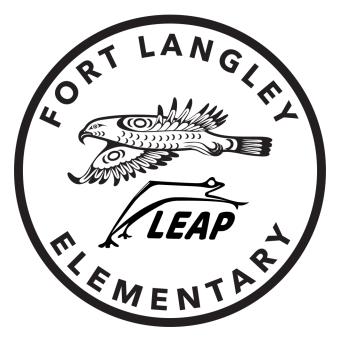


HAWK NEWS-Fort Langley Elementary September 15th, 2024 (Website Version)



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Mr. L. Kitteringham, Principal-Ikitteringham@sd35.bc.ca Mrs. J. Boivin, Administrative Assistant-jboivin@sd35.bc.ca We are an inclusive and caring community of learners, devoted to the journey of becoming responsible citizens



We acknowledge that we reside on the traditional unceded traditional territories of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo and Matsqui First Nations.

On the Horizon



September 16th-First school-wide assembly and kickoff of Terry Fox fundraising week-8:30am

September 17th-PAC Meeting in library at 7pm

September 19th- LEAP Interest Info Session-not for current Outdoor Education families (5-6pm in the library) & Photo Day

September 26th-Meet the Teacher Night (5-6pm)

September 27th-Truth and Reconciliation Assemblies/Orange Shirt Day

October 4th-School Improvement Day-Students not in session

October 5th-World's Teacher's Day

October 7th-10th-Book Fair in library

October 17th-The Great BC Shakeout Earthquake Drill without evacuation-10:17am

October 21st-Paper informal learning update sent home

November 13 & 14-Jess Dance program (all classes participate).



2 - Reminder to kindergarten parents-Monday September 16th is your child's FIRST FULL DAY OF KINDERGARTEN.



3 - Photo day is on SEPTEMBER 19TH

Students Settling Into Permanent Classes

For the most part students have settled into their permanent classes as of Tuesday September 10th.

Some thoughts on our class placement process:

For many of our schools, we cannot avoid split classes. Having a concern regarding the impact of split classes is common and one that we address each year. We recognize that the most common concern is "will my child's needs be met". The key to address this issue is to meet with the teacher early in the year and express your hopes for the year.

As a staff, we put a tremendous amount of thought and many hours into our placements. We do our best to balance our classes based on current abilities, gender, peer groups, student needs, and required supports. As this is a complex process, we often begin these discussions well before the end of the school year. Our goal, in any class, is to ensure our teachers differentiate instruction to meet the needs and skill level of the child. Regardless of being in a straight class or a combined/split class, student's skills and emotional levels will differ.

At FLE, we expect our staff to challenge those students who need a little push or provide extra support to those who need a more time to develop an understanding. We will work with students and staff to ensure that we meet a child's emotional and social needs. Simply put, we want all our students to find success and do our very best with the grid determined by our School Board office.

I ask that you trust our process and trust our staff to work as hard as we can to support your child. Regardless of placement we hope to have a positive impact on them both academically and socially.

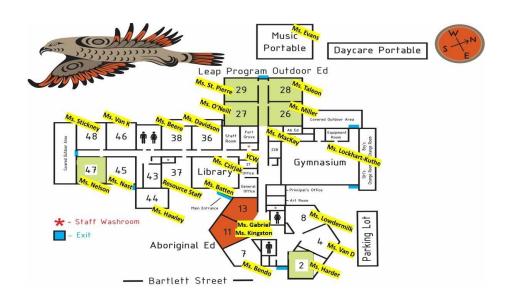


Meet the Teacher Night-Thursday September 26th.

We are opening up our classroom doors from 5-6pm Thursday September 26th for Meet the Teacher.

- Parents will have the opportunity to drop in and briefly touch base with their child's teacher anytime between 5-6pm
- The purpose of this evening is for parents/guardians to meet with staff who will share general information about themselves, their courses, contact information etc. Staff will not be able to engage in specific, one-on-one conversations about how a student is progressing. There is not enough time to engage in those specific conversations. They are best had during a separate meeting in a more confidential, private setting.
 - There will be no formal sign up for individual meetings.

