



Fort Langley Elementary Parent Newsletter-August 28th, 2024





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

Welcome Back to Fort Langley Elementary!

Dear Fort Langley Elementary Families,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year at Fort Langley Elementary! We hope you had a wonderful summer filled with fun, relaxation, and memorable moments with family and friends. As we embark on this new academic journey together, we are thrilled to see our returning students and extend a warm welcome to all our new families joining us this year.

A Year of Growth and Discovery

This year promises to be one of growth, discovery, and endless possibilities. Our dedicated team of educators has been working tirelessly to prepare engaging and enriching learning experiences that will inspire and challenge our students. As Albert Einstein once said, *"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think."* We are committed to fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child feels valued, supported, and encouraged to reach their full potential.

Building Stronger Connections

At Fort Langley Elementary, we believe that strong connections between home and school are essential for student success. We encourage you to stay involved and engaged in your child's education by

participating in school events, volunteering, and maintaining open communication with teachers and staff. Together, we can create a vibrant and supportive community that empowers our students to thrive.

Our Mission

At Fort Langley Elementary, we are proud to be an inclusive and caring community of learners, devoted to the journey of becoming responsible citizens. This mission guides everything we do and inspires us to create a supportive and enriching environment for all our students.

Looking Ahead

As we look ahead to the new school year, we are filled with optimism and excitement for the journey that lies ahead. We are thrilled to announce the kickoff of our annual Terry Fox Foundation fundraising campaign. This important event will begin with a special assembly on Monday, September 16th, where students will learn about Terry Fox's inspiring legacy and the impact of their contributions. The campaign will culminate in an exciting extravaganza and run on Friday, September 20th. We encourage all students and families to participate and support this meaningful cause.

Thank you for being a part of the Fort Langley Elementary family. We look forward to seeing you soon and wish you a fantastic start to the school year!

Warmest regards,

Logan Kitteringham

Principal, Fort Langley Elementary

The Return Schedule/Plan

Students return to our building on the morning of **Tuesday, September 3rd**. For the first week back, students will return to their last year's teacher (if possible). New students will report to our library for a special orientation.

Schedule for First Day – Tuesday, Sept 3rd (Students in class for 85 minutes):

- 8:20 AM: Warning Bell
- 8:25 AM: Classes Begin/Attendance
- 10:00 AM: Student Dismissal

On the first day of school:

- New students should report to the library where they will have an introduction to the school. For Wednesday, these students will be assigned to a class based on which grade they were in last year.
- Kindergarten students will follow the Gradual Entry schedule that was sent out separately. This schedule will begin on Wednesday, Sept 4th.
- Grade 1-7 students: students will go to their previous teacher (please see info below)

- Students/families should report to the appropriate and designated exterior classroom door.

Teacher Last Year | Teacher and Room # for Sept 3rd and 4th:

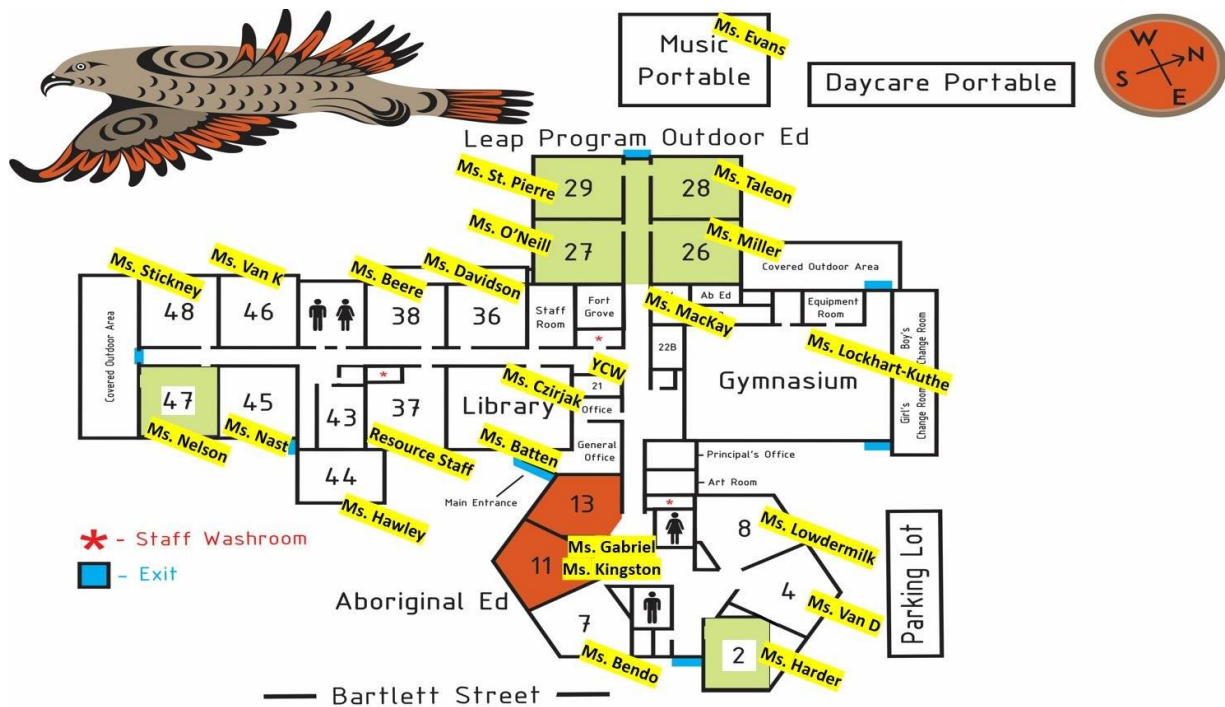
- Van Kreuningen (Grade 6) | Van Kreuningen Room #46
- Beere (Grade 5 & 6) | Beere #38
- Nelson (Grade 4 & 5) | Nelson #47
- Davidson (Grade 4 & 5) | Davidson #36
- Stickney (Grade 3 & 4) | Stickney #48
- Flowers (Grade 3) | Nast #45
- Van Dooyeweert (Grade 2) | Van Dooyeweert #4
- Hawley (K) | Hawley #44
- Lowdermilk (Grade 1-2) | Lowdermilk #8
- Bendo (K) | Hawley #44
- St. Pierre (K) | St. Pierre #29 (Sept 3rd) & O' Neill #27 (Sept 4th)
- Harder (Grade 1) | Harder #2
- Toleon (Grade 2) | Toleon #28
- Epp (Grade 3 & 4) | Miller #26
- New Students | Evans/Batten/Housley/Kitteringham-Library

Wednesday, Sept 4th (Full day for students 8:20 AM – 2:08 PM): Until new classes are official formed, students will continue to report to the teacher/classroom they had last year.

Thursday, September 5th (Full day for students 8:20 AM – 2:08 PM) - Transitioning Students to

Tentative New Classes: Students report to the same classroom/teacher as Tuesday and Wednesday. At some point before recess, teachers will help transition students to their new tentative classes with the assistance of non-enrolling staff, Kitteringham, and SEAs. Students will be in their new tentative classrooms for the bulk of September 5th but will finish their day back in their original classroom from last year for dismissal. Kitteringham will go on the PA around 2 PM and students will be instructed to go back to their original classroom so parents can successfully pick up their children. The intention is to have a familiar face (teacher from last year) at the exterior classroom door at dismissal to help answer questions and facilitate the transition. Students will report to their new tentative classroom starting Friday, September 6th.

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT CLASSES ARE ONLY TENTATIVE DURING THE FIRST FEW WEEKS AND MANY THINGS CAN CHANGE OR ALTER OUR SCHOOL'S GRID AND STUDENT PLACEMENTS*****



BELL SCHEDULE

8:20am

Warning Bell

Students report to their outside door of classroom

8:25am

Instruction Time

9:50am

Recess

10:05am

Recess Ends

11:35am

Lunch

12:08pm

Lunch Ends

2:08pm

Student Dismissal

Fort Langley Elementary Playground And Field Zones



Primary students/classes get expanded access and privileges during their assigned extended recess time which takes place once a week from 12:08-12:35pm



Fort Langley Elementary School Info and Expectations

BIKES, SCOOTERS, HEELYS, ROLLERBLADES, AND SKATEBOARDS

Students are not allowed to actively use or ride these on school property. Students should be walking with these items. Bikes need to be stored in the bike racks and a lock is strongly recommended. Helmets are mandatory.

STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY AND PARENTS DROPPING THINGS OFF

If someone other than the person listed at the office is picking up your child, please let the office or your child's teacher know. We will not release a child unless we have parent/guardian confirmation either in written form or by phone. If a student needs to leave early, please inform the classroom teacher by writing a note in your child's agenda. Upon arrival, please sign your child out at the office and we will determine the optimal way to connect you with your child. If you need to drop something off for your child (lunch, shoes...etc.) please just leave it at the office. **DO NOT DELIVER TO THE CLASSROOM OR WALK THROUGH THE HALLWAYS.** Please leave items at the office and students will be called to the office during breaks to pick up their item. Teachers prefer to not be disturbed during lesson times.

