

COGHLAN FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Rocky Raccoon Weekly Update

December 2 to 20, 2024

Monday, December 2:	Langley Children's Choir Performance 10:50 – 11:20 am. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend.
Wednesday, December 4:	Grade 6 Immunizations. 11:30 am @Library
Friday, December 6:	PAC Hot lunch
Monday, December 9:	Last Day for Food Bank Donations
Tuesday, December 10:	1:00 pm Christmas Concert at Coghlans 6:15 pm Christmas Concert at DW Poppy (students arrive no later than 6:00 pm)
Wednesday, December 11:	Popcorn & Milk & Cookie Day
Friday, December 13:	Christmas Crackers. AM PAC Whoville Activity. PM
Friday, December 20:	Spirit Day – Ugly Sweater Day! PAC Pancake Breakfast for all Students Last day prior to Winter Break
Monday, January 6:	School Re-opens

Parking Lot – NO Parking/Drop-Off Zone

A couple of friendly and quick reminders regarding drop-off/pick-up of your child(ren) before/after school:

1. Please do NOT park your vehicle along the drop-off zone lane, this would include before the dismissal bell at 2:30 pm. If you would like to park and wait for your child, please find a parking spot in our parking lot or please continue to loop back around the school until you see your child(ren).
2. Please ensure you pull over to the very front of the drop-off zone lane, so that we are not backed up, or blocking other cars behind us.

We appreciate your efforts in creating a safe and caring environment for the school community. Thank you for helping one another!

Boys Bathroom Information/Update

We are pleased to share that the boys bathroom by the gym has been updated, and now opened! That bathroom now has an additional sink for the boys to use. We thank the District's Carpentry and Plumbing departments for their hard work and efforts with revamping our boys bathroom.

Christmas Concert Attire (K-5 Families)

We are looking forward to our Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 10th! Ms. Appenheimer, our Music Teacher is requesting for students to wear dress-up clothes, preferably no ripped bottoms. Long hair should be pulled off the face, so that we can see their faces when they sing. Santa hats, reindeer headbands, etc., are fine. **If your child cannot attend either the Afternoon and/or Evening Concert on December 10th, please email your child's teacher as soon as possible, including Ms. Appenheimer: aappenheimer@sd35.bc.ca so that we can better prepare for the Concert that day.** Please note that for our Band students, Ms. Chen, our Band Teacher had sent an email to all Band families last week on specific clothing attire, including some additional information.

Christmas Concert Snowman Prop

We are currently looking for a large snowman statute to support a song that one of our primary classes will be singing at the Concert. If any families have one that they could lend to the school before and on the Concert date, that would be wonderful. Please email Ms. Lam at: ilam@sd35.bc.ca

Mud puddles have a way of finding kids ☺ and they come to the office wet needing dry clothes. Please save yourself a trip to school in the afternoon by sending a couple sets of dry clothes, including extra socks in their backpack and replacing them as needed. Thank you!

Communicating Student Learning (CSL) - Elementary School

Learning is a journey for all students that requires the support of teachers, staff, and families. Parent/guardian involvement is always a contributing factor to a student's success. But how does a parent/guardian know how their child is doing? The District is sharing information about the different ways of **Communicating Student Learning (CSL)** to help support families. In this newsletter you will find information about student inclusive conferences, proficiency scales, and self-reflection on the core competencies. These resources are aimed to help support your child. Read more [here](#).

Term 1 Student Inclusive Conferences (SICs)

Our Term 1 Student Inclusive Conferences are taking place between November 25th, 2024, to December 6th, 2024. It has been wonderful to see so many families this week attending the Conferences, and the opportunity for students to share their learning with their parents/guardians. We're looking forward to another week of Conferences next week!

Volunteer Application Process

A friendly reminder that the Langley School District has updated processes for potential volunteers who would like to volunteer at schools on a more than casual basis. This process would include connecting with your school Principal first. If you are interested in volunteering at Coghlan this year or have questions pertaining to volunteer work itself, please reach out to the Principal directly to begin the process: ilam@sd35.bc.ca

Additionally, a letter from Ms. Lam was sent home to families on Monday, October 7th, to provide details of the application process. Thank you to all parents who have reached out to Ms. Lam and indicated their interest in volunteering at the school this year. Please note that moving forward, all approved volunteers are to sign-in/out at the office and wear a volunteer nametag that will be given by Mrs. Laycock or Ms. Lam.

Food Bank Donations

Thank you for donating to the Langley Aldergrove Food Bank. You can place donations in the box in your child's class or in the front lobby. The most requested items are peanut butter, tuna, canned veggies, canned fruit, cereal, and pasta sauce. We will begin collecting donations this coming Monday, November 18.

