RCG Family Newsletter

October 2026

Dear RCG Families,

As we return from the Thanksgiving weekend, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for our wonderful school community.

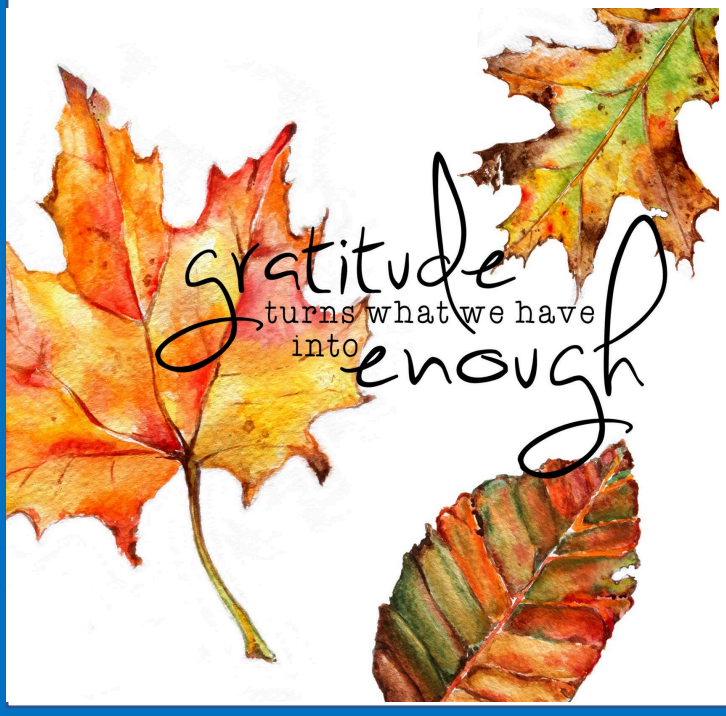
Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the people and experiences that enrich our lives, and I am thankful for the students, families, and staff who make our school such a caring and joyful place.

Over the past few weeks, our students have embraced all the joys of the Fall season. From the excitement and laughter of the Turkey Trot, to collecting colourful leaves while on outdoor walks, sharing gratitudes during classroom discussions, and enjoying shared meals together, there have been ample opportunities to appreciate the many beauties of the season.

These simple moments of social connection, world and inner-self exploration, and outdoor learning help create lasting memories for our children.

Thank you for being part of our wonderful RC Garnett school community. I hope your family enjoyed a restful Thanksgiving filled with special moments and time together.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Burns



30 Gratitude Prompts For Kids

1. What is the best thing that happened to you today?
2. Where is your favorite place to go?
3. Who makes you feel loved and how?
4. What is your favorite thing about your home?
5. What is something you use every day?
6. What skill are you most thankful for?
7. What is something that smells nice to you?
8. What is something nice your parents do for you?
9. What is your favorite time of day?
10. Describe something that makes you laugh.

School Spirit Days 2026-2027

Join in the fun and show your RCG pride! Participation is completely optional. Mark your calendars for our upcoming School Spirit Days!

October

Thursday 22nd
Crazy Hair Day

November

Tuesday 3rd
House Team Colour Day

Thursday 19th
Silly Socks

December

Friday 4th
Red, White & Green Day

Thursday 17th
PJ Day

January

Tuesday 12th
Jersey Day

February

Friday 12th
Red, White and Pink Day

Wednesday 24th
Pink Shirt Day

April

Thursday 1st
Inside Out/Backwards Day

May

Wednesday 26th
Wacky Hat Day

June

Wednesday 2nd
Sunglasses Day

Friday 11th
Sports Day

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.

Thank you for supporting our Coupon Book fundraiser! If your child did not sell their book, please return it to the school.



