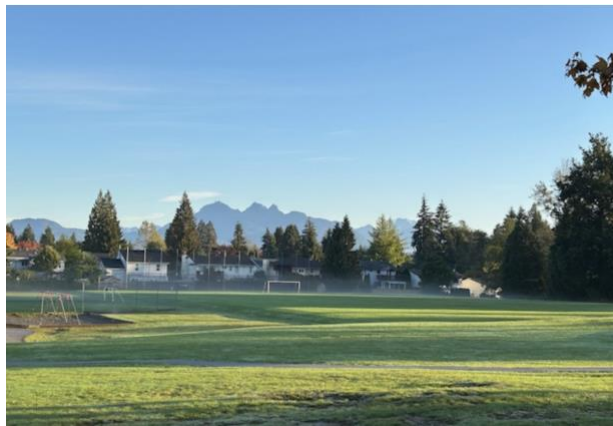




**From the Desk of Mrs Gracie
Oct 11, 2024**



Living in beautiful British Columbia, we certainly have a lot to be thankful for. The above picture was taken this week from our outdoor classroom. At JKE we are fortunate to have a large outdoor space to play, a dedicated and caring staff that work diligently in order for our students to be successful, an amazing parent group that volunteer their time for events to build our community and students that understand the importance of being kind, safe and respectful. As Principal of JKE, I am very thankful to be part of our school community.

We have had some amazing things happening at the school over the last few weeks. We only have one more **Cross Country** Race and that will be happening Wednesday, Oct 16th. Only students that have qualified will run in this race. Best of luck to all the participants! Our Grade **6 & 7 Volleyball** teams will be starting practices next week, with games starting the week of Oct 29th.

If you can believe it, we have also begun preparing for our Winter Musical and Winter Music Showcase! Please check the upcoming events sections for times and dates 😊

Now that we have settled into the routines of the new school year, we are needing to remind some students of school expectations. I have attached our JKE Student Handbook to this newsletter for your reference. It can also be found on our JKE website, <https://jke.sd35.bc.ca/>.

Friendly Reminders:

- Students are required to turn off and hand in personal devices such as phones, etc. at the beginning of each day. They will be in a locked cabinet for the day and returned to students at the end of each day. If students need to contact families for a serious matter they are able to make a call from the office.
- Students are required to leave recording devices such as apple watches etc. at home.
- We are experiencing a lot more rainy and cool days. Please ensure that students are dressed to go out for recess and lunch for all weather. We will only stay in if the conditions outside are unsafe (ice, excess wind).

Upcoming Events: (this is not an exhaustive list, please refer to teacher emails for specific field trip information)

- Oct 14 – Thanksgiving Day – no school for staff and students
- Oct 17 – The Great Shake Out (Earthquake Drill)
- Oct 18 – Spooktacular (information sent out separately)
- Oct 25 – Professional Development Day (no school for students)
- Nov 7 – Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 8 - Design & Assessment Day/Learning Update Prep (no school for students)
- Nov 11 – Remembrance Day (no school for staff or students)
- Nov 15 - Family Movie Night (PAC Event)
- Nov 21 – PAC General Meeting – 6:30 pm
- Nov 22 – Hot lunch
- Nov 27 – Student Inclusive Conferences (students only come for conference time)
- Nov 28 – 2 hour Early Dismissal – Student Inclusive Conferences continued
- Nov 25-29 Book Fair Week
- Nov 30 – JKE Christmas Market (information below)
- Dec 10 – Entrepreneur Fair
- Dec 13 – Hot Lunch
- Dec 17 – Primary Winter Concert (Grade 7 Actors) 1:00; 6:30
- Dec 19 – Musical Winter Showcase (Choir, Band)
- Dec 20 – Pancake Day!

Please see below for information for the PAC Purdy's Fundraisor, JKE Christmas Market and the Holiday Family Portraits Fundraisor

Provincial Election Sites:

On Saturday October 19th many of our school gyms across the District will be used as provincial election polling stations from 8am – 8pm. As guided by Section 81 of the Election Act “accommodation in a school that is the property of a board of school trustees under the School Act must be made available by the board for use as a voting place.” Please take note of extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area of these sites on election day.

The District appreciates the support and cooperation from families and members of our community. The District is encouraging everyone who is eligible to do their civic duty and vote. For a list of school sites being used, visit the District website [here](#).

Emergency Procedures & Response

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Schools follow emergency procedures to ensure students, staff, and any visitors in our schools or sites are safe when unexpected incidents or events happen. At the start of every school year, administrators, teachers, and staff review these emergency procedures. Schools practice a set number of drills annually in preparation for unexpected situations. The District encourages families to become familiar with these staff emergency procedures and the drills that are completed in schools. You can read them in the Staff Emergency Procedures Poster [here](#) or find them posted in areas throughout District buildings. If you have questions or concerns about emergency procedures, please contact your child's teacher or principal.

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 – Deadline to Register is Monday, October 21st

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](#).

U-Connect – Kindergarten to Grade 3 Spaces Available: Elementary

Is your child in need of an education program that offers more flexibility and continues to meet their educational needs? U-Connect may be a great fit for your child. The blended learning program has students in class two days a week with an optional third day offered for additional student support and fun community field trips. Students will be at home two to three days per week, which enables them to discover their own extra-curricular passions and allows for caregivers to support students at home in partnership with school. Students will build on their own personal learning style with the support of caring and dedicated teachers. Interested students and their families are encouraged to call the school to get more information or learn more [here](#).



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Contact **JKE PAC** at **jameskennedypac@gmail.com**

for more details.



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JKE Christmas Market



We have 10 tables available for
student vendors that would like to
join our market!

Nov 30th 11-4pm
\$25 a table

Please email
jkechristmasmarket@gmail.com with
your name and number and a bit
about what you would be selling



DEADLINE: NOV 1





JKE PAC PRESENTS

Holiday Family Portrait Fundraiser

NOVEMBER 13 & 14, 2024

LOCATION:
JAMES KENNEDY ELEMENTARY - GYM
9060 212 STREET, LANGLEY

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!
HOLIDAY BACKGROUND AND
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EACH MINI SESSION IS 15
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PLUS TAX SITTING FEE.



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Pets Welcome!





**STURGEON
BASKETBALL**

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL CAMP

at Walnut Grove Secondary

**TUESDAY NIGHTS
NOV 5TH - DEC 17TH**

Grade 4/5 Girls and Boys: 5-7 pm

Grade 6/7 Girls and Boys: 7-9pm

\$95/ player

Camps are run by WGSS coaches and players.
Each session will include skill development and gameplay.

Email fraserriversturgeon@gmail.com for
information and registration.