This Month in the Arts - December

Below please find a link to the December "*This Month in the Arts*" poster which showcases the many different Arts Education productions and events that are happening around the District in December for staff, students, parents and community members to attend and enjoy!



[This Month in the Arts DECEMBER.pdf](#)

Emergency Preparedness, Power Outages, and School Closures

With storm season upon us, the District is reminding families about procedures during emergencies such as power outages. The District will post important information on school and District websites as well as on social media channels. The District may also send special instructions in emails and text messages (for those that opt-in) via School Messenger. In the event of power outages, schools have an emergency phone line operational. Please avoid calling the school unless it is an emergency as this ties up the phone line.

As per the District's procedures, schools in the District may be closed to students by the Superintendent for weather related emergencies such as power outages or other causes related to health and safety. The decision to close a school due to a power outage is based on many considerations including expected power restoration time, operational emergency lighting, access to water and washrooms, among other factors. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school (or keep their child at 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. For more information on school status information, read [here](#).

The District thanks students, families, staff for their cooperation during recent power outages impacting schools.

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 are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or www.sd35.bc.ca. Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at 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 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 6:30am. 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 Illnesses

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 illness:

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

Lunch Lady Hot Lunch Program (December Menu)

Please note this program is separate from our Coghlan PAC Munch A Lunch (where the funds benefit our school).

Setting Up a Regular Account –
Please use this one-time registration link order.lunchlady.ca/signup/54 To register for your lunch account. Once an account is created, place your order, and pay for your child's hot lunches at order.lunchlady.ca

Questions? Please reach out to your Lunch Lady Team at jennifer@thelunchlady.ca
Please note *The Lunch Lady* operates peanut and tree nut-free commercial kitchens; however, it is the parent and caregivers' responsibility to review each meal and select only meals that consider their child's dietary restrictions.

December 2024

Langley MENU – Thursdays

Thursday	Thursday 12/05	Thursday 12/12	Thursday 12/19	Thursday 12/26	Thursday 01/02
Regular	Cheese Omelette with Hash Brown Triangles Fruit of the Day	Chicken Teriyaki Rice Bowl California Vegetables Fruit of the Day	Turkey Dinner Seasonal Fruit Mini Candy Cane	WINTER BREAK	
2 nd Choice	Crunchy Chicken Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day	Spaghetti with Beef Meatballs and Tomato Sauce Fruit of the Day	Pancakes Seasonal Fruit Syrup Mini Candy Cane		
Vegetarian	Crunchy Veggie Chick'n Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day	Tofu Teriyaki Rice Bowl California Vegetables Fruit of the Day	Pancakes Seasonal Fruit Syrup Mini Candy Cane		
Halal	Halal Crunchy Chicken Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day	Spaghetti with Halal Meatballs and Tomato Sauce Fruit of the Day	Halal Chicken Dinner Seasonal Fruit Mini Candy Cane		

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UPDATED Calendar Dates 2024-2025 (Year At A Glance)

As of Nov. 22nd, 2024

December 2024

2 (M) – Langley Children’s Choir. 10:50-11:20 am
2-6 – Student Inclusive Conference Window Continues
4 (W) – Gr. 6 Immunizations
5 (R) – Late Night for Student Inclusive Conference
9 (M) – DW Poppy Volleyball Jamboree
10 (T) – Christmas Concert; 1:00 pm @Coghlan Gym &
6:30 pm Evening Concert @DW Poppy
11 (W) – LFMSS Christmas Caroling. 9:15-9:30 am
13 (F) – PAC Winter Festivities
20 (F) – Spirit Day: Ugly Sweater Day/PAC Pancake Breakfast &
Last Day of School before Winter Break

January 2025

6 (M) – School Reopens
28 (T) – Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
30 (R) – Spirit Day: Decades Day!

February 2025

10 (M) – District Pro-D (no school for students)
13 (R) – School-Wide Presentation Green
Thumbs Theatre 500 Words. 1 pm
14 (F) – Valentine’s Swim for Intermediate
Students at Walnut Grove
17 (M) – Family Day (Stat, no school)
19 (W) – Jump Rope for Heart Event Day
20 (R) – Spirit Day: Careers Day!
24-Mar. 7 – Student Inclusive Conference
Window for Conferences
24 (M) – Design & Assessment Day (no school for students)
26 (W) – Student Inclusive Conference
Late Night 24-28 – District Diversity &
Respect Week

March 2025

3-6 – Scholastic Spring Book Fair
3-7 – Student Inclusive Conference Window Continues
5 (W) – Student Inclusive Conference 2 Hour Early Dismissal
6 (R) – Student Inclusive Conference Day
14 (F) – Spirit Day: Stuffed Animal & PJ
Day! Last Day of School before Spring
Break 31 (M) – School Reopens

April 2025

1 (T) – Talent Show Sign-up Begins
10 (R) – Class/Team Photos for
Students. AM **18 (F) – Good Friday**
(Stat, no school)
21 (M) – Easter Monday (Stat, no school)
24 (R) – Spirit Day: Hobby Day!