RCG Spirit Wear

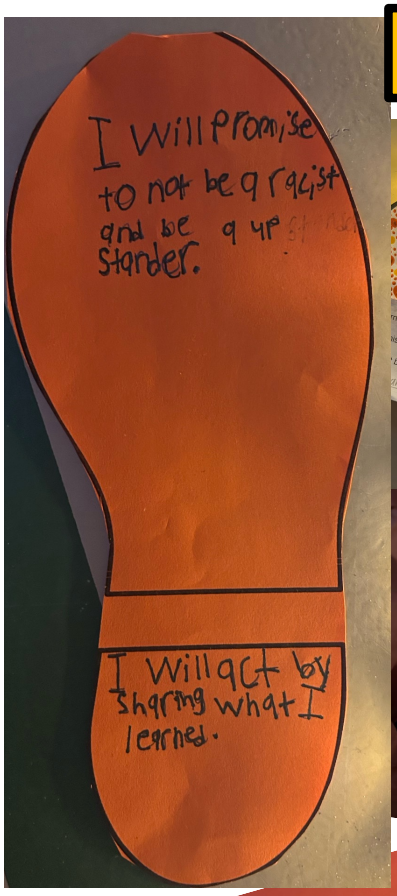
RCG Spirit wear is now available to order! Ordering will be available until October 25, 2026, please note NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. This year there are two sites one for school wear and the other specifically for Grade 5 hoodies. Please see below for each site.

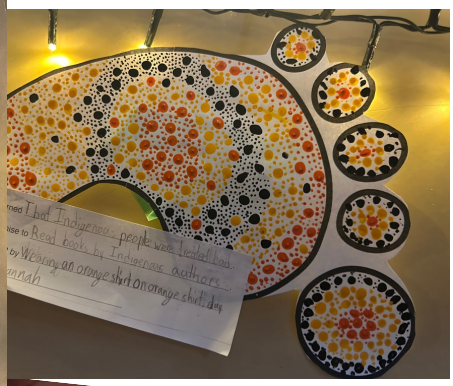
K-4 RCG Spirit Wear
https://rcgarnettelementaryschoolspiritwearfall2026.itemorder.com/

Grade 5 RCG Hoodies (ONLY order if your child is in Grade 5)
https://rcgarnettelementaryschoolgrade5hoodsfall2026.itemorder.com/

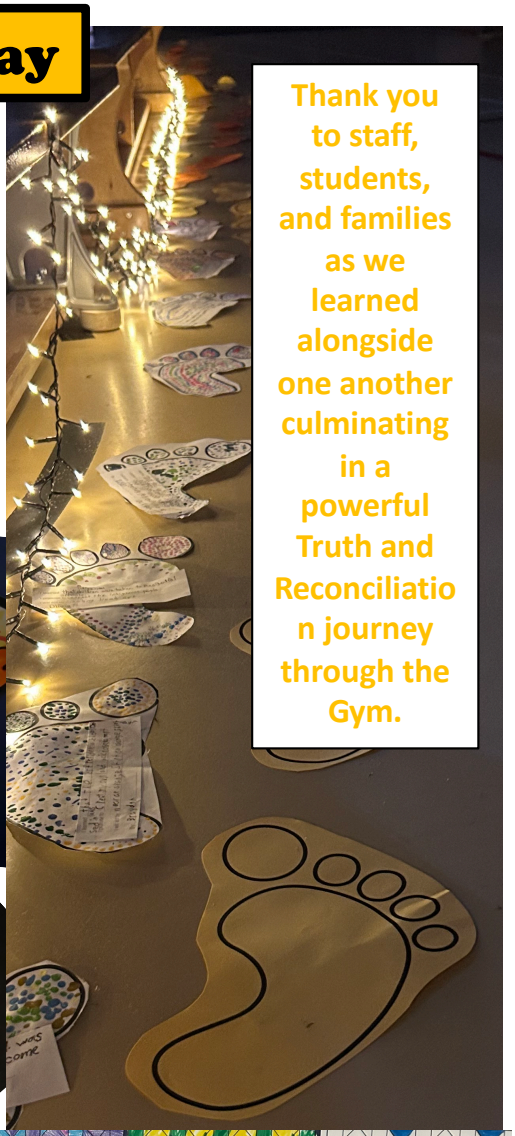
1. All orders must be paid for online at the time of purchase.
2. No cash orders will be accepted at the office.
3. This is the only time Spirit Wear will be available to purchase during the 26/27 school year.
4. All orders will be delivered directly to students at school in December.
5. Samples sizes are available in the front entrance for parents to check sizing before ordering. Ensure you double check if you are ordering a YOUTH size or an ADULT size.
6. No exchanges or returns as items are custom printed, so order carefully.