- Coffee and Donuts will be available for staff and parents.
- Families can enter their child's classroom using individual exterior doors.
- Parking is available in the adjacent Fort Langley Community Church parking lot which can be accessed via Glover Road.
- We will end the day with a brief presentation in the gym. Parents will have an opportunity to hear about all the exciting things we have planned for this year. They will also have the opportunity to meet other members of our FLE team.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE NOT ASKING OUR K TEACHERS TO STICK AROUND FOR THIS EVENT AS THEY ALREADY HAD ONE ON ONE MEETINGS WITH FAMILIES AS PART OF THE GRADUAL ENTRY SCHEDULE.



Noon Hour Supervisor Needed



We are hoping to bolster our ranks and add another noon hour supervisor to our team. We are searching for someone that can work Monday-Friday from 11:35am-12:35pm (60 minutes). The rate of pay is \$24.95 per hour for noon supervisors. Please reach out to Principal Logan Kitteringham if you are interested (lkitteringham@sd35.bc.ca).

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (LANGLEY)

JOB TITLE: Noon Supervisor

DEPARTMENT: Schools (Elementary & Secondary)

DATE: May 2011

SUMMARY:

Reports to the Principal and supervises students during the noon hour, both indoors and out, to ensure the safety and well-being of the students.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Ensures that students are safe and are following school rules.
- Supervises students inside and outside the school during lunch period.
- Approaches strangers on or around the playground to ascertain who they are.
- Assists in solving minor student conflicts (physical/verbal).
- Reports any incident of a major consequence to the Principal.
- Administers minor first aid and ensures appropriate medical attention is received, as required.
- · Reports to Principal, unsafe or broken playground equipment.
- Performs other assigned comparable duties which are within the scope of knowledge, skills and abilities required by this class specification.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- Completion of Grade 10.
- First Aid Certificate (Level I)
- · Ability to interact with students in an effective manner.
- Ability to communicate effectively using tact and discretion in the explanation and clarification of information.
- Ability to use judgement in applying established methods and procedures.
- · Physical ability to perform the required duties.

Cross Country Season Starting Soon-Grade 4-7 students



Cross Country is starting soon! Ms. Davidson and Ms. St. Pierre will be teaming up to coach this year, and will be holding an interest meeting this coming **Monday at lunch in the gym (September 16th)**. There will be a Monday morning practice each week, along with a lunchtime practice on Thursdays. There will be four competitive race events offsite.....

Wednesday September 25th Wednesday October 2nd Wednesday October 9th

Wednesday October 16th-final for those the qualify

Foundational Skills Assessment (Grade 4 and 7 Students)

- Assessment Administration in Schools runs from: October 1 November 08, 2024.
- The FSA is a learning assessment for all grade 4 and 7 students. It focuses on the areas of literacy and numeracy

Information for Parents and Caregivers



All about the Foundation Skills Assessment

What is the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)?

The FSA is a learning assessment for all grade 4 and 7 students. It focuses on the areas of **literacy** and **numeracy**.

FSA results are one way of measuring how the education system is doing in these key areas. It assesses how students think, communicate and reflect - not just the facts they know.

The FSA is not intended to be used to rank students, teachers, or schools. The FSA is a snapshot of student learning at a moment in time. For parents and caregivers, it tells you where your child is at in their literacy and numeracy development, as well as areas where they may need support. When all students participate, it also gives the Ministry of Education and Child Care a clear picture of how the education system is performing as a whole.

Why is the FSA important?

The Ministry of Education and Child Care sets the standards for what your child learns and, along with teachers, figures out ways to measure how well they are learning. The goal is for your child (and all students in BC) to get a great education that readies them for life after graduation and helps them become educated citizens.

One way the Ministry ensures the quality of student learning is through the FSA. The FSA helps us understand what learning looks like across the entire province. It lets us see how different groups of students are learning and find out where they might need extra help. It also helps us understand how well BC is doing over time.

