



## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Students and Families:

We are excited to share some important updates and upcoming events with you.

As you know, last week, we published the Semester One Formal Learning Update. If you have not yet had the chance to login to MyEd BC to review your child's Learning Update, please do so. Please continue to reach out to teachers if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress. As part of the Learning Update process, students and staff spent time yesterday reviewing evidence of learning that they have been gathering throughout the semester and reflecting on the skills and learning that they have done together thus far in the semester.

Our Fall sports are wrapping up this week. Our senior boys and senior girls volleyball teams are both competing in the provincial championship tournament. It is the first time in our school's history that both senior teams are competing at the provincials in volleyball at the provincial level. Go Gators! At the same time, we are transitioning into our winter sports season. Next week, we will be hosting our first pep rally of the year. A huge thank you to Ms. McKay and our Leadership in Athletics students for their hard work in organizing this event. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the successes of our Fall sport student-athletes, to generate excitement about the upcoming Winter athletics season and to bring our school community together!

Some other events happening around the school this week include the Grad Formal Dance last night, which was a great success as well as the student council sponsored fashion show. Moving forward, a number of events will be happening in December, including our annual Christmas Concert on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Hope you are able to join us.

December 9 - 13 we will be hosting our Wellness Week. We begin the week with all students and staff sharing a learning activity together. Our fabulous counselling team has selected a video and a series of activities for each grade level to engage in and reflect on things like wellness, mindfulness, stress management, addictions etc.... We also have a number of community building activities organized by our student council planned for this week. Like last year, as part of this, we will once again be conducting the Tell Them From Me Survey with our students. This will take place on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. A separate letter with more information about the survey will be sent out soon. Finally, on Friday of that week, we will once again host our Community Resource Fair in the foyer. A number of our community partners will be in the foyer throughout the morning and at lunch time. Classes will be able to sign up for this throughout the morning and the



Resource Fair will also be available at lunch. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn what community supports are available in our community.

Throughout the month of December, we have a number of activities planned for students and staff. We will be decorating the foyer to bring some festive spirit to our school. Our staff will decorate several Christmas trees, and students will have the chance to vote for their favorite. The Student Council is organizing a window decorating contest for classes and working on the annual Christmas assemblies, which will take place on the last day of school before the Winter Break. In addition to these festivities, our students are embracing the true spirit of the holiday season by organizing a food drive. Stay tuned in our last newsletter before the break for some of the highlights.

The next few weeks will go by quickly as we continue into the second half of the semester and approach the Winter Break. We are grateful to our school community for all their hard work and contributions to making WGSS such a great place to work and learn.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Jeremy Lyndon*

Proud Principal



# Gator News

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### IMPORTANT DATES

December 4	HUB Day 2
December 11	WGSS Christmas Concert at 7:00pm
December 20	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
January 6	School Re-opens After Winter Break

### FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

The Christmas season brings varied challenges to every family these days, one of which can be increased financial pressure. At any time, a WGSS youth or their family member is welcome to contact a staff member for assistance with information about available confidential school and community-based resources and support.

Below is information we wanted to share as we all navigate these times.

ORGANIZATION	INFO	CONTACT	WEBSITE/CONTACT
Langley Christmas Bureau	Call to book an appointment. Currently taking applications for hampers.	604-530-3001 20245 Industrial Avenue, Langley	<a href="https://www.langleychristmasbureau.com/client-hamper-application/">https://www.langleychristmasbureau.com/client-hamper-application/</a>
Grocery Hampers	Available weekly	Langley Food Bank  Sources	<a href="https://langleyfoodbank.com">https://langleyfoodbank.com</a>  <a href="https://www.sourcesbc.ca/our-services/sources-langley-food-bank/">https://www.sourcesbc.ca/our-services/sources-langley-food-bank/</a>
Further Food Supports	Gateway of Hope  Raphael House		<a href="http://www.gatewayofhope.ca">http://www.gatewayofhope.ca</a>  <a href="https://www.rafaelhouse.ca/">https://www.rafaelhouse.ca/</a>
Community Integration Specialist	Assists with connection to housing, employment, income assistance, and community services	604-860-5736/Office 778-359-0105  Kapil Sharma (he/him)	<a href="mailto:kapil.sharma@gov.bc.ca">kapil.sharma@gov.bc.ca</a>



211	Income assistance, disability, community living, employment support, housing/shelter, and social supports	211 – Talk to a Navigator 24/7	<a href="https://bc.211.ca/agency-details/ministry-of-social-development-and-poverty-reduction-msdpr-9488485/">https://bc.211.ca/agency-details/ministry-of-social-development-and-poverty-reduction-msdpr-9488485/</a>
Breakfast Club at WGSS	Monday-Friday before school. Open to all students	In the cafeteria	Join us for a nutritious meal to start the day

### **INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL STATUS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in the Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or [www.sd35.bc.ca](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](https://www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict). If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to 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.

### **WGSS PAC NEWS**

*Find us on Facebook/ Meta as "WGSS PAC", or on our website: [wgsspac.ca](http://wgsspac.ca), or email us at [contact.wgsspac@gmail.com](mailto:contact.wgsspac@gmail.com).*

Here are the dates for upcoming PAC Meetings for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

- December – no meeting
- January 14
- February 11
- March – no meeting
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10 (Regular PAC Meeting and Annual General Meeting)





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## WGSS PAC Fundraiser



### ONE & DONE FUNDRAISER

**No selling required!  
Just your support!**

Now that elementary school is behind you, you're probably ready to leave behind all those requests to sell or volunteer! We get it, and we won't ask you to do either.

However, the PAC still needs your support. We continue to fund important school programs and requests that go beyond the standard curriculum, enriching our students' educational experience.

Please consider making a contribution through our ONE-AND-DONE fundraiser. A simple donation—no selling, no volunteering required—just your generous support to help keep these programs going!



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to donate on School Cash Online towards PAC Donations

- ✓ \$15 – Bidding wars at a silent auction? No, thanks!
- ✓ \$10 – Chasing down corporate sponsors? No, thanks!
- ✓ \$5 – Selling chocolates or wrapping paper to my friends and family? No, thanks!
- ✓ Other – I love this school and I am happy to help!





## **WGSS DRY GRAD NEWS**

We encourage all parents/guardians of Grade 12 students to attend and learn how you can help and get involved in organizing a great and safe event for the Grads of 2025!

You can also find us on Facebook at *Walnut Grove Secondary Dry Grad 2025*.

Please note that the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Dry Grad meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Be sure to mark your calendars for future meetings.

All meetings will be held in the **WGSS Library from 6:30-7:30PM**

Tuesday, January 7

Tuesday, January 28

Tuesday, February 18

Tuesday, March 11

Future Meeting dates will be determined.

Our WGSS Dry Grad Committee is currently running the following fundraisers:

- [Neufeld Farms](#)
- [Return-It Depot](#)
- [WGSS Dry Grad-Langley School District Foundation](#)
- [Save on Foods Gift Card Fundraiser](#) \*New\*

**Reminder: PURDY'S Dry Grad Order Pick-up is December 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the Main Foyer.**



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## Neufeld Farms Fundraiser

**WGSS 2025 Dry Grad Fundraiser!**



Registration opens from: **November 15th- midnight on December 2nd.**  
(E-transfer/credit cards accepted)

Order Pick up: December 10th at 7:30pm  
@WGSS





E-transfer Payments to: [WGSSDRYGRAD2025@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WGSSDRYGRAD2025@GMAIL.COM)



**SCAN HERE TO PLACE YOUR ORDERS TODAY!!**



Thank you for SUPPORTING!







## Return-It Walnut Grove Bottle & Return Centre



**SUPPORT DRY  
GRAD 2025**

**Donate cans, plastic  
bottles in clear or clear  
blue bags**

1. Go to Return-It Walnut  
Grove Bottle and  
Return Centre
2. From Kiosk print label  
**enter # 604-111-2025**
3. Stick label on bags.  
All Funds will go to dry  
grad.

**LOCATION ADDRESS**  
**20280 97AVE, LANGLEY**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**





## Langley School District Foundation Dry Grad Fundraiser

### WGSS DRY GRAD 2025



Support WGSS Dry Grad 2025 and the Langley School District Foundation [HERE](#) with a Tax deductible donation!! 90% of proceed go directly to fund this years Dry Grad while supporting the Langley School District foundation at the same time!!



<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/langley-school-district-foundation/p2p/wgssdrygrad2025/>

THESE EVENTS ARE MADE POSSIBLE FROM THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FROM ALL OF THE 2025 GRADUATING FAMILIES.



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## WGSS FOOD DRIVE

WALNUT GROVE  
SECONDARY

# Food Drive

DECEMBER 2 - 16

PLEASE BRING ANY NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS,  
CASH DONATIONS OR  
GROCERY GIFT CARDS TO  
YOUR **BLOCK A CLASS**.

THIS IS A FRIENDLY CLASS CHALLENGE  
TO HELP THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY  
STRUGGLING WITH FOOD INSECURITY.

A collection of food items is illustrated. At the top is a bowl of orange noodles. Below it is a jar of green pickles. To the right of the pickles is a blue chocolate bar wrapper. Below the pickles is a blue can of fish. To the left of the can is a green bag of potato chips. Below the chips is a box of orange juice. To the right of the juice is a jar of jam and a bag of candy.





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## FROM OUR DISTRICT....

UP TO \$20,000  
IN SCHOLARSHIPS

IDEA X

2025  
Challenge

Design a culturally sensitive and environmentally responsible solution to reduce human-caused wildfires in the local Harrison Lake area, while minimizing negative impacts on First Nations cultural practices, ecosystems, and wildlife.

More Information

LEARN MORE AND  
ENTER YOUR SECONDARY  
TEAM AT  
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/4E48JED](https://bit.ly/4E48JED)

Langley Schools Langley School District Foundation





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FROM OUR COMMUNITY.....

**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





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## *Fairy Godmother Foundation*

### Are you in need of grad wear for prom?

The Fairy Godmother Foundation is here to help! We provide FREE grad wear (dresses, suits, shoes, accessories) to students who may not be able to afford them, ensuring everyone has the chance to celebrate this special milestone.

#### Who Can Apply?

Any high school student in need of assistance with prom attire.

#### How to Apply:

Visit your school counselor and let them know you'd like to be considered for assistance.

Once applications are reviewed your counsellor will contact you with further details

Let us help you feel like the star you truly are on your big night!

Our team is excited to work with you to find the perfect outfit for your prom night!

**The Fairy Godmother Foundation –  
Where every student deserves to shine!**

**\*Apply ASAP as space is limited\***

For more information, ask your counsellor