Orange Shirt Day

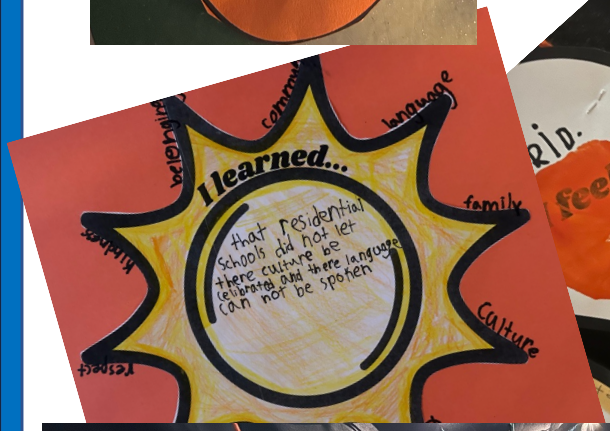








Thank you to staff, students, and families as we learned alongside one another culminating in a powerful Truth and Reconciliation journey through the Gym.








I help others belong by...
sharing
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RCG IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
Tuesday, Oct. 13	❖ Green Thumb Theater Performance for Students
Thursday, Oct. 15	❖ Earthquake Drill 'The Great Shake Out'
Friday, Oct. 16	❖ School Photo Day (avoid wearing green)
Tuesday, Oct. 20	❖ PAC Meeting 6:30pm
Thursday, Oct. 22	❖ Spirit Day: Crazy Hair!
Friday, Oct. 23	❖ No School for Students – Professional Development Day
Tuesday, Oct. 27	❖ Hot Lunch
Friday, Oct. 30	❖ Halloween Parade (AM) ❖ Halloween Dance 6:00-8:30pm (parent must attend with their child)
Tuesday, Nov. 3	❖ Spirit Day: House Colours!
Tuesday, Nov. 10	❖ Remembrance Day Assemblies, details tbd
Wednesday, Nov. 11	❖ No School – Remembrance Day
Thursday, Nov. 12	❖ Photo Retake Day (AM)
Nov. 16 - 27	❖ Trestle Tree Gymnastic Equipment in Gym for PHE lessons
Tuesday, Nov. 17	❖ Hot Lunch ❖ PAC Meeting 6:30pm
Thursday, Nov. 19	❖ Spirit Day: Silly Socks!
Friday, Nov. 20	❖ No school for Students: Design and Assessment Day
Tuesday, Dec. 1	❖ Hot Lunch
Wednesday, Dec. 2	❖ No School for Students: Student Inclusive Conferences
Thursday, Dec. 3	❖ Early Dismissal at 12:35pm: Student Inclusive Conferences
Friday, Dec. 4	❖ Candy Cane Sale ❖ Spirit Day: Red, White, and Green!
Thursday, Dec. 17	❖ Last day prior to Winter Break
Tuesday, Jan. 5	❖ First day back after winter break
Monday, Feb. 8	❖ No School for Students – Professional Development Day
Monday, Feb. 15	❖ No School: Family Day

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, including RCG, 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**.

SD35 - 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.