The Ministry uses this information to make sure that your child's learning is 'on track' and that they don't fall behind. This data also allows us to know how BC students are doing in relation to students in other provinces in Canada and the rest of the world. The FSA provides both the Ministry and parents and caregivers with the assurance that students possess the literacy and numeracy skills necessary for their future.

Literacy is your child's ability to understand language and communicate in a variety of ways.

Numeracy is your child's ability to apply important math skills, solve problems, and communicate solutions.

The FSA:

- Is not a high-stakes assessment
- Is not meant to be used for ranking students, teachers, or schools
- Does not impact student marks or report cards
- Provides valuable information about student learning
- Ensures all students are developing a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy
- Guides improvements to BC's education system

4 - FSA Website

Information for Parents and Caregivers

How will your child participate?

The FSA will be completed by your child as part of their regular classroom learning. Your child does not need to prepare for the assessment. The FSA has five parts that can be spread out over several days or weeks during the fall of your child's grade 4 and 7 school year. Each component of the assessment will never be longer than an hour, so it won't take too much time away from classroom learning. Here is what your child can expect:

Component	Description	Time	
Paper-based literacy task	A collaboration activity and 3 written response questions	60 minutes	
Online literacy task	30 questions	60 minutes	
Paper-based numeracy task	3 written response questions and 1 self-reflection question	45 minutes	
Online numeracy task	30 questions	60 minutes	
Self-reflection	1 selected-response question and 1 written-response question	5 minutes	

Some students may feel nervous about tests. Talking about the FSA at home can help your child understand the purpose of the assessment. It can also help your child feel more confident writing it.

You will receive your child's test booklet back after it has been marked. Marking is done by teachers using the provincial proficiency scale, the same scale used for report cards for kindergarten to Grade 9. For FSA, "Developing" and "Proficient" have been combined on the scale into a single category, so that you know if your child is "On Track" in their literacy and numeracy learning.

Emerging	On Track	Extending	
means your child is	means your child	means your child is	
beginning to	mostly understands	able to apply their	
understand the	the expected	learning in new and	
expected concepts	concepts	different ways	

Along with written comments from teachers and the proficiency scale on report cards, the FSA results can be another helpful source of information to see where your child is in their literacy and numeracy development and where they can go next in their learning.



How are the FSA results used?

The FSA results offer insights to parents, caregivers, teachers, schools, districts, and the Ministry. They provide valuable information to all levels of the education system that help improve student learning.

- For parents, caregivers, and teachers, these results can show how students are doing in literacy and numeracy.
- Teachers, schools, and districts can use the FSA results to help support classroom teaching. They can see where students are doing well and where they might need more help.
 Schools, districts, and the Ministry can use the FSA
- Schools, districts, and the Ministry can use the FSA results to help make the education system better. The Ministry also relies on the FSA to uphold high learning standards to help all students develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

It's important to know that the FSA results aren't for ranking students, teachers, schools, or districts. Rankings don't help learning and don't make BC's education system better. The FSA is just one data point and doesn't reflect all the teaching and learning that happens in a school. That's why the Ministry doesn't make, share, or support any rankings.

When are literacy and numeracy assessed?



Some Goodbyes and Hellos in Hawk Nation

Hello to the following...

Alyssa Miller-Grade 3 Leap teacher

Rebecca O' Neill-Grade 5/6 Leap teacher

Alecia Hadson-SEA

Jennifer Silver-SEA Leap

Riley Smith-SEA

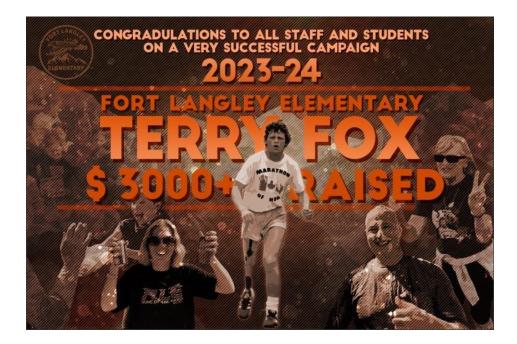
Suzanna Bonneau-School Psychologist Alexi Foster/Sherie Mager-Vision Teacher Tiffany Chen-6/7 Band teacher Anakate Dueck-SLP Karen Summers-Resource Heidi Feenstra-Hearing Teacher

We say goodbye to Aboriginal Support Worker Keysha Kingston. She is fulfilling her dream of returning to her roots at Vanguard.





