Students do not attend.)
- October 28 – PAC Halloween Dance (6-8pm)
- November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11 – Remembrance Day (School Closed)
- November 20 – Design and Assessment Day and Learning Update Prep (Students Do Not Attend)

Happy Thanksgiving! Have a wonderful weekend,

Stephanie Labby

Principal of Peter Ewart Middle School

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