



From the Desk of Mrs. Gracie - Nov 29, 2024



Thank you to all of our families that attended our Student Inclusive Conferences this week. As we get more comfortable with using this reporting format, it will be a very powerful tool to help our students set goals and promote engagement in their school activities.

Recently we had a visit from Ache` Brasil. Aché Brasil fuses Brazilian music, dance and capoeira (Afro-Brazilian martial arts and acrobatics) into a dynamic and colourful performance. It was a very lively performance thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff. Thank you to our PAC who fund several arts and cultural performances for us throughout the year.









JKE invites you to join us for

GIVING TREES

From Nov. 15th to Dec. 5th

Who we are Supporting:

We are partnering with the Langley Christmas Bureau to provide Christmas Hampers for 5 local families in need of support this holiday season.

The items donated go directly to the families in need. Our very own JKE staff and students will deliver the hampers to the families once we have collected all the items. This is such an impactful way to support families in our community.

How it Works:



1. Select a tag from any tree in the foyer.
2. Purchase the item described on the tag.
3. Return the item **with the JKE tag attached** under any tree in the foyer.

Our Grade 7 volunteers will then deliver the item to the correct sponsor teacher's classroom. Student leaders will work with their sponsor teacher to deliver the items to the families in need.

Or support us through our **COIN DRIVE**

Bring the corresponding coin on the following days:

- Dec. 2nd** - Nickel
- Dec 3rd** - Dime
- Dec. 4th** - Quarter
- Dec. 5th** - Loonie
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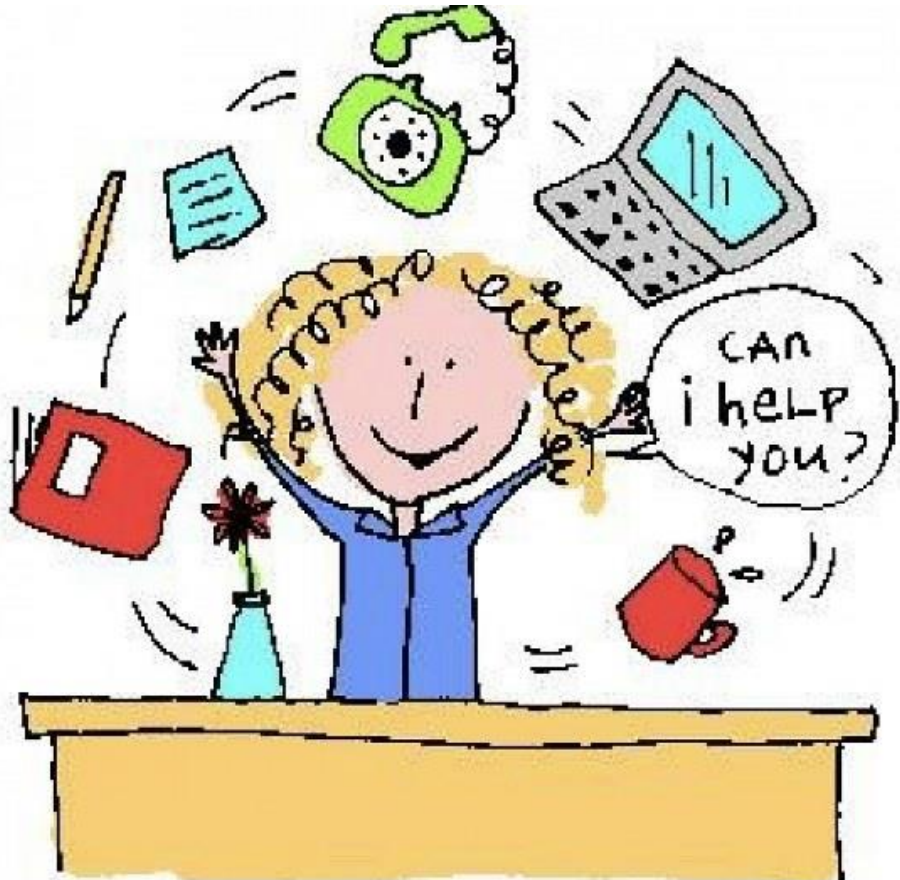
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Information From the Office



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



Information from the Langley School District



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 information about student inclusive conferences, proficiency scales, and self-reflection on the core competencies. These resources are aimed to help support your child. Read more [here](#).

Emergency Preparedness, Power Outages, and School Closures

With storm season upon us, the District is reminding families about procedures during emergencies such as power outages. The District will post important information on school and District websites as well as on social media channels. The District may also send special instructions in emails and text messages (for those that opt-in) via SchoolMessenger. In the event of power outages, schools have an emergency phone line operational. Please avoid calling the school unless it is an emergency as this ties up the phone line.

As per the District's procedures, schools in the District may be closed to students by the Superintendent for weather related emergencies such as power outages or other causes related to health and safety. The decision to close a school due to a power outage is based on many considerations including expected power restoration time, operational emergency lighting, access to water and washrooms, among other factors. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school (or keep their child at school) based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school. For more information on school status information, read [here](#).

The District thanks students, families and staff for their cooperation during recent power outages impacting schools.

The Arts are alive and thriving across many Langley secondary schools and each month there are many different events happening which are inspiring and engaging evenings for staff and family. Please see the flyer below for a list of events happening "This Month in the Arts" across Langley schools:



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/oK9z50PgZB>

Upcoming Events:



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

Saturday, Nov 30 - **JKE Christmas Market**

Tuesday, Dec 3 - **Lock Down drill**

Friday, Dec 6 - **Art Starts Performance** - (Thank you PAC)

Friday, Dec 13 - **Hot Lunch**

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.

