



Langley Celebrates Diversity and Respect Week

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Dear Students, Staff, and Parents/Guardians,

The Langley School District is excited to celebrate Diversity and Respect Week in our schools. In 2017, the Board of Education approved a motion to implement Diversity and Respect Week "to coincide with Pink Shirt Day in February to promote awareness, reconciliation, and inclusion for all members of the school community."

As the District celebrates Diversity and Respect Week, one of the themes this year is "I belong. You belong. We all belong." As educators, we know that when a student can walk into their school feeling safe, feeling a sense of belonging, and feeling like they can be themselves, they are more likely to be successful in school. The hope is for all students to be successful. The District recognizes that Indigenous, Black, and People of Colour, 2SLGBTQ+ individuals, and individuals with diverse abilities have not always been made to feel this way in schools. That is why, during Diversity and Respect Week, students, staff, and families take part in events and initiatives at schools that celebrate the work that happens all year long to support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).



The District's continued actions to support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion include:

1. Ensuring the District's work is rooted in *náca?mat* and *ya:yəstəl*, which in *hənqəminəm* means one heart, one mind and working together respectively.
2. Ensuring the District's work is centered around teaching and learning curriculum that fosters a positive personal and cultural identity in our students and staff.
3. Ensuring the District's work happens throughout the year and not just during this one week.

The District's actions completed and in progress to support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion include:

- A focus on Ensouling Our Schools, which are Inclusive and Compassionate Classroom Practices, Inclusive Instructional Practices and Inclusive Systems and Structures.
- The development of a vision and strategy to confront anti-Indigenous racism and racism in schools.
- The continuation of Gay Straight Alliances (GSA) in schools.
- The development of Langley's Social Emotional Learning Guide for staff to help support students.
- The addition of Social Justice, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Department Heads and Team Leads at all middle and secondary schools.
- The creation of teacher resources to support student discussion, dialogue and understanding of each other.

The District is proud of the collective efforts of our students, staff, and families in helping individuals feel a sense of belonging and we acknowledge that more work is needed. The District is encouraging all members of the community to join us in this work. Thank you for your ongoing support in fulfilling the concept of "Every Child Matters".

Sincerely,



Mal Gill
Superintendent of Schools

Cette notification est importante. S'il vous plaît demandez à quelqu'un pour la traduire afin d'être bien informé(e) à propos de l'école.

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这是一个很重要的通知。请找人翻译它的内容，这样你就可以及时知道学校的情况。

ਇਹ ਇੱਕ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹੈ। ਕਿੰਨਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਤੋਂ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰਵਾ ਲਓ ਤਾਂ ਕਿ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਸਕੂਲ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋ ਸਕੇ।

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Este es un aviso importante. Por favor consiga que alguien se lo traduzca para que usted pueda mantenerse bien informado sobre la información de su escuela.

Ito ay isang mahalagang notisya. Mangyari po lamang ay magkaroon ng taong tagasalin ng wika upang ikaw ay maging batid tungkol sa impormasyon ng paaralan.

دا يو مهم خبرتيا ده. مهرباني وڪري يو ڏوڪ و غوراي جي دا معلومات و تاسو ته وڙباري، خڪه جي دا خيرتيا ستاسي د ماشوم بنوونخي مربوط ده.

اين يڪ اطلاعيه مهم است. لطفاً از کسی بخواھيد كه اين اطلاعات را براي شما ترجمه کند، زیرا اين اطلاعيه به مدرسه فرزند شما مربوط ميشود.

Это важное уведомление. Пожалуйста, попросите кого-нибудь перевести эту информацию, поскольку она касается школы вашего ребенка.

Це важливе повідомлення. Будь ласка, попросіть когось перекласти цю інформацію, оскільки вона стосується школи вашої дитини.