It is important for parents to know that we are operating a little shorthanded at this point in the year. We currently without a youth care worker, aboriginal support worker, and a fulltime resource teacher. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we try to hold down the fort and fill in some of the gaps.



Terry Fox Run and Staff vs Student Challenges Extravaganza-September 20th at 12:45pm





Get excited for our annual Terry fox Run! We will stand with Terry this September by trying to reach our donation goal of \$3200. There are many different ways that students/families can get involved and donate. The quickest and easiest way is to donate online using our customized FLE donation page: this link. You can select your child's teacher/division and help that specific class to reach their goal of \$200. The class the raises the most for Terry will get a movie/snack day in our gym.

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Ms. O' Neill-Div 15	\$0



5 - Thank you to parent Lisa Kramer for helping to organize a visit from the Kona Ice Cream Truck on the afternoon of September 20th. Student can bring some money and some of the proceeds will go to a good cause.



Starting on Tuesday September 17th, students will have the ability to sign up, using clipboards near the office, for fun staff vs student challenges. Any type of donation will get them into the lottery to potentially participate in one of these challenges. Here are the options that students can potentially signup for....

- 1. Students can signup to play in the staff vs student dodgeball game
- 2. Students can signup to bedazzle Mr. Kitteringham bald head on the 20th.
- 3. Students can challenge Ms. Stickney to a handstand walking contest on the 20th.
- 4. Students can signup to challenge Ms. Housley, Ms. Batten, Ms. Laird, and Mr. Nakamura to Gaga Ball game on the 20th.
- 5. Student can challenge FLE staff to a tricycle race on the afternoon of the 20th.
- 6. Student can challenges FLE staff to a pie eating contest on the afternoon of the 20th.

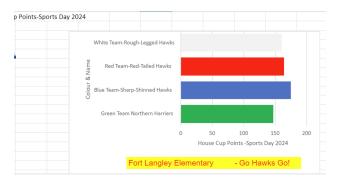
*Our school goal is to beat last year's total of just over \$3000.

*Students will be given pledge sheets and families can donate in a variety of ways including online, cash, or cheque. Donations will be collected and tracked through individual divisions/teachers.

Our First Spirit Day-Oct.3rd



Mark in your calendars that Oct. 3rd is our school's first spirit day. Over the coming weeks students will be divided into one of four schoolwide house cup teams. On Oct.3rd students will be asked to dress up in their assigned house cup colour and will receive points for their team if they do so.



FLE Spirit Wear-coming soon!

Families will soon be able to purchase FLE spirit wear on school cashonline.





LEAP Information Night-Thursday September 19th





Are you interested in learning more about our FLE Outdoor Ed Program? Know a friend or family member that might be interested. We are having an info session on Thursday **September 19th at 5pm** in our library. This meeting is not for LEAP families that are already in the program, but rather for families that are interested in this choice program for the 2025-26 school year. We will potentially be accepting students from K-7, and hoping to continue to expand to grade 7. A lottery system may be used to help select applicants. **Registration happens in October and is completed online.**

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

Parent Timeframe

- Only a two (2) week window October 7 – October 21
- Online Registration Starts October 7 at noon parents can edit/add/delete
- Online Registration Closes October 21 at noon – parents must stop editing/adding/deleting – view access only



6 - Registration happens in October and is completed online. <u>https://www.sd35.bc.ca/programs-initiatives/programs-of-choice/</u>

FLE Book Fair-October 7-10th



Store hours are: 8:00am - 9:00 am, 11:30am - 12:30pm, 1:45 pm - 2:30 pm. The book fair takes place in our school's library. Thank you to key organizer Hailey Frank and all the other volunteers that make this magic happen.