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 hotlunch 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**

YOU'RE INVITED!

ENTRY
BY
\$ OR FOOD
DONATION

**JAMES KENNEDY
ELEMENTARY**

Christmas

**CRAFT
MARKET**

**40+ VENDORS
CONCESSION
PHOTOS WITH SANTA**

**SAT. NOVEMBER 30TH
FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM**



9060 212TH ST
LANGLEY


VENDORS

ARBONNE
 BASHFUL LAMB
 BLUE FLAME STUDIOS
 BOUGES SHOES
 COLOR STREET
 COTTAGE GROVE CREATIONS
 CRAZY CRAFT MOM
 DANI DOES DESIGNS
 EPICURE
 FAYE FAYE MOMMY
 GREETINGS FROM HOME
 HANDMADE WITH LOVE BY RHODA
 HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
 HOTHEAD HOT SAUCE
 J LASER CREATIONS
 JUST CANDLES CO
 LEILANI FINE TEA
 LITTLE RED TRUCK CO.
 LOU'S CRAFTS
 MIXED WITH LOVE BAKERY
 NB4 DESIGNS

OUR LITTLE SOAP CO.
 PAMPERED CHEF
 PAWFECT BISCUITS
 PLUM CREATIONS
 PRETTY EARS
 PUNK-E BOWS
 SCENTSY
 SCRUMPTIOUS SWEETS
 SEW BERRY CRAFTY
 SEWN CREATIONS
 SHELLY'S CHOCOLATE BOMBS
 SIMPLY SIMA CROCHET
 SPECTRUM CREATIVE DESIGNS
 SQUASH & PRESS
 SUE'S CRAFTS
 SWEETLEGS
 SWEETS N STITCHES
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 THE MEXICAN BEE CO.
 UNSEEDED BEADING

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, 604.243.5078
 EMILY.PUNDICK@ABBOTSFORDCANUCKS.CA

ABBOTSFORD.CANUCKS.COM

2 - 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

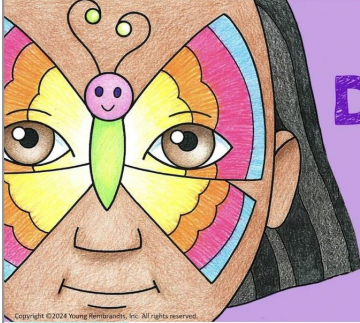
Where: Christmas caroling for the residents and staff at Cedarhill and Rosewood Gardens, Langley Memorial Hospital, longterm care

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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THURSDAYS IN THE LIBRARY**

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**SEE OUR WEBSITE
FOR DETAILS ABOUT
OUR SPRING BREAK
PROGRAMS...**

**Did you know we are
hiring Instructors in
Surrey & Langley?
Reach out for more
info!**



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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artsbc@youngrembrandts.com



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

FRENCH READING PROGRAMS



Holiday Clinics FOR FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS

Level 1

- Review of letter sounds
- French Phonics Part 1
- Daily reading practice
- Vocabulary development

Level 2

- French Phonics part 2
- Daily reading practice
- Vocabulary development

Level 3

- French Phonics part 3
- Daily reading practice
- Vocabulary development
- Fluency & comprehension

2-5 STUDENTS, 6 ONLINE SESSIONS, DEC. 27 TO JAN. 4



Introduction & review of essential reading skills



Daily reading practice & reading comprehension



French vocabulary development & enrichment



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Empowering French Immersion Students

MpM French Reading Academy stands as Canada's leading online service dedicated to enhancing French immersion students' reading skills. Founded by Véronique Tremblay, a French immersion teacher and reading specialist with over 15 years of experience in Canada, MpM was created to deliver specialized reading support that empowers students and promotes academic excellence. Our program is grounded in the science of reading, and we take pride in our unique approach that prioritizes strong relationships and harnesses the benefits of bilingual learning to support student success.

Expertise in French Immersion: Our reading specialists are highly qualified professionals who understand the unique challenges of French immersion learners.

Comprehensive Support: We collaborate closely with schools, parents, and teachers to align our reading support with school curricula and reinforce classroom learning.

Proven Engagement Strategies: We use personalized learning plans to deliver targeted instruction through one-on-one and small group sessions, which builds students' confidence and significantly enhances their academic performance in French reading.

Evidence-Based Approach	Highly Qualified Reading Specialists	Recommended by FI teachers	Fun and interactive classes
Our programs are grounded in the science of reading, ensuring evidence-based methods for success.	Our team consists of highly qualified, certified teachers and reading specialists with an expertise in French immersion education.	Our program is loved and recommended by French immersion teachers for its effectiveness in supporting students' reading development.	Our classes are designed to be fun and interactive, engaging students while building their confidence and reading skills.
Contact Us www.mpm-frenchreading.com mpmacademie@gmail.com			

FRENCH READING PROGRAMS

Winter programs

FOR FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS

Read with Me 20 20 min. One-on-One Maintain reading skills over the summer	Back to Basics 30 min. One-on-One Build a strong reading foundation Phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, & more!	Small Group 45 min. 3-4 students Reading & conversation, fluidity, accuracy, vocabulary
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STARTS JANUARY 6, 2025

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