R.C. GARNETT PAC

HALLOWEEN DANCE

FRIDAY, OCT 30TH

6 - 8:30 PM

FIRST 40 MINS ARE SENSORY FRIENDLY

ADMISSION BY DONATION
MINIMUM 2$
CASH ONLY

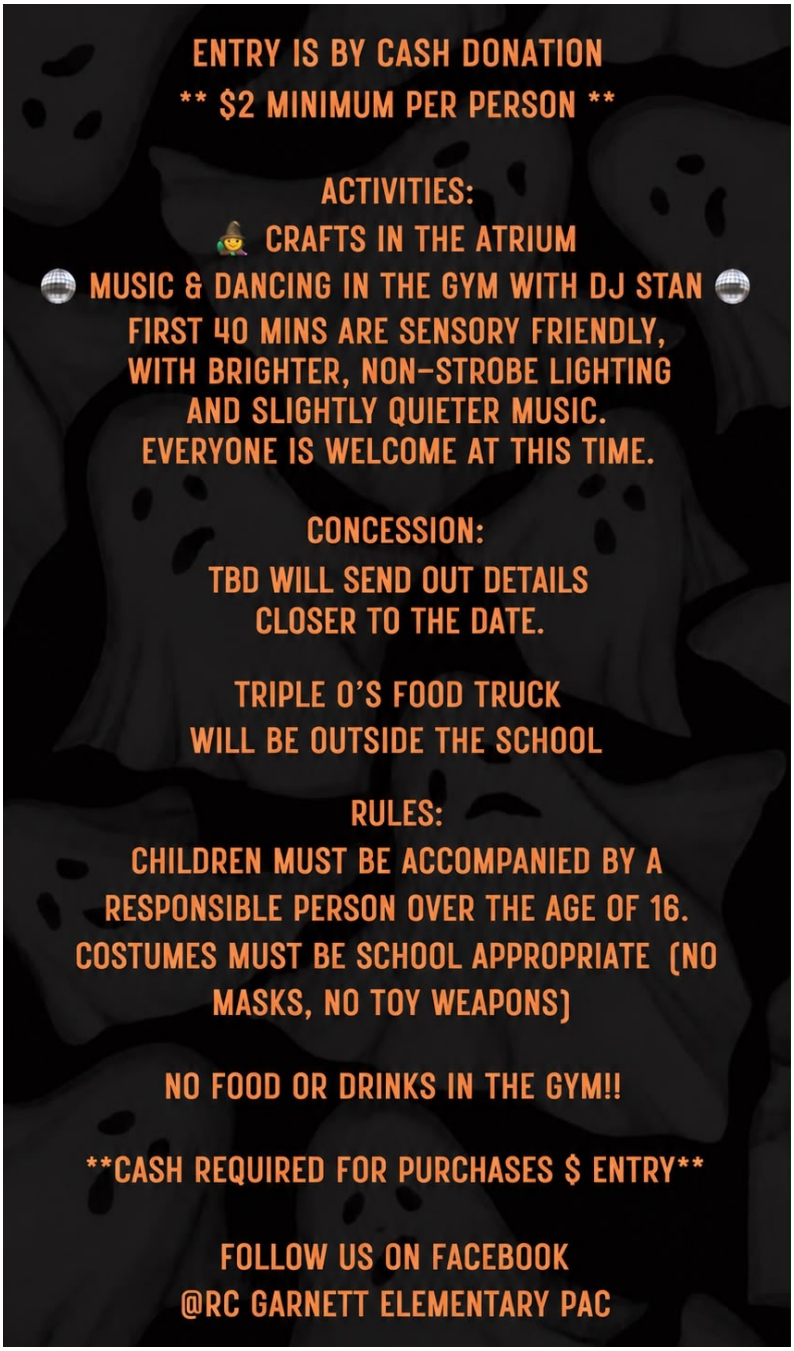
CASH ONLY
CONCESSION AVAILABLE

FOOD TRUCK
WILL BE ONSITE

50/50 RAFFLE
CASH ONLY

Come in Costume!

For more information see Sept 28 newsletter
or email rcgarnettpac@outlook.com



Halloween Costume Guidelines

✅ Do:
- Choose age-appropriate costumes that are comfortable and easy to move in.
- Encourage creativity and fun—homemade costumes are always welcome!
- Ensure costumes are school-appropriate and respectful of all cultures and identities.
- Keep accessories simple and safe (e.g., no sharp objects or heavy props).

🚫 Please avoid:
- Costumes that include weapons or violent themes.
- Masks that fully cover the face or obstruct vision.
- Scary or gory costumes or make-up that may frighten younger students.
- Costumes that may be culturally insensitive or inappropriate.

VK BASKETBALL

RISING STARS LEAGUE

RISING STARS

LANGLEY

$239+

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

GRADE 4 - 8 GIRLS

Days: Mondays & Thursdays

Mondays @ West Langley Elementary 5:30-7PM

Thursdays @ Langley Events Centre 4:30-6PM

Skill level: All



info@vkbasketball.com

www.vkbasketball.com



RCG Bell Schedule 2026-2027	
8:43am	Welcome Bell
8:48 – 10:15	Learning Block
10:15 – 10:30	Recess
10:30 – 12:00	Learning Block
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 2:35	Learning Block
2:35pm	Dismissal

Is your child going to be LATE or ABSENT?

To report an absence, please call the office at 604 532 7814 and press 1 to leave a voicemail.

IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT OR LATE, PLEASE LET US KNOW BEFORE 8:45AM.

Parents can also input an absence by emailing: rcgattendance@sd35.bc.ca

Please DO NOT email Mrs. Bradford directly regarding attendance/lates.

RCG PAC Executive for 26/27	
Natalie Nandan	President
Christie Salter	Vice President
Andrei Chaplygin	Treasurer
Greg Bergerman	Secretary
Brett Palmer	DPAC Representative
Desiree Cabalfin	Member at Large, Social Media
Jennifer Cichosz	Member at Large, Fundraising
Nadia Toews	Member at Large, Hot Lunch
Kat Chilibeck	Member at Large
Ashley Lindbo	Member at Large
Chad Ludbrook	Member at Large
Jasmine Marcelo	Member at Large

PAC

26/27 PAC Meeting Dates

Tuesdays
@ 6:30pm
School Library

October 20
November 17
January 19
February 16
March 9
April 20 AGM
May 18

Parent Code of Conduct

The Langley School District is committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility, and support optimal learning. Trauma Informed Practices and Procedures promote the creation and maintenance of safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, and nurturing school environments.

