



Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Dear Parents:

Over the last several weeks teachers have been reading stories and having age appropriate discussions with their classes in preparation for Orange Shirt Day. We hope that you will continue these conversations at home and if you are looking for an opportunity to participate in some local community events for National Truth and Reconciliation Day tomorrow, please see the bottom of this newsletter.

September is such a busy month; back to school, settling into new routines and classrooms and our Terry Fox run. I am so thankful for the generosity of our school community. This year we raised just over \$1,100 towards this important cause. Each year we set goals for our students and this year it was \$800 for an extra recess and if we went over \$1,000 I would play gaga ball with each grade level. I will definitely need to practice my gaga ball skills. Well done!

Reminders for Parents

Please remember that if you are pulling your child out of school to go on a vacation during school times, teachers are not expected to create work packages for your child. Having your child write and read daily are great activities to encourage as well as practice numeracy skills at their level.

Programs of Choice – Deadline to register is Monday, October 17

*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 U-Connect. Registration for Kindergarten entry (for most programs) begins on **Monday, October 3 at 12noon**, and closes on **Monday, October 17 at 12noon**. For U-Connect, 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](#).*

LEAP (Outdoor Education) – Parent Information Session on Monday, October 3

*Imagine your child's classroom in the open air! Join us on **Monday, October 3 at 5:00pm** at Fort Langley Elementary for our LEAP (Langley Environmental Awareness Program) Information Session.*

This meeting is for families interested in Kindergarten enrolment for the 2023-2024 school year. For more about the District's outdoor education program and to attend: <https://bit.ly/2T2os8r>

General Election 2022 – Advance Voting Opportunities

To support our community partners the City of Langley and the Township of Langley, we are sharing important information regarding Advance Voting opportunities for the upcoming local general election.

- *Langley City residents can vote on October 4, 5, 6, and 12. To view locations, hours and more information visit this webpage [here](#)*
- *Township of Langley residents can vote in advance on Oct 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13. To view locations, hours and more information visit this webpage [here](#)*
- *All residents can vote by mail ballot or in-person on general voting day Saturday, October 15.*

As in past elections, many of our school sites will be used as polling stations. Your Vote, Your Voice. Get out and vote!

StrongStart is back for the 2022-2023 school year. StrongStart is a program that provides rich learning environments designed for early learning development – language, physical, cognitive, social, and emotional. The District welcomes all our early learners and their families to our sites. Find more info about this no-cost, pre-K program, available at 8 locations by visiting our District website here: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/programs-initiatives/early-learning-birth-5-yrs/strongstart/>

Learning Commons News

Read Through The Seasons!

Our school wide home reading program starts October 1st. All students will have brought home an October calendar with an instruction sheet this week. We hope that all families will take part and value the love of reading!

Langley Book Of The Year

This district wide program for our grade 4 & 5 students will begin next week. Students will receive a bookmark next week that lists the 12 book titles and authors. If students read 3 of the 12 qualifying books, they are eligible in May to vote for their favourite book. The winning book will be announced in June. At our school, we hold a celebration lunch in May for the grade 4 students who have read 7 of the books, and for the grade 5 students who have read 8 of the books. It is possible that some of our grade 3 students may be interested in reading some of the books too. Grade 3's would need to read 5 of the books to come to the party. Students may borrow these books from our library, Fraser Valley Regional Libraries, and the SORA App through the school district. After reading one of the qualifying books, students must see library staff to get credit for their reading. We will ask students a few questions about each book to confirm that they have read the books. There is a bulletin board outside the library where students will place stickers identifying the books they have read. To read a short summary of each book, or watch short book trailers please visit the school district website: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/our-district/instructional-departments/langley-book-of-the-year/>

Home and School Working Together for Student Success

Upcoming Events

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| Thursday, September 29 | Orange Shirt Day |
| Friday, September 30 | National day for Truth and Reconciliation/School not in session |
| Monday, October 3 | Choice program registration opens (noon) |
| Tuesday, October 4 | Grade 4 and 5 cross country race |
| Monday, October 10 | Thanksgiving. Schools closed |
| Tuesday, October 11 | Individual photo day/cross country |
| Friday, October 14 | Jersey Day (spirit points) |
| Monday, October 17 | Choice program registration closes (noon) |
| Tuesday, October 18 | Cross country finals |
| Wednesday, October 19 | 1:30 early dismissal for Parent/Teacher conferences |
| Thursday, October 20 | 1:30 early dismissal for Parent/Teacher conferences |
| Friday, October 21 | Professional Development Day. Students not in session |

House Points

Our first spirit day was backwards/mixed up day. Here are the point totals:

| | Mixed up/backwards day | Total |
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| Canadians | 280 | 280 |
| Canucks | 294 | 294 |
| Lions | 300 | 300 |
| Whitecaps | 297 | 297 |

Jersey Day is October 14.

School Goals

Our first character goal is Courage. Here are some great ideas from Karen Young on how to nurture Courage in your children:

**Speak of their brave as though they're already there.*

Kids and teens step up to expectations or down to them. Speak to the courage that is coming to life inside them, as though they are already there. 'I know how brave you are.' 'I love that you are make hard decisions sometimes, even when it would be easier to do the other thing.' 'You might not feel brave, but I know what it means to you to be doing this. Trust me - you are one of the bravest people I know.'

**Give permission for imperfection.*

Failure and rejection are often a sign that you've done something brave. Every experience gives new information and new wisdom that wouldn't have been there before. It's why only the brave ones get there in the end - they have the knowledge,

wisdom, and experience that can often only be found when you land badly - sometimes more than once. Give them space for imperfection - it's a growth staple. (Karen Young)

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY EVENT

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 30**

7PM - 9PM

LOCATION

**DEREK DOUBLEDAY ARBORETUM
21200 FRASER HWY
LANGLEY BC**


THERE WILL BE

**A MEMORIAL
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL
AND WALK**



LFVAS is Honoured to live and work on the traditional unceded territories of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations.






KWANTLEN FIRST NATION
PRESENTS

Salmon & Cranberry Harvest Celebration

1st Annual

OCTOBER 1st, 2022
10 am - 3 pm



- Salmon, Indigenous & Cranberry Vendors • Cranberry Bannock
- Cranberry frybread • Salish Drummers • Plains Powwow Performance

All vendors organized by: **iMADE**

McMillan Island Park, Fort Langley - Free Parking
Outdoor Rain or Shine - Entrance by Donation

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