May 2025

2 OR 9 – PAC Fun Fair. Date TBD
5 (M) – Spirit Day: Star Wars Day!
5-15 – Track & Field Tryouts. 1:45-2:30 pm
16 (F) – District Pro-D Day
19 (M) – Victoria Day (Stat, no school)
20 (T) – PAC Staff Appreciation Luncheon
22 (R) – Spirit Day: Anything but a
Backpack Day!
23 (F) – Talent Show. 1 pm
26 (M) – Welcome to K
29 (R) – Track & Field Meet. McCleod Athletic Park

June 2025

4 (W) – Parent Appreciation Tea
6 (F) – Gr. 6 Immunizations
20 (F) – Sports Day
23 (M) – Cultus Lake (to confirm in October)
26 (R) – Last Day of School for Students/Gr. 7 Grad Assembly/
Early Dismissal @11:36 am/Reports Home 27 (F) – Admin Day



Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Government of British Columbia is pleased to inform you that your child may be able to receive the **\$1,200 B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant**.

Children may be eligible if:

- ☐ The parent or guardian, and the child, are B.C. residents, and
- ☐ The child is between the age of 6 and the day before turning 9.

Once you open an account, known as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), and apply for the B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG), \$1,200 will be deposited into the RESP for your child. Students can then use the money to pay for post-secondary education or training expenses.

Plan today: you don't have to put any money into the RESP to receive the \$1,200. Step 1: Get Social

Insurance Numbers (SINs) for you and your child. Go to <http://www.canada.ca/social-insurance-number> to find out how.

Step 2: Make an appointment with one of 56 financial organizations that offers the BCTESG. A list of partners is available here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/canada-education-savings/resp-promoters-list.html>

Bring the **SINs for you and your child and proof of B.C. residency** and say: **"I want to open an RESP and get the B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant for my child."**

Learn more:

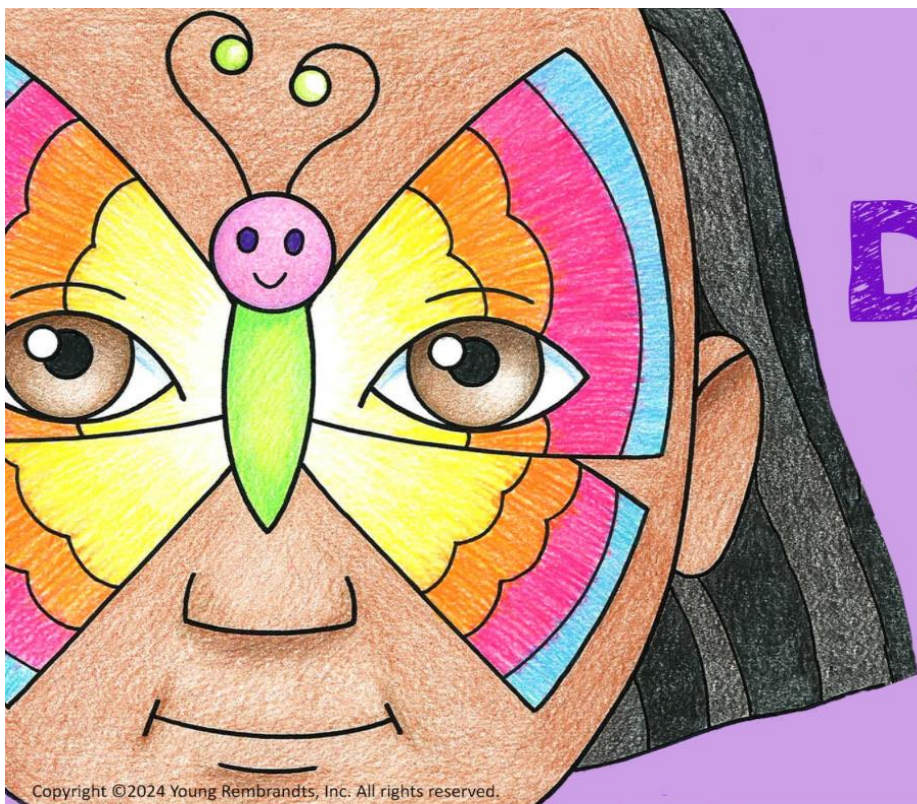
BCTESG homepage QR Code



BCTESG homepage URL

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG>

Question? Contact: BCTESG@gov.bc.ca Your child may also be eligible for other, federal incentives, see: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/education-savings.html>.



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CLASS Dates: Jan. 7 - Mar. 11/25

DAY: Tuesdays

TIME: 2:35 - 3:35 PM

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