Families play an important role in helping students achieve success as well as helping create a compassionate learning community. Just as students are expected to follow the District's **Student Code of Conduct**, there is an expectation for parents/guardians to uphold the District's **Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct**.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT



Our goal is to create compassionate learning communities that are both academically and socially inclusive. Parents and Guardians play an essential role in the achievement of this goal in both physical and online spaces.

EVERY PARENT AND GUARDIAN CAN EXPECT TO:

- be treated with and have their child treated with respect and courtesy.
- have their family's privacy respected.
- be consulted with about their child's educational programming.
- speak to teachers and administrators when they have questions, concerns or need information, and bring along a support person.
- feel safe in receiving services from the school.
- have their concerns listened and responded to promptly and respectfully.
- have their school and community treated respectfully by others on social media platforms.

EVERY PARENT AND GUARDIAN IS EXPECTED TO:

- treat others and their children with respect and courtesy.
- respect the privacy of other students, parents, caregivers and staff.
- consult with teachers and administrators about their child's educational programming when asked.
- communicate with school staff in a respectful manner.
- ensure their actions provide school staff with a workplace free of harassment, intimidation, threats and violence.
- address concerns by following the Guidelines for Reporting an Issue or Concern process.
- use social media platforms responsibly and avoid engaging in discussions that harm the school or community.

Any person who disrupts or interrupts the proceedings of a school may be directed by a principal, or their designate, to leave the school premises. Any person who engages in abusive, threatening, or harassing communication may have their communication with school staff restricted.

Langley Schools

Fire Prevention Week
"Charge Into Fire Safety™. Safe Charging Is a Superpower"

Lithium-ion batteries power many everyday devices like phones, tablets, e-bikes, and toys. While convenient, they can pose fire risks if not used properly. Safe charging means making smart choices every time you plug in. Everyday charging habits can help prevent lithium-ion battery fires.

Fire Prevention Week is a chance to share important safety messages with students and their families.

Key Safety Tips to Share:

- Cheap Charger? Don't Chance It. Use the charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer.
- Soft Surface? Hard Pass. Charge on a hard, flat surface to prevent heat from building up.
- Feels Hot? Stop Using It. Stop using a device if it becomes very hot, swells, leaks, smells unusual, smokes, or makes popping/hissing sounds.
- Fully Charged? Time to Unplug. Unplug devices when they're fully charged.
- For Tools and Rides, Charge Outside. When possible, charge e-bikes, scooters and power tools outdoors and never block exits.
- Out of Sight? Not in Flight. Keep devices visible while charging on a plane and notify a flight attendant if there's a problem.
- To make it easy, NFPA and Sparky School House provide free classroom resources, activity sheets, and take-home materials for families at: sparkyschoolhouse.org/fpw25.

FPOABC Fire Prevention Week Contest

We're excited to share that the Fire Prevention Officers' Association of BC Fire Prevention Week quiz! This short online quiz is available to students and designed to spark conversations at home. Students have a chance to win a Nintendo Switch!

Fire Prevention Officers' Association of British Columbia Home Safety Checklist 2026 – Fill out form or scan the QR Code on the attached poster.

Get it, Use it, Trash it Right

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2026

We're excited to challenge students from Kindergarten to Grade 7 to learn the skills they need to be community safety conscious, promote fire prevention, and help protect our community.

Students - submit for a chance to win:

- One of two Nintendo Switch™ 2 consoles for BC students
- One Nintendo Switch™ 2 console for students from FPOABC's Zone 6 (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Yukon & Northwest Territories).

No purchase required, must be a student in kindergarten to grade 7 to qualify. To enter, ensure all questions in section 3 are complete. Contest runs from September 29th to November 1st. Draw date: November 15th. Only the winner will be contacted.

Let's make safety fun and keep our community safe together!

FIRE PREVENTION OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
INSPECTION EDUCATION INVESTIGATION
EST. 1969

Enter to Win!

Safe Charging Is a SUPERPOWER

Charge into Fire Safety™



Family Power Check

Work together and see how strong your charging superpowers are.
Small actions. Big impact. Be a hero every time you plug in!

Circle one for each: Always Sometimes Never

1.	We use the correct charger for our device.		3 2 1
2.	We charge all our devices on something hard.		3 2 1
3.	We look for warning signs from our devices like heat or a smell.		3 2 1
4.	We unplug when charging is done (at 100%).		3 2 1
5.	We charge e-bikes, e-scooters, and large tools outside.		3 2 1
6.	When on a plane, we charge our devices where we can see them in case there is a problem.		3 2 1

Total your **points** and enter your **score** below.

15–18 points
SUPERCHARGED HERO
You are doing a great job!

10–14 points
POWERING UP
Keep going. You are close.

6–9 points
LEVEL UP
Pick one habit to practice.

Family Power Mission

What is one charging habit your family will work on?

_____

Superpower Pledge

We make safe choices every time we plug in.

Date _____

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Safe Charging Is a SUPERPOWER

Charge into Fire Safety™

Safe charging means making smart choices every time you plug in. Everyday charging habits can help prevent lithium-ion battery fires.
Safe charging is a SUPERPOWER!

USE YOUR CHARGING SUPERPOWERS

CHEAP CHARGER? DON'T CHANCE IT.

Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer.

Why it matters: Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the chance of fire. Cheap or off-brand chargers may not meet important safety standards.

SOFT SURFACE? HARD PASS.

Charge on a hard, flat surface like a table, desk, or bare floor.

Why it matters: Devices and chargers create heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces like beds, pillows, and couches can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause a battery to overheat.

FEELS HOT? STOP USING IT.

Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, smells strange, leaks, smokes, or makes popping or hissing sounds.

Why it matters: A damaged battery can overheat and start a fire.

FULLY CHARGED? TIME TO UNPLUG.

Unplug your device when it is fully charged.

Why it matters: Leaving a device plugged in can increase heat and stress on the battery.

FOR TOOLS AND RIDES, CHARGE OUTSIDE.

Charge large items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside when possible. Do not block exits when charging.

Why it matters: These batteries are larger and store more energy. Fires can grow quickly if the battery fails.

OUT OF SIGHT? NOT IN FLIGHT.

When on a plane, keep devices where you can see them while charging. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on the plane. Tell a flight attendant if you notice a problem with your device, such as if it feels very hot, starts to swell, is smoking, or has a strange smell.

Why it matters: If a battery overheats or fails, it is important for the flight crew to be able to respond quickly.

— Working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan can help make a life-saving difference. —

BATTERY SAFETY STARTS BEFORE YOU PLUG IN

Buy products listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as UL, ETL, or CSA.* Listed products meet important safety standards.

NFPA® NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The Leading Information and Knowledge Resource on Fire, Electrical, and Related Hazards

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DESIGN YOUR CHARGING SUPERHERO

Create a hero who uses safe charging habits every day!

MY HERO NAME

MY CHARGING SUPERPOWERS

Color all the superpowers your hero uses.

- *Uses the correct charger*
- *Always charges on something hard*
- *Unplugs when charging is done (at 100%)*

MY SUPERPOWER

Draw a symbol that shows your safe charging superpower.

MY CHARGING SUPERHERO CATCHPHRASE

Sparky's Catchphrase:

"Be a hero every time you plug in!"

NFPA Kids

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How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan

100 YEARS 1922–2022

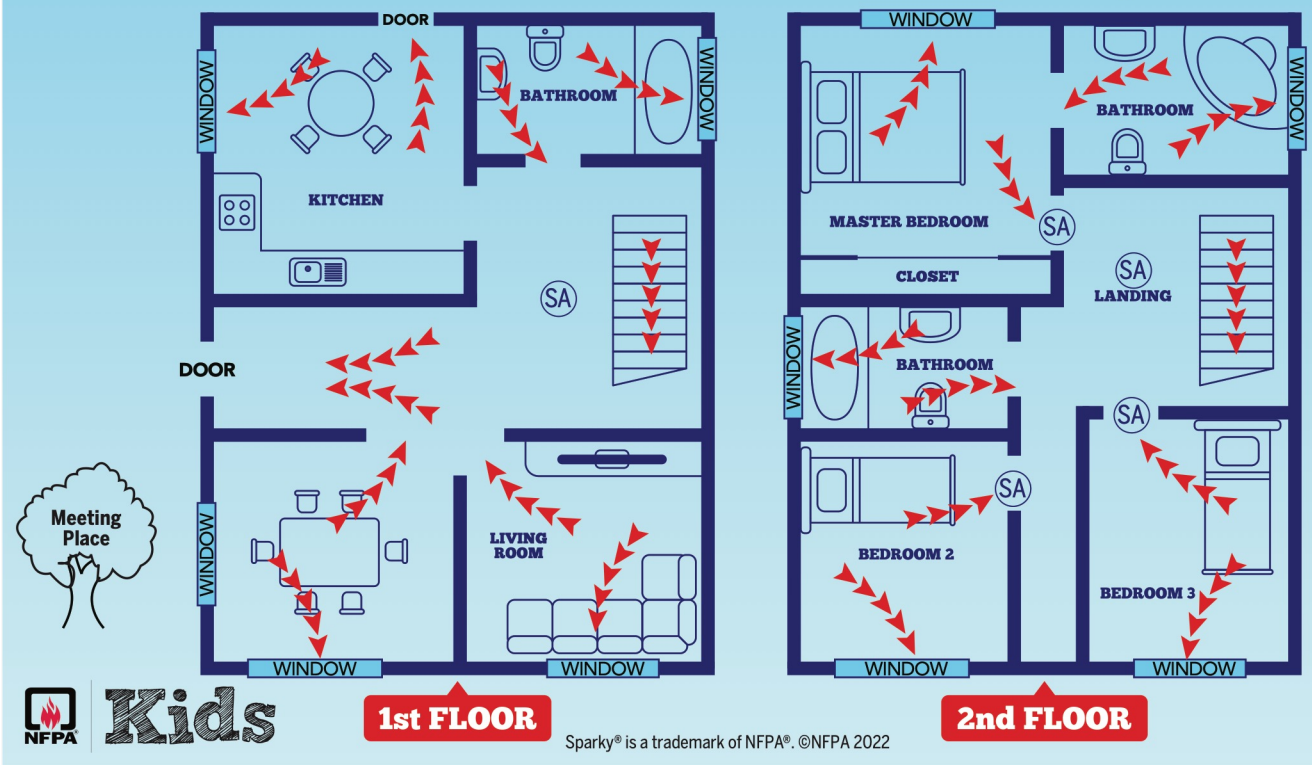
NFPA FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™



Visit **Sparky.org** for more activities!

- ☐ Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- ☐ Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- ☐ All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- ☐ Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- ☐ Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- ☐ Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- ☐ Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- ☐ Make sure everyone in your home knows how to dial 911 or your local emergency number.
- ☐ Practice your home fire drill!
- ☐ Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on page 2.

Sample Escape Plan



NFPA Kids

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Home Alone

Child Safe Canada's Home Alone Safety program covers everything your child needs to know to being the process of staying home alone.

Dates		Time	Event ID
Saturday	October 17	9:00am - 11:00am	126840
Saturday	November 14	9:00am - 11:00am	126841
Saturday	December 12	9:00am - 11:00am	126842

Location: Walnut Grove Community Centre

Age: 10 – 15 years

Registration:

- Registration is open

Register at

tol.ca/recregister

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Babysitter Training

This course helps future babysitters learn skills for safe childcare, including safety procedures and activities. Full attendance and competency requirements are required for certification. Manual not included in fees.

Dates		Time	Event ID
Saturday	September 12	9:00am - 4:00pm	126829
Saturday	November 7	9:00am - 4:00pm	126837
Saturday	December 5	9:00am - 4:00pm	126838

Location: Walnut Grove Community Centre

Age: 10 – 16 years

Registration:

- Registration is open

Register at

tol.ca/recregister

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October Health Messaging – Fraser Health

STAYING HEALTHY THIS WINTER

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***

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Responsible Technology Use Reminder



All elementary schools in Langley have a no student phones/personal digital devices policy.

If you need to reach your child or leave them a message, please call the school office at: 604 532 7814

If your child uses a personal phone or smart watch at school for non-educational purpose, it will be handed in to the office for collection by a parent at the end of the day.

Considering being a parent driver for a field trip or sporting event?

First, thank you so much; your help increases our ability to offer opportunities to children.

Second, the District has increased the paperwork you need to complete. Please don't let that deter you, but please plan ahead as this needs to be redone every school year.