Go Ahead-Make their day!





Please use this link to anonymously share your words of encouragement, appreciation, and praise for someone special in our building. These quotes will be shared on our hallway TV screen, in our weekly staff newsletters, and at the beginning of staff meetings. <u>https://forms.office.com/r/k6bs9PPtvt</u>

Grade 6 Immunizations



School Newsletter Immunizations for Grade 6 students are coming

When students are in Grade 6, we review their immunization records and offer all routine vaccines they need for their age. We will send home a consent package.

When I receive the consent package for my child or the child in my care, what do I do?

Review the consent package, which includes past immunizations, with the child.

· Submit it online to us at FraserHealth.ca/immunizationform.

- ✓ Check that the child's immunization record is complete. If it is not complete, you can submit the missing record one of these ways:
 - · Include it with the signed consent form, or
- Talk with the child about why vaccines are important.
- Complete and sign the consent form.
 - Note: The consent is valid for 2 years from the date it is given unless you cancel it. It can be used for any vaccines the student missed.
- ✓ Return the signed consent form, and the missing immunization record if needed, to the school sealed in the envelope provided.

All routine vaccines are free in British Columbia.

For more information, please contact your local public health unit or visit our website at FraserHealth.ca/immunize.

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www.fraserhealth.ca

This information does not replace the advice given to you by your healthcare provider. Catalogue #267618 (August 2024) For more copies: patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca

Fraser Health – Back to School Health



Back to School Health Guide – Fraser Health

As summer winds down, it's time to gear up for a healthy back-to-school season. Set the stage for a smooth transition back to school. Here are some practical tips to get you started.

Prioritize Sleep

Ensuring your child gets enough sleep is an important part of a healthy back-to-school routine. Quality sleep helps with concentration, mood and overall well-being. Aim for nine to 11 hours of quality sleep per night.

Eat Well

Support your child's learning and development with scheduled meals and snacks. Breakfast kick starts their morning, while snacks and lunches nourish them throughout the day. Pack a water bottle to help them stay hydrated.

Boost Immunity

As with any public environment, school exposes children to various germs. Ensuring they are up-to-date on their vaccinations helps protect them and others. Specific immunizations are recommended for children prior to entering kindergarten as well as in grades six and nine. Help your child avoid the spread of illness by encouraging them to wash their hands regularly, teaching them to cover their coughs and sneezes and keeping them home when sick.

Keep Active

Adding physical activity to your child's routine sets them up for success. Activities like walking or biking to school, playing sports, dancing, swimming or helping around the house are great ways for your child to stay active. Set limits on screen time and promote outdoor play as much as possible for overall well-being.

Make Time for Talking and Connection

Going back to school can be a cause of anxiety or stress for children. Make it a point to encourage open communication and support your child to talk about their feelings and help them feel heard and understood. Integrate downtime into their routine where they can relax or focus on a special interest or hobby.

Find more school health tips and resources on Fraser Health's website:

School Health - Fraser Health Authority

Important Reminders

- The adjacent Fort Langley Community parking lot us unavailable to parents for pickup and drop off on Monday September 16th.
- Our lost and found can be found on the stage in our gym. Parents are welcome to swing by anytime to find any lost treasures.
- Please remember to follow the signage in our vehicle drop off and drive thru lanes at the front our school. Vehicles should stop and safely unload in the right lane. Please drive slowly in the left drive-thru lane. Vehicles should not be left unattended in this area at anytime especially during peak times. If you need to park please use the Fort Langley Community Church parking area. Thank you for your cooperation and for keeping everyone safe.
- Reminder that we are a closed campus during the school day, especially during recess and lunch. Parents and younger siblings should not be loitering or playing on school grounds between 8:40am-1:30pm.



