



From the Desk of Mrs. Gracie - Dec 12, 2024 Final Edition

For the last two and a half years, it has been a privilege to be the Principal of James Kennedy Elementary. The staff at JKE are truly the very best in the district. They are skilled in their roles (teachers and support staff) and they deeply care about our students and each other. I have enjoyed working with our very dedicated PAC and have made lasting memories of our special events like our Pancake Day, and Spooktacular.

As of January, I will take on the role of District Principal of Learning Support Services. I will miss our wonderful students and James Kennedy Community. Thank you for your kindness and support in my time here.

The new Principal will be Tim Bonnar. Mr. Bonnar is a well-respected principal in the Langley School District. He has been principal at Belmont Elementary and Parkside Elementary and brings an amazing skillset that will benefit both our English and French Immersion Programs.

I wish your families the best of the holiday season and I look forward to seeing everyone at our Winter Concerts and Pancake & PJ day next week.

This week we hosted our Annual Entrepreneur Fair and it was a huge success! It is such an amazing learning experience for our Grade 7 students. Through the decision of what their product will be, to creating a business plan, setting up their booth, selling their product and determining their profits. Thank you to everyone who was a part of this process.





Upcoming Events:



- Please note that this is not a complete list, please see emails from teachers regarding field trip information.

Friday, Dec 13 - **Hot Lunch**

Sunday, Dec 15 - Hot Lunch Orders due for next term.

Tuesday, Dec 17 - **Primary Winter Performances** 1:00 & 6:30 (*Food Bank Donations accepted at the door*)

Thursday, Dec 19 - **Band & Choir Showcase** 1:00 & 6:30 (*Food Bank Donations accepted at the door*)

Friday, Dec 20 - **Pancakes and Pajama Day** (Last Day before Winter Break)

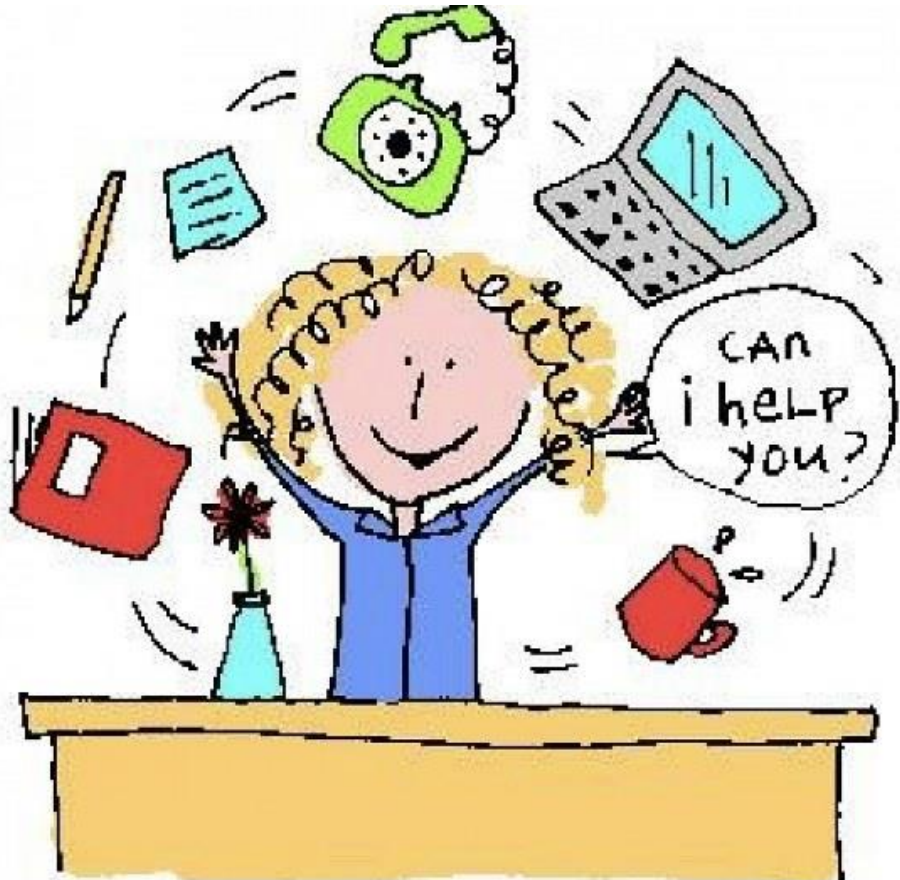
Monday, Jan 6 - First Day back to school after winter break.