1. Fill out a volunteer driver form (attached to this newsletter)
2. Provide copies of your driver's license, ICBC insurance, and private insurance (if applicable)
3. Provide your ICBC Driver's Abstract: https://onlinebusiness.icbc.com/clio/
    - Select Personal Driving Record -> 6 Years

When you are ready to pop into the office with your paperwork, please avoid times between 8:30-9:30am and 2:15-2:45pm as our office is extremely busy during those periods. Your help and support is very much appreciated.



Taking photos on the first day of school, on a field trip, or at a school event?



Please think twice…

Many families do not want their child's photo taken without their permission and they do not want their child's photo posted on social media.

It is an expectation that if you wish to take a photo that includes children other than your own, you should ask that child's parents for permission.

Responsible digital citizenship is best modeled by adults.
Thank you for your help.



E-SCOOTERS/E-BIKES GUIDELINES IN LANGLEY SCHOOLS:

The Langley School District has new guidelines around the use and storage of e-scooters and e-bikes at our schools. **E-scooters and e-dirt bikes are prohibited on all school sites. This ban applies for elementary, middle, and secondary schools.** Legally, e-pedal bikes are permissible at secondary schools; light e-bikes for students aged 14 and 15, and standard e-bikes for students aged 16 and older. E-pedal bikes are permissible at all schools for adults. Health and safety are a priority. Please have conversations with your child about these guidelines and help us maintain a healthy, safe, and positive learning environment. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your school administrator. For more information, visit the district website **here**.

VOLUNTEER AUTOMOBILE DRIVER AUTHORIZATION (ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE)

School: _____

Dear Volunteer Driver:

Thank you for volunteering to drive students. Your assistance is much appreciated. The responsibilities in regards to transportation of students can be found in Administrative Procedure 562 Transportation of Students Travel for Field Trips and Extracurricular Trips. To protect our children and you as a driver, we ask that you complete the following. You will need to provide the school a copy of your driver's license, driver's abstract and your current Autoplan Insurance Policy, the policy must include a minimum $2 million liability insurance.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ Class:_____ Expiry: _____

Years of Infraction-free Driving Experience: _____

Vehicle Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Vehicle License Number: _____

Seating Capacity:_____ Booster Seat Capacity: # of no-back _____ # of high back _____

I hereby affirm that I have never been convicted of impaired driving or any other criminal driving offense. If I have a serious traffic violation after providing my driver's abstract, I will inform the school principal and withdraw as a volunteer driver. I acknowledge the requirement that all vehicle occupants must use seat belts and where applicable, booster seats. I affirm that I will operate the vehicle in a safe and legal manner, and I will be responsible for the proper installation of booster seats that are supplied by parents or the school in my vehicle, if they are required. I will not allow any child under the age of 12 to sit in the front seat of the vehicle if it is equipped with a passenger side airbag unless the airbag can be legally deactivated.

_____ _____

Date Signature of Driver

School Administration Approval:

☐ Copy of Driver's License ☐ Copy of Driver's Abstract (Confirm no recent serious traffic violations) ☐ Copy of Insurance Coverage (Confirm min $2M Liability Ins.)

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Signature of Principal Date

School District #35 (Langley)
2026-2027 School Calendar
Elementary Schools

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sep 7 (M)	***Labour Day (School Closed)***
	Sep 8 (T)	School Opens
	Sep 25 (F)	***School Improvement Day (Students Not in Attendance)***
	Sep 30 (W)	***Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)***
October	Oct 12 (M)	***Thanksgiving (School Closed)***
	Oct 23 (F)	***Professional Development Day (Provincial - Students Not in Attendance)***
November	Nov 11 (W)	***Remembrance Day (School Closed)***
	Nov 20 (F)	***Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)***
December	Dec 2 (W)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	Dec 3 (Th)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
	Dec 17 (Th)	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
January	Jan 5 (T)	School Re-Opens After Winter Break
February	Feb 8 (M)	***Professional Development Day (District - Students Not in Attendance)***
	Feb 15 (M)	***Family Day (Schools Closed)***
March	Mar 3 (W)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 4 (Th)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 12 (F)	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
	Mar 26 (F)	***Good Friday (School Closed)***
	Mar 29 (M)	***Easter Monday (School Closed)***
	Mar 30 (T)	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
April	Apr 12 (M)	***Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)***
May	May 21 (F)	***Professional Development Day (District - Students Not in Attendance)***
	May 24 (M)	***Victoria Day (School Closed)***
June	Jun 29 (T)	Final Learning Update & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 30 (W)	***Administrative Day (Students Not in Attendance)***
July / August		Summer Session

APPROVED: SD35 Board of Education Meeting
April 28, 2026