



HAWK NEWS-Fort Langley Elementary November/December 2024



1 - 8877 Bartlett Street Fort Langley,

B.C. V1M 2S6, Phone: 604-888-2111

Mr. L. Kitteringham, Principal-lkitteringham@sd35.bc.ca

Mrs. J. Boivin, Administrative Assistant-jboivin@sd35.bc.ca

We are an inclusive and caring community of learners, devoted to the journey of becoming responsible citizens



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

On the Horizon



November 27th-Student Inclusive Conferences-classes not in session

November 28th-2 hour early dismissal for SICs-students released at 12:08pm.

November 29th-Staff vs Student Volleyball Game at lunch

December 2nd-6th-Weeklong Principal's Cup Floor Hockey Tournament (Parent volunteers desperately needed!)

December 5th-PAC Donut Treat Day

December 6th-Staff vs Student Floor Hockey Game at lunch

December 9th- Grade 5-7 Boys and Girls Volleyball Jamboree at D.W. Poppy (revised date) & kickoff of annual classroom door decorating contest

December 11th-PAC Fun Lunch

December 11th-Earthquake Drill with evacuation-1:30pm

December 12th-Holiday Concerts (12:30pm and 5:30pm)

December 13th- Hot Coco Grade 7 fundraiser after school

December 16th-17th-Annual Holiday Store in Gym

December 18th-PAC Pancake Breakfast

December 19th-FLLC Evening with Santa in Gym

December 20th-Last Day Prior to Winter Break & Cozy Spirit Day & Festive Farewell Holiday Assembly 10:30am in gym

**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)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
December	Dec 20 (F)	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
January	Jan 9 (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)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 8 (Th)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 14 (F)	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
	Mar 15 (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 28 (Th)	Final Learning Update issued & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jul 27 (F)	Administrative Day (students not in attendance)
July / August		Summer Session

SD35 Board of Education Meeting
APPROVED: April 23, 2024

FLE School Action Plan 2024-25

Fort Langley Elementary

Action Plan for Learning 2024-25

<https://fortlangley.sd35.bc.ca/>



SCHOOL VISION/MISSION:

We are an inclusive and caring community of learners, devoted to the journey of becoming responsible citizens.

SCHOOL GOALS:



LITERACY:

All students will become motivated and engaged literacy learners who demonstrate grade level proficiency or meet IEP goals.



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL:

All students will develop skills to build authentic connections to multiple adults and peers in the school in order to foster a sense of value, safety, and belonging.

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT OUR WORK:

- Ensouling Our Schools-Jennifer Katz & Kevin Lamoureux
- Taking Action-RTI-Mike Mattos
- First Peoples Principles of Learning
- Framework for Teaching and Learning
- Balanced Literacy Guide
- SD35 Continuous Improvement Plan
- The 8 Elements of Change
- Framework for Enhancing Student Learning
- District's Strategic Plan
- Peaceful School
- Healthy Teacher, Happy Classrooms-Marcia L. Tate
- Reclaiming Our Students-Hannah Beach & Tamara Newfield

ADDITIONAL GOALS & ACTIONS:

- ✓ **We have a heightened emphasis on staff and student wellness.**
 - Creating a calm and welcoming environment.
 - Creating an appreciative work environment in which contributions are celebrated and acknowledged.
 - Yoga and meditation in the classroom.
- ✓ **Social Emotional Learning and setting common expectations**
 - Hawk Virtues Assemblies-Student driven and centered.
 - Implement Open Parachute-Mental Health Literacy.
 - Roll out school wide SEL program-Everyday Speech.
 - Making structural changes to Zen Den & BB23.
 - Self-regulation room, new sensory pathway, climbing wall.
- ✓ **Building school connectedness, school pride, and sense of belonging.**
 - Mobilize outside resources: Game Ready & Restorative Action.
 - A new and robust school-wide intramurals program.
 - An entirely new approach to grade 6/7 student leadership.
- ✓ **Continue to build our understanding of Response to Intervention and Professional Learning Communities in order to serve our kids more fully.**
 - Co-teaching UFLI and push in literacy instruction (tier 1).
 - Targeted/differentiated grade 5-7 weekly literacy (tier 2) RTI instruction.
- ✓ **Our goal is to align our literacy data collection methods and tools with the other four D.W. Poppy family of schools.**

Our Uniqueness & Outdoor Education

School Context

- o Fort Langley Elementