



Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022

Dear Parents:

I am pleased that we are back to doing the many activities we previously did such as field trips. Field trips are a valuable part of a child's education and experiencing the opportunities that are provided by outside organizations are important. For some trips will use buses but many of our excursions rely on parent drivers. If parent drivers are used, it is essential to check that your child has an unexpired booster seat that fits properly. Legally, a child must be 40 lbs. to ride in a booster seat in Canada and children under 13 must ride in the backseat. Please be sure to check their weight and the expiry date of your current booster seat prior to sending them on a field trip. One of our parents, Stacey Kosturos, is a certified child passenger safety technician and is available for online or in person car seat consults and full car seat inspections. I have attached a few informational documents with her contact information included at the end of this newsletter.

Reminders for Parents

New Option to Access MyEDBC using your BC Services Card

*On Monday, October 17, the Ministry of Education and Child Care together with Service BC is providing another option for students and parents/guardians to access MyEDBC. This new option enables students and families to link their BC Services Card Mobile Phone App to their MyEDBC account. By choosing this new method, all you would need is your BC Services Card Mobile Phone App to log into MyEDBC at any time. If a student or parent/guardian chooses this method, they will be able to go back to the old login method but will require assistance from District MyEDBC support staff. **Moving forward with choosing this new option means that you will never need a username and password.***

The old method of using a username and password to login to My EDBC will remain the same. There may be some students and families who do not want to use the new login method for reasons which may include:

- You are satisfied with the current process of using a username and password*
- You don't have a BC Services Card*

- *You don't have access or don't want to use a mobile phone or the BC Services Card App to log into My EDBC*

Below are resources and instructions from the Ministry to help you get started.

- [BC Services Card Authentication FAQs](#)
- [Student User Guide for BC Services Card Authentication](#)
- [Parent User Guide for BC Services Card Authentication](#)

As this is a new change, please understand District and school staff are still learning about this additional option and instructions to help support families.

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

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 opened on Monday, October 3rd, and closes on **Monday, October 17th at 12noon**. For more information and instructions to register your child, visit our District website [here](#) and review our FAQ choice programs resource [here](#).*

Election Day: Use of School Sites

On Saturday, October 15th, many school gyms across the District, specifically in the Township of Langley, will be used as local election polling stations from 8am to 8pm. 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." No District sites in the City of Langley will be used on election day. Please take note of extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area of these sites on election day. 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 more information and to see the full list of sites visit our District webpage [here](#).

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/](https://www.sd35.bc.ca/programs-initiatives/early-learning-birth-5-yrs/strongstart/)

Learning Commons News

Langley Book Of The Year

Since we have a limited number of these books another option is to get them from the Fraser Valley Public Libraries. Please remind your child to come and see library staff after reading the books so that credit can be given to them for their reading. Congratulations to Jack M. for being our first student to qualify for our celebration party in May.

Home and School Working Together for Student Success

Upcoming Events

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
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:

You won't always feel ready. That's why it's brave:

Let them know that it's okay to hang on while they're getting comfortable – while they're working on a plan, fanning the brave spark inside them (and it's always inside them), but then there will be a time to let go. When this time comes, it won't always feel like readiness or certainty. That's what makes it brave. And a little bit magical.

Try Something new:

Encourage them to do activities that push them to the edges of their physical or emotional selves - drama, sport, music. Anything that will help to nurture the truth to life that they are strong, powerful, that they can cope, and that they are not as fragile as they feel sometimes will to nurture their brave hearts.



*The Langley School District
and
The Aboriginal Program
invite you to join a conversation on the
Enhancement Agreement
to be held
Thursday, October 27th, 2022
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Brookwood Secondary School
20902-37^A Avenue
Langley, B.C.*

rsvp your attendance to:

*Julie Allen
jallen@sd35.bc.ca
778-736-0736*



STACEY KOSTUROS

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIAN
CERTIFIED WITH THE CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

FIELD TRIPS

Make sure to send your child with an appropriate seat for school field trips. The parent volunteer driver is liable for your child. Make sure to give your child proper instructions on how to use their seat and send the instruction manual. Make sure the seat is not missing pieces and is not expired.

CONTACT

Stacey is available for online or in person car seat consults and full car seat inspection appointments. Please contact her at Stacey.kosturos@gmail.com or 604-614-0623. Make sure to mention you are a parent from Langley Fundamental Elementary School.

BOOSTER SEATS

Legally, a child must be 40 lbs to ride in a booster seat in British Columbia. Many children are not developmentally mature enough for a booster seat at 40lbs and should remain in a five-point harness. A child in a booster seat must stay positioned properly for an entire car ride, including when asleep.

RIDING IN THE FRONT SEAT

Children aged 12 and under must ride in the backseat. There is no front seat law in British Columbia; however, vehicle manufacturers prohibit children under the age of 13 to ride in the front seat. Air bags in the front seat can be deadly for a young child who doesn't have fully developed bones. Unless your vehicle airbag can be turned off with a switch (not a sensor) children need to ride in the backseat.

