

# Uplands Elementary/Uplands Montessori

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## Family Fridge Memo Sept 27, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was so nice to see the many families who were able to attend the Meet the Teacher event yesterday.

Furthermore, this has been an exciting couple of days in the Uplands community as we had 4 additional staff join us this week and 1 joined us last week. Please welcome:

- Mr. Jas Dhesi (Teacher in the grade 4,5 class).
- Ms. Nicole Greenhaugh (Teacher in the grade 1,2 Montessori class)
- Ms. Jenna Heasley (Teacher in the grade 3,4 Montessori class)
- Ms. Christine Lew (Educational Assistant)
- Ms. Olivia Petrovich (Educational Assistant)

On a more solemn note, as we enter the long weekend, please take the time to reflect on the intentions of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action meant to aid in the healing process of the historical mistreatment of indigenous people.



See everyone on Tuesday.

Ryan Neufeld,

### Action Required:

- ☐ Lunch Lady - We are happy to share the good news that **we will be expanding our school meal program by offering an optional, weekly hot lunch program delivered by the Lunch Lady.** Please see the separate email that I sent out last week.

**The Lunch Lady is now ready to take your order!**

Please see attached letter and HOW TO ORDER document from the LUNCH LADY  
[Lunch Lady Letter SY 2024 2025.pdf](#)

Please note this is separate from the PAC Hot Lunches.

- ❑ **School Supplies** - School Supplies are here and packed individually for each child. Don't forget to **purchase through School Cash Online. Payment Now DUE.**

<https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>



- ❑ **Photo Orders Due Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** – Order online via Darby Photos. You photo proof and codes were sent home this week. **Photo Retake day October 28<sup>th</sup>.**



- ❑ **The following forms was sent home to parents via a secure email link from the Langley School District.** Media Release Consent, PAC Contact Information Consent, Information Technology User Agreement, Walking Field Trip Consent. (See below message from the district)

### **Parent Consent Request**

**Each year, Langley Schools asks families to complete a set of parent consent forms for their** child. These consent forms are required by our schools to ensure the health, safety, and security of all students. Langley Schools uses a secure web form to collect this information. Beginning mid-September, please watch for an email request (subject Parent Consent Request) that contains one link for you to submit consents for all children in your family attending any Langley School. If your email address or contact information has changed, please call your school to correct it in our files. If you have not received an email regarding Parent Consent Request by the end of the month or have any questions/concerns, please contact your school administrator.

- ❑ **Montessori Kindergarten Registration for the 2025 - 2026** begins online **Monday Oct 7, 2024**, at Noon – Please click the link below to get directed to the Choice Program Registration page.

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/programs-initiatives/programs-of-choice/>



## From the PAC:

- ☐ **PAC Meeting Oct 16th @ 6:30**  
In the library and on zoom
- ☐ **Halloween Dance – Oct 24th in the GYM 6:00 – 8:00**  
More information to come including the link for ordering dinner will be sent out shortly.
- ☐ **Hot Lunch Dates will be open on Munch-A-Lunch for ordering today!**  
Oct 18 – Hot Dogs  
Nov 7 – Sushi  
Nov 29 – Subway
- ☐ **Neufeld Orders Due today Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**



## Important Dates:

- ☐ Sept 30 - **Truth and Reconciliation Day – School Not In Session**
- ☐ Oct 3 - Earthquake Drill
- ☐ Oct 4 - **School Improvement Day – Students Not In Session**
- ☐ Oct 11 - Lockdown Drill
- ☐ Oct 14 - **Thanksgiving – School Closed**
- ☐ Oct 18 - Hot Lunch – Hot Dog
- ☐ Oct 21 - Fall Book Fair Oct 21 – 24
- ☐ Oct 24 - PAC Halloween Dance
- ☐ Oct 25 - **Professional Development Day – Students Not In Session**
- ☐ Oct 28 - Photo Retake Day

## **From the District**

### **☐ Student in Distress and School Safety**

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Our schools follow emergency 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. Sometimes these incidents may not be emergencies but are medical crises. 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. Although communication is unique and dependent on the specific situation, there are times when a student is in distress and the incident may require a message or letter to families. In addition to communication to 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 emergencies or incidents, please reach out to the school.

### **☐ Fair Notice Resource for Students/Families**

The Langley School District is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. Our schools take all threatening comments and behaviours seriously. Our schools follow procedures when responding to threat-making behaviour to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. The following resource here outlines what information students and families need to know in relation to how the District responds to threat-making behaviour in our schools. Everyone has a role in helping keep our students safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school administrator.

### **☐ Community Volunteers in Emergencies**

Emergencies can happen unexpectedly due to weather events (e.g. earthquake or flooding) or unforeseen situations in the community. The health and safety of students, staff, and families is the District's priority. The District together with schools follow emergency procedures to respond to incidents as well as prevent them from happening. As stated in the provincial Emergency Management Planning Guide for Schools, Districts and Authorities, staff have a legal "duty of care," meaning that they "must ensure that students are cared for until such time as they can be safely reunited with their parents." Depending on the situation, the school may be caring for students for many days.

In these circumstances, schools may rely on members of the community to assist with emergency responses. Administrators may send a request to parents/guardians to help volunteer with first aid, facilities and maintenance, safety and security, and general labour. Adults with special skills in health care, policing, and engineering would be an asset in an emergency. No action is needed from families at this time as the purpose is to keep families informed

## □ Programs of Choice

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 7th at 12 noon, and closes on Monday, October 21st at 12 noon.** 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](#).





# FAIR NOTICE

## RESPONSE TO THREAT-MAKING BEHAVIOUR

School District 35 (Langley) is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. We take all threatening comments and behaviours seriously. Students, staff and parents should be aware of the District's Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol that can be found on the district website at [www.sd35.bc.ca](http://www.sd35.bc.ca) and in all school main offices.

### ***What is a Threat?***

- A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something
- A threat may be verbal, written, drawn, posted electronically or made by gesture
- A threat may include any high risk behaviour such as possession of a weapon

### ***What is Threat Assessment?***

Threat assessment is a process that is followed when a school becomes aware of a threat made against a student, staff member, or the safety of the school building and its occupants. When any form of a threat is made, a threat assessment team will investigate and appropriately enact the District's Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol. A threat assessment team is made up of individuals who have received formal threat assessment training.

### ***What Parents and Students Need to Know***

- Any threat must be reported to the school administration, counselor or some other trusted adult
- Investigation may involve the police and / or other community agencies
- Investigation may involve locker or personal property searches
- Interviews will be held with the threat-maker and other students or adults who may have information about the threat
- Parents of students who are directly involved will be notified
- Threatening behaviour may result in discipline for a student
- An intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats

### ***Everyone Has A Duty to Report***

Often when we hear in the media about a violent incident, we learn that the threat-maker had made threats in advance of acting violently. To keep our school communities safe, students, parents, staff and community members must report all threat-related behaviours and high-risk activities.



***SD35 will follow up on every reported threat.***