PANCAKES AND PJ'S - DEC 20TH

Schedule

9:00 – 9:45	Fould (20) & McCabe/Botwright (28) Trembly (20) & Calado (27)
9:45 – 10:30	O’Shea (20) & Christmas (28) Bouvier & Ratcliffe/ Jankowiak (27)
10:45 – 11:20	Killam (22) & Sales/Kang (26) Kang/Dykens (22) & Soo/Spence (28)
11:20 – 12:00	Oliva (21) & Bournelis (27) Clark (22) & Langer/Jankowiak (28)
12:30 – 1:00	Missel (22) & Chan (26) Laycock (22) & Jordan (27)
1:00 – 1:30	Devries (22) & Knox (26) Knight (21) & McIlwain (27)
1:30 – 2:00	Pearce (19) & Wallingford (28) Andres (22) & Keyhoe/Dykens (22)
2:00	clean up

Information From the Office



Attendance/Absences

If your child is going to be absent, arriving late, away or leaving early due to an appointment, please notify the school of your child's absence by email or call the school (in addition to informing the classroom teacher). To report an absence by email, send information including student first name and last name, grade, division, length of absence, and reason to JKEAttendance@sd35.bc.ca. To report an absence by phone, call 604-888-5257 and follow the prompts for the attendance line to leave a message with information including student first name and last name, grade, division, length of absence, and reason. You can view these instructions on our school webpage <https://jke.sd35.bc.ca/>. If you have any questions about attendance/absence procedures, contact the school office.

Food Programs Information was sent home last week regarding the Lunch Lady Hot Lunches that are available to families on Thursdays. These lunches are offered at a reduced rate or can be fully subsidized. We also have a brown bag lunch program available to families that are

experiencing financial difficulty. If you would like more information on either of these programs, please email cgracie@sd35.bc.ca. Please see letter from the Langley School District below



The logo for the Feeding Futures Lunch Program is a circular emblem divided into four quadrants. The top-left quadrant is blue with a white icon of a person holding a bowl. The top-right quadrant is green with a white icon of a fork and knife. The bottom-left quadrant is blue with a white icon of a person holding a bowl. The bottom-right quadrant is green with a white icon of a person holding a bowl. In the center of the circle is a white icon of a person holding a bowl. Below the logo is a dark blue banner with the text "FEEDING FUTURES" in white and "LUNCH PROGRAM" in green.

Dear Langley Families,

We hope this letter finds you well. In these challenging times with the increasing cost of food affecting many households, we are more committed than ever in supporting our community.

We are excited about the Feeding Futures initiative, a comprehensive program designed to ensure food security for all students and families across our district. Our goal is to support the well-being and academic success of every student by providing access to nutritious meals and reducing any barriers to learning. We aim to reduce stigma and ensure that all students feel comfortable and supported in accessing these programs. By working together, we can create a nurturing and equitable environment for all.

As part of this initiative, **we are proud to offer a fully-funded daily lunch program** at all schools within the district. We ask that if your family could use this support, please reach out to your child's teacher or a member of the Enhanced Support Team that have been established at each school. This team is comprised of administrators, counsellors, Indigenous support workers and Child and Youth care workers. Our Enhanced Support Teams are available to provide access to food programs and other supports to assist your family.

Warm regards,
Michael Carlyle
Principal - Feeding Futures
Langley School District

Please reach out to your school's Enhanced Support Team for more information regarding food security for your family.



We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair this year! From the volunteers who helped set up the fair, to those who helped during the fair, to those who shopped, we are so grateful. Thanks to your generous support we raised \$3689.00, which will be used to purchase books for our Library Learning Commons. We could not have done it without your help!