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day unless a note is provided by a parent. Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds to go the store at any time.

POKEMON CARDS AND DRONES

The trading of Pokémon cards has caused significant conflict and has also disrupted learning in the past. Pokémon cards should not be out during instructional times and are subject to confiscation after multiple warnings.

PARENT CONCERNS/PROTOCOLS

At F.L.E. we follow the BCTF Code of Ethics. If a concern arises about your child, the first step is to speak with the classroom teacher to resolve any issues regarding your child. If you believe the matter requires further discussion or action, please contact the Principal as a secondary step.



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BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Staff playground supervision begins at 8am. Please do not drop your child off or send students to school prior to 8am. It is important that students leave the school grounds after school (unless they are attending an afterschool activity) as there is no staff supervision on the playgrounds or fields after 2:25pm.

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Students are expected to line up at the exterior door to their class once the bell goes. Teachers will let students in at this time.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school. We ask that you keep your child at home if they are not well. Students cannot learn if they are ill, and we don't want to see this illness spread to others. If your child is away and we have not heard from their parent/guardian, you will receive a message from School Messenger.

LATE ARRIVALS

We know at times being late can happen, however we expect all students to be at school, prepared for learning, and on time. Upon arrival, parents/guardians need to sign students in at the main office. Late students should report to their exterior class door and should not walk through the interior of the school.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND STUDENT CELL PHONES

ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES other than school district devices that are used for instructional purposes are prohibited during the school day. This includes before school, recess, and lunch. If parents want their child to have a cell phone it must be turned off and placed in their backpack. In some circumstances, students might be able to use their device during instructional time but only after asking permission from their classroom teacher. Students who choose to use their cell phone inappropriately will have their cell phone taken from them and parents will be asked to pick it up at the office. Please note that all electronic devices brought to school are at students' and parents' own risk. The school holds no responsibility for damaged, lost, or stolen items.

TAKING AND POSTING PHOTOS

Inappropriate use of technology in school may result in disciplinary action. Students may not use cameras of any kind without staff supervision at the school. Students cannot take pictures of other students unless under the direction of staff. Photos of others cannot be posted online or sent to others. Only the school, after the media release forms have been completed by families, has the authority to post photos online.

Gaga Ball Pit Schedule



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Van D	Nast	Davidson	Taleon	Van K
Stickney	Van K	Nelson	Miller	Nast
Lowdermilk	Beere	Beere	Davidson	Nelson
Grade 2s only		O'Neill		O'Neill
Hawley				
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Students/classes get additional access to the gaga ball pit during their assigned extended recess time which takes place once a week from 12:08-12:35pm.



HOW TO PLAY

GA = HEBREW FOR HIT.
GAGA BALL IS A KINDER VERSION OF DODGE BALL.
THE MORE PLAYERS THE BETTER!



1. For maximum fun, practice the values of QCCC's Hand!
2. Players start inside arena touching the sides.
3. One player throws the gaga ball up into the air. Players yell "Go" as they throw and the ball is in play after it hits the ground ("Go-Ga").
4. Players can then move around the arena, attempting to hit other players with the ball.
5. Players can hit the ball with one hand, but cannot pick up and throw it.
6. If the ball touches a player anywhere on or below the knee, that player is eliminated.
7. A player cannot touch the ball two times in a row - the ball must first touch another player or the arena wall or it is called a "double touch" and that player is out.
8. Players may not kick the ball since this means touching the ball below the knee.
9. If the ball is hit out of the arena, then the last player to touch the ball is out.
10. Players who are out must leave the GoGo Arena immediately, welcome to add encouragement from the sidelines.



**PAC Welcome Back Coffee for FLE Parents/Guardians & K Playdate-
Tuesday September 3rd (8:00am - 10:00am)**



Our amazing PAC is back at it in the form of providing much needed coffee for families to enjoy on the first day back, as well as offering up an opportunity for new kindergarten kids and families to get to know each other out on our playground. Be sure to stop by and grab a coffee when you drop your kiddo off on Tuesday morning.





1 - PAC President, Sam Borland, will be sending out some more detailed info over the coming days.



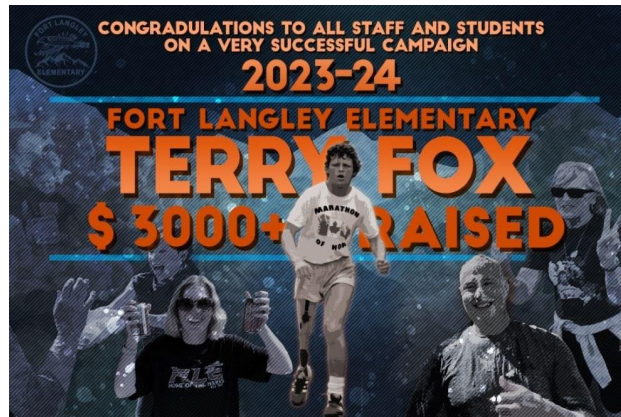
FLE Terry Fox Fundraising Campaign and Run/Extravaganza



2 - Our fundraising campaign will kickoff on September 16th and our run will happen on Friday September 20th.

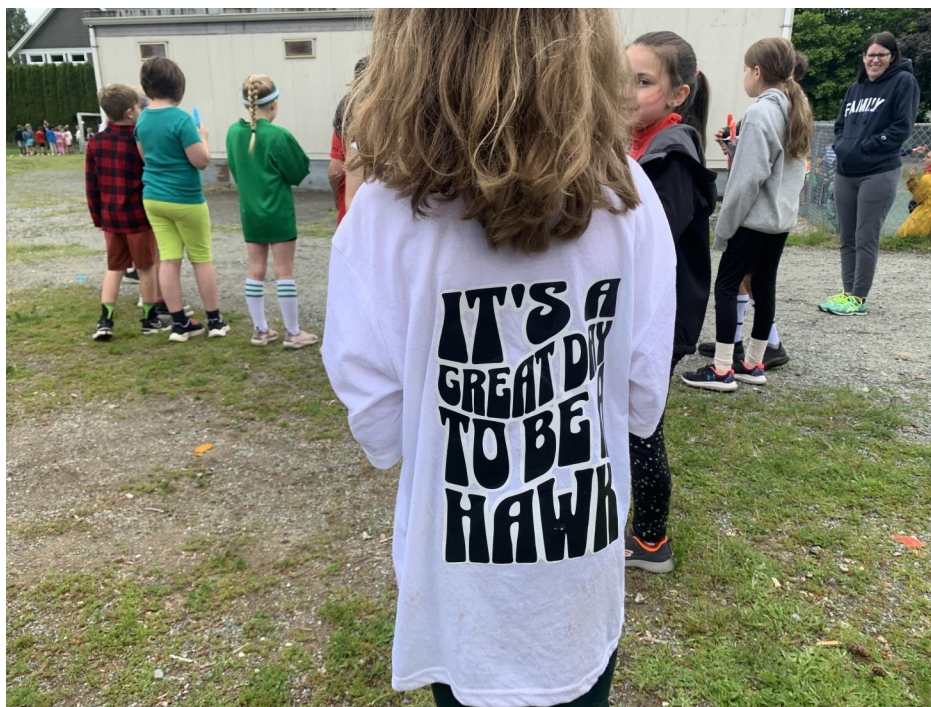






Parent Consent Request

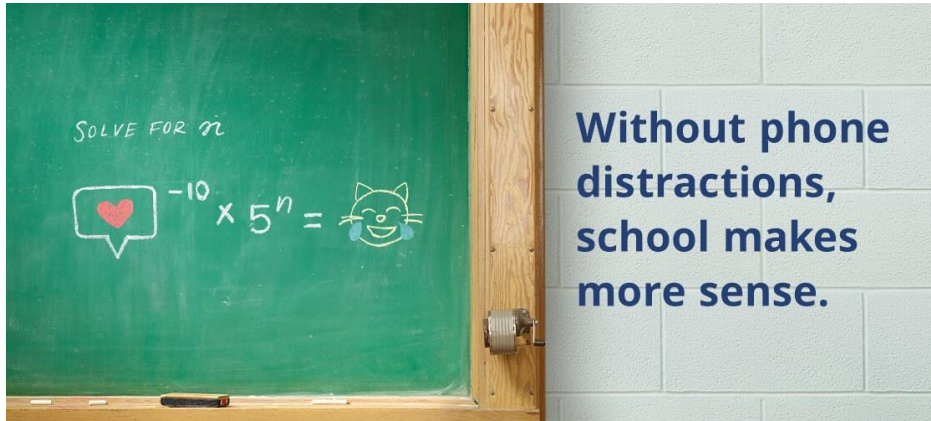
Each year, Langley Schools asks families to complete a set of parent consent forms for their child. These consent forms are required by our schools to ensure the health, safety, and security of all students. Langley Schools uses a secure web form to collect this information. Beginning mid-September, 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.



SchoolMessenger in the Langley School District

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. As we welcome our new families to our schools, some parents/guardians may receive a text message notifying them about SchoolMessenger. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).

Cell Phone Restrictions





Administrative Procedure 350 – Appendix A

STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES

Background

This procedure outlines the expectations and guidelines for the use of personal digital devices within Langley School District schools.

The Langley School District recognizes the importance of establishing clear guidelines to ensure that personal digital devices are used in a way that supports educational goals and maintains a safe and respectful learning environment. The procedure is necessary to:

- Address the potential distractions and classroom management issues posed by personal digital devices, as well as other negative impacts, such as student addiction to digital technology.
- Provide a framework for the responsible use of technology that aligns with the District's educational objectives and values, as per the District's AP 350: Student Code of Conduct.
- Ensure that all students, regardless of their socioeconomic status, have equitable access to learning resources and opportunities.
- Accommodate students with diverse needs, including those with medical conditions that may require the use of personal digital devices.
- Foster digital citizenship among students, teaching them to use technology ethically, responsibly, and effectively.
- All students and staff are expected to adhere to the Langley School District's AP 140: Computer Access to Electronic Information, AP 140 Appendix A: Appropriate Use, and AP 140 Appendix B: Next Generation Network (NGN) Acceptable Use Standards. The Administrative Procedures outline the standards for acceptable use of technology in the Langley School District, ensuring that technology is used in a safe, responsible, and ethical manner.

Procedures

1. Restrictions on Use in Elementary and Middle Schools

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other breaks. Students are encouraged to keep their personal digital devices at home. Any devices brought to school should be turned off and stored away in backpacks or lockers.

- 1.2. During hours of instruction, personal electronic devices must be turned off and stored away in backpacks or lockers, unless otherwise permitted by school staff for instructional purposes.
- 1.3. School staff may provide alternate means of storage in the classroom, such as with "hanging wall phone pockets" or other storage options. These alternate means of storage should be in a lockable closet or cabinet, or other lockable and secure area.
- 1.4. Overall, the use of school digital devices for instructional purposes is encouraged to enhance digital literacy skills. Staff will guide students on how to integrate these devices into their learning effectively and responsibly.
- 1.5. In support of developing responsible use of technology, classroom teachers are encouraged to start the school year or course by co-constructing classroom norms with students that include the acceptable use of technology in the classroom.
- 1.6. The use of cell phones or other electronic devices, including cameras, to capture pictures, video or audio that records other students or staff may only be done with specific prior consent from Administration. Possible educational uses of audio, picture or video recording could be to take a picture of notes on a board, to record video for a project or assignment, or to record audio for a music or language class, etc. At no time may cameras be used in locker rooms and washrooms.

On the Horizon



School District #35 (Langley)
2024-2025 School Calendar
Elementary Schools

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sep 2 (M)	Labour Day (Schools Closed)
	Sep 3 (T)	Schools Open
	Sep 30 (M)	Truth and Reconciliation Day (Schools Closed)
October	Oct 4 (F)	School Improvement Day (students not in attendance)
	Oct 14 (M)	Thanksgiving (Schools Closed)
	Oct 25 (F)	Professional Development Day (Provincial - students not in attendance)
November	Nov 8 (F)	Learning Update Prep/Design & Assessment Day (students not in attendance)
	Nov 11 (M)	Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)
	Nov 27 (W)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	Nov 28 (Th)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
December	Dec 20 (F)	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
January	Jan 6 (M)	Schools Re-Open After Winter Break
February	Feb 10 (M)	Professional Development Day (District - students not in attendance)
	Feb 17 (M)	Family Day (Schools Closed)
	Feb 24 (M)	Learning Update Prep/Design & Assessment Day (students not in attendance)
March	Mar 5 (W)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 6 (Th)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 14 (F)	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
	Mar 31 (M)	Schools Re-Open After Spring Break
April	Apr 18 (F)	Good Friday (Schools Closed)
	Apr 21 (M)	Easter Monday (Schools Closed)
May	May 16 (F)	Professional Development Day (District - students not in attendance)
	May 19 (M)	Victoria Day (Schools Closed)
June	Jun 26 (Th)	Final Learning Update Issued & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 27 (F)	Administrative Day (students not in attendance)
July / August		Summer Session

SD35 Board of Education Meeting
APPROVED: April 23, 2024

FLE Meet the Teacher Night has been scheduled for Thursday, September 26th, from 5:00-6:00 PM. Please note that our kindergarten teachers (Ms. Bendo and Ms. St. Pierre) will not be available this evening as they have already conducted introductory transitioning meetings with their families.



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!
- ✓ Advanced vocal skills, and the ability to focus
- ✓ A firm commitment to the group
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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 I 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.

Patti Thorpe
pthorpe@sd35.bc.ca