HARNESSED CAR SEAT

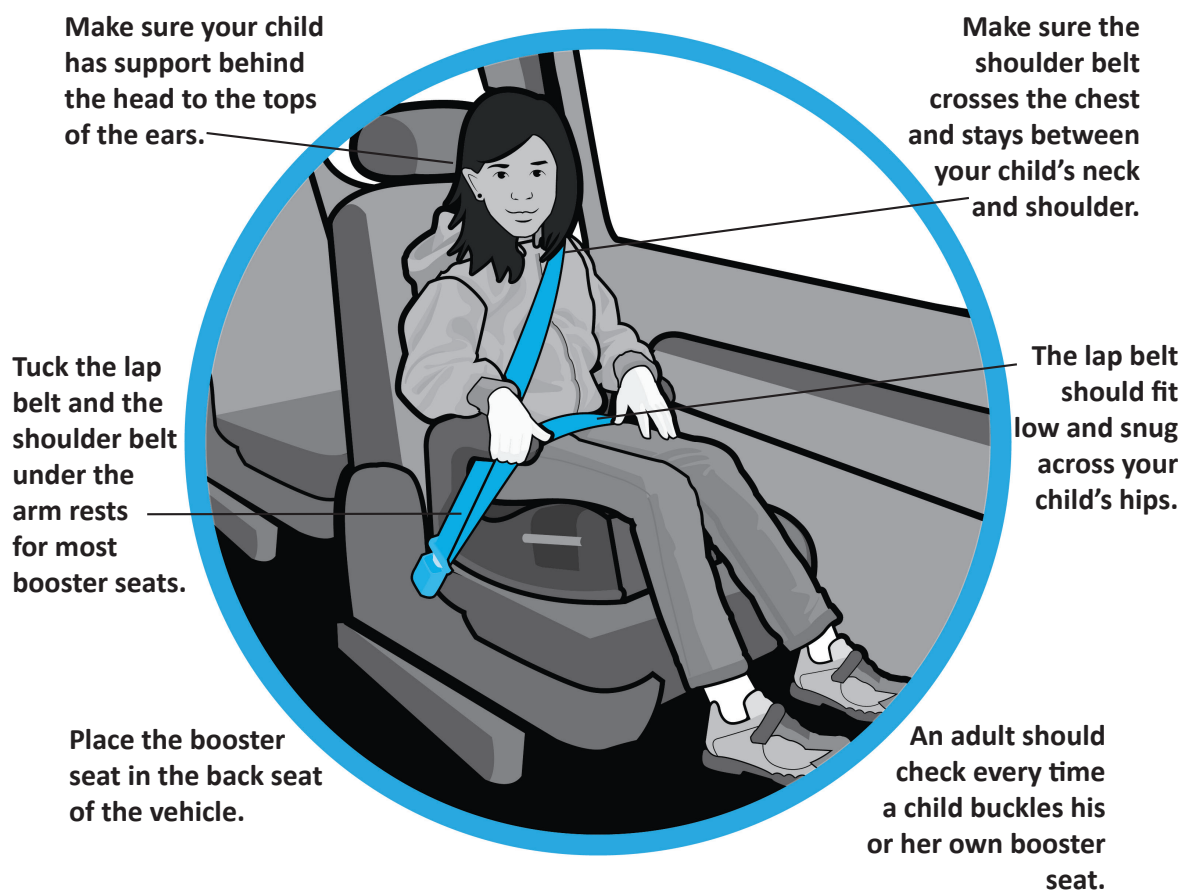
Many children who meet the legal requirements to ride in a booster seat still need a five-point harness car seat to fully protect them in a collision. If a child cannot sit properly for an entire car ride, including when asleep, then they need to remain in a five-point harness. Many children are ready for a booster seat around age 6 or 7. A forward facing harnessed seat legally must have the top tether attached to an approved tether anchor. Make sure to read your car seat manual and vehicle manual before installing your car seat.

Booster seat

How to keep your child safe in the car

A booster seat lifts your child up so that the seat belt fits across the strongest bones and away from the soft belly. To use a booster seat, your child must weigh at least 18 kg (40 pounds) and be able to sit correctly.

How to use your child's booster seat



Read your vehicle manual and follow the instructions for your seat.

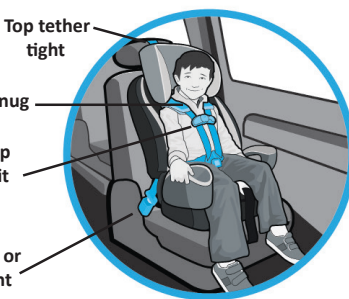
Is your child in the right seat?

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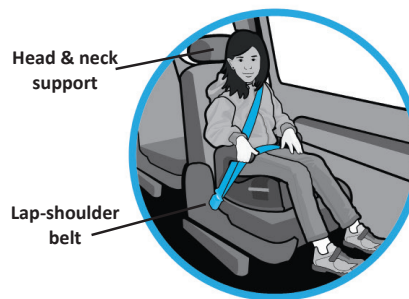
Rear-facing seat

- A rear-facing seat provides the best protection for your child's head, neck and spine in a sudden stop or crash.
- When your baby outgrows the infant seat, use a larger, rear-facing seat.
- Your child is safest riding rear facing until 2, 3 or even 4 years old.
- Keep your child rear facing for as long as he or she still fits the larger, rear-facing seat.



Forward-facing seat

- A forward-facing seat protects a child who has outgrown his or her larger, rear-facing seat.
- Keep your child in a 5-point harness until he or she weighs at least 18 kg (40 pounds) and is able to sit correctly. This may be at 4, 5 or even 6 years old.
- If your child outgrows this seat before he or she is ready, you will need a 5-point harness seat that will hold a taller, heavier child.



Booster seat

- A booster seat lifts the child up so that the adult seat belt fits across the strongest bones.
- Your child must weigh at least 18 kg (40 pounds) to use a booster seat.
- Your child must be able to sit straight and tall without moving around or unbuckling.
- Use a booster seat until your child is at least 145 cm (4 feet 9 inches) tall and fits the seat belt correctly.

Always follow the instructions for your seat.