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. On this webpage you will find

Dental, Hearing, and Vision Checks (from Fraser Health)

Health, safety, and wellness continue to be a priority in our schools. To help support our students and families, we are sharing important information from our community partner Fraser Health about dental, hearing, and vision checks. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Make dental, hearing and vision checks part of a healthy routine

Health screenings help find issues early which can make treatment easier and more effective. It's important for your child to have regular eye exams and routine dental checkups. It is also important to recognize any hearing loss early as this is essential for speech and language development. Read on to learn when and how to access services for your child.

Dental

Tooth decay is the most common, but preventable, childhood chronic disease. It is important to establish good oral hygiene at a young age and have children's teeth checked by a dentist regularly. To find a local dentist near you who is accepting new patients, visit the BC Dental Association's [Find a Dentist database](#). If you are a member of a low-income family and you do not have extended health coverage, there are several programs that can help you access [affordable dentistry for your children](#). You can also contact the dental program at your [local public health unit](#) and ask about resources available in your community.

Vision

BC Doctors of Optometry recommends children receive their first eye exam when they are six to nine months old with a follow up exam at least once between the ages of two and five and then yearly once they enter school. You can find an optometrist accepting new patients near you at the College of Optometrists of British Columbia's [Find an Optometrist database](#). In B.C., one basic eye exam per year is free up to the age of 18. Some optometrists may charge a user fee of about \$35-50 per visit, so be sure to ask about any fees before you make an appointment.

Hearing

Good hearing is essential for speech and language development and plays an important part in a child's social and emotional growth. It is important to recognize hearing loss early and seek out testing and treatment if needed. Fraser Health's Public Health community audiologists provide hearing services for children from birth to 19 years of age. If you have a concern about your child's hearing, referrals can be made by a parent or caregiver, a health care provider or education professional to your [local public health audiology \(hearing\) clinic](#). Find more information on child health screenings and how to access free vision, hearing and dental exams on Fraser Health's website: <https://ow.ly/oK9z50PgZ8>

From Our PAC



Dear JKE Parents and Caregivers,

It is time to order your Hotlunches for 2025!

Ordering DEADLINE is **Dec 15 2024** - Hotlunch Website: Jke.hotlunches.net

Important Notice: Key Updates & Policy Changes

We've made a few important changes to our system. Please take note of the following updates:

1. **Transition to a Paperless Payment System**In an effort to improve efficiency and reduce our environmental footprint, we are now operating on a paperless payment system.
2. **Payment Methods**Payments can now be made via **PayPal** or **e-transfer ONLY**. We're happy to inform you that no additional fees will be applied to orders at checkout for these payment methods.
3. **No Cash or Cheque Payments**Please note that we will **no longer accept cash or cheque payments**.
4. **E-Transfer Payment Instructions**When making an e-transfer, please include the **Order ID** and **Child's Name** in the **comments/description** section to help us match the payment with your order. Send e-transfers to: jkehotlunch@gmail.com
5. **No Refunds Policy for Events and Hot Lunch Orders**To ensure proper planning and preparation, we have a **no-refund policy** for any event bookings or hot lunch orders placed. Some exceptions may be consider if the request was **two weeks before the event date**. Otherwise, all orders are considered final and no refunds will be issued. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.
6. If you would like to volunteer for hotluch please connect with Hotlunch Team - jkehotlunch@gmail.com

Thank you for your attention,

Your JKE Hotlunch Team

Term 2 Hot Lunches: January - March

Ordering Deadline: Dec 15, 2024

- Friday January 17th, 2025 - Chipotle
- Friday February 7th, 2025 - Sushi Musa & TCBY frozen yogurt
- Friday February 28th, 2025 - Fresh Slice & Booster Juice
- Friday March 14th, 2025 - McDonalds

ABBOTSFORD CANUCKS

SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT

JAMES KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HSK vs ABB
SAT. JAN. 11 | 7PM

Show your school spirit and win prizes while cheering on the Abbotsford Canucks at the Abbotsford Centre
Each game, one (1) students will be selected to ride the zamboni at intermission.

SCAN TO VIEW

- Special rate tickets
- Prizing for students

PLEASE CONTACT
EMILY PUNDICK, 604.743.5078
EMILY.PUNDICK@ABBOTSFORDCANUCKS.CA

ABBOTSFORD.CANUCKS.COM

1 - We hope that you can join us for our 2nd Annual JKE Night at the Abbotsford Canuck game on January 11, 2025! Check out this link for more information and to order tickets. If you have trouble with the link, please email Mrs. Gracie and we will add more seats for our group!