7 - PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE DRIVING SLOWLY AND CAUSTIOUSLY AS YOU PICKUP AND DROPOFF YOUR CHILD



8 - Please make sure you are following our signage and are not leaving your car unattended.



9 - NEED A SHIRT?

Orange Shirt Orders Fall 2024 Please return to the office With payment by September 20th.

Name: Phone:

Email:

Teacher:

Pick up at Fort Langley Elementary 8877 Bartlett St. Questions? Contact nancygleeson@gmail.com September 24 & 25 from 2-2:15 pm

There are limited sizes available. We will do our best to fill your order. The smaller adult sizes may be replaced with equivalent youth sizes, depending on supplies.

Child T-shirts		(\$20	Each)	
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Adult T-shirts (\$25 Each)

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s	18"		
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Cheques made payable to Fort Langley Elementary PAC.

Many thanks to Byron Smith for the graphics, Phyllis Atkins for the artwork, and Fern Gabriel for the language translation.

Proceeds to go towards the purchase of Aboriginal library books and classroom readers at FLE.

10 - Swing by the office to get a paper order form.



SELF-IDENTIFICATION OF ABORIGINAL ANCESTRY (FIRST NATIONS, METIS OR INUIT)

Aboriginal Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Metis, or Inuit Ancestry. If you have filled out the form in previous years, you do not need to send in a new one. You can download this <u>form here</u>.

Please fill out this form if student has Aboriginal ancestry (one form per child)

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.

Opportunities In The Community



11 - stalaw Pow Wow: September 14-16

Staław Arts & Cultural Society is hosting the 3rd Annual staław Pow Wow September 14th – 16th. For more information about the event, including a schedule and how to purchase tickets, check out the website here: <u>https://www.stalewpowwow.ca/</u>. Everyone is welcome to attend.



12 - Only FLE students will be in the courses, and the courses will be held at the Fort Langley Community Church next door. There is no additional support staff so if your child has complex needs they will need parent support for the whole duration of the course.

Langley Children's Choir is looking for singers! Openings are now available for singers in grades 3 to 7

What are we looking for?

- School choir members (if your school has one)
- Good attitude and enthusiasm! .1
- Advanced vocal skills, and the ability to focus
- A firm commitment to the group
- 1 Desire to develop as a singer and choir member

What do you get out of this?

- Make new friends who like to sing, too Learn about how to sing better and learn lots of music
- Perform at other schools (a day off!)
- Have fun on a choir tour or camp in the spring
- 1 Sing at festivals and hear other great choirs

Rehearsals? Langley Secondary School, 21405 - 56 Ave on Tuesdays, Sept - April from 4:30 - 6 pm

Fees? \$275 per year (reduced rate for families) plus refundable \$100 deposit

Directors? Kim Hardy and Patti Thorpe (both Langley music teachers) plus accompanist Heather Hicks

How Do L Join?

Contact us for an audition time before Sept 9, 2024. Auditions will be Tuesday Sept. 10

Please include singer's name, phone number, school and grade.







Caregivers can explore and gather valuable resources and information about child care, early learning programs, child development and more. This event is **FREE** for families and caregivers with children from birth to kindergarten age and expectant parents.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024 CHURCH IN THE VALLEY 23589 OLD YALE RD, LANGLEY 10:00AM – 1:00PM

https://buytickets.at/inclusionlangleysociety/1302946

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MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA Door prizes
Market place
Children's entertainment
Play activities
Giveaways

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✓ Information booths



13 - Fundraiser: Willowbrook's Charity Shopping Night

Join us for a night of holiday magic during Willowbrook's 9th Annual Charity Shopping Night - Merry & Bright! 100% of ticket and event proceeds using <u>THIS LINK</u> will go directly to the Langley School District Foundation. Embrace the spirit of the season as we come together to make a difference in our community.

- General Admission include event access, light bites, prize entry, reusable shopping tote & more.
- VIP SWAG Admission includes all general admission elements plus elevated SWAG component.