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Jameskennedy7>

Community Events



Local Christmas Community Event

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What: Christmas caroling, sheet music/words provided - no singing experience needed

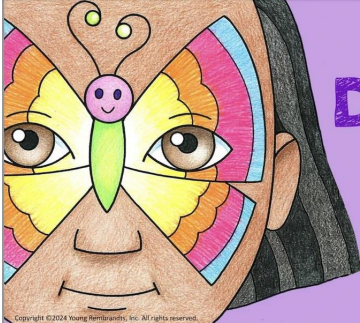
Where: Christmas caroling for the residents and staff at Cedarhill and Rosewood Gardens, Langley Memorial Hospital, longterm care

When: Saturday, December 21, arrive @115 to get free parking pass, singing usually lasts 1hr give or take

Who: you, your children and friends


Qualifications: healthy and smiling face

More info contact Melissa Rolfson 778-685-3565 or melissa.rolfson@gmail.com



Drawing

Classes for Kids



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AFTERSCHOOL CLASSES AT: JAMES KENNEDY ELEMENTARY THURSDAYS IN THE LIBRARY

Young Rembrandts teaches drawing, the fundamental skill of visual arts, to children. We intentionally offer child-friendly and relevant subject matter to spark children's interest and increase knowledge retention. Our classes are fun, engaging and offer children a safe, comfortable place to talk about art, learn drawing skills and have fun while surrounded by creativity and encouragement.

CLASS Dates: Jan. 13- Mar. 10/25



DAY: Thursdays
TIME: 2:35 - 3:35 PM
Room: THE SCHOOL Library
\$151 for 7 weeks
*PAYMENTS OPTIONS AVAILABLE

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BCIS IS BACK FOR THE 3RD YEAR & ITS TIME ONCE AGAIN TO REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL AT CHESS

MAY 31ST - JUNE 1ST, 2025 BC INTER-SCHOOL JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

EVENT INFO

- Grade 1-4: Rapid (6 rounds)
- Grade 5-8: Classical (6 rounds)
- Grade 9-12: Blitz (12 rounds)
- CFC Rated Tournament

Location: HD Stafford Middle School
20441 Grade Crescent, Langley, BC V3A 4J8

SCAN TO REGISTER/ DETAILS



- TOP 4 WINNERS BY SECTION
- BEST UNRATED PLAYER BY SECTION
- BEST FEMALE PLAYER BY SECTION
- BEST SCHOOL BY SECTION
- BEST OVERALL SCHOOL (COMBINED)
- BEST OVERALL SCHOOL DISTRICT
- CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

Students can register directly/ via their School.

FOR GROUP BOOKINGS/ CONTACT:
events@fraservalleychess.com
778-558-3796

WINTER SHOOTING CAMPS

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT
BASKETBALL IQ
LEADERSHIP

Grades	Dates	Time	Location	City	Cost
5 - 10 Boys	Dec 27 - 28	9:00am-1:00pm	Columbia Bible College	Abbotsford	\$200
8 - 12 Girls	Dec 30 - 31	9:00am-1:00pm	Walnut Grove Secondary	Langley	\$200
8 - 12 Boys	Dec 30 - 31	9:00am-1:00pm	Walnut Grove Secondary	Langley	\$200
4 - 8 Girls	Jan 2 - 3	9:00am-1:00pm	Walnut Grove Secondary	Langley	\$200
4 - 8 Boys	Jan 2 - 3	9:00am-1:00pm	Walnut Grove Secondary	Langley	\$200

REGISTRATION
OPENS
NOV 14TH

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:

If you register **by Dec 13** cost will be **\$200**.
If you register **after Dec 13** cost will be **\$225**.

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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 school!)
- ✓ 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? \$175 Jan - May (reduced rate for multiple children in the same family)

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

How Do I Join?

Contact us via email for an audition time before Jan 5, 2024. Auditions will be Tuesday Jan 7.

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

Patti Thorpe
langleychildrenschoir2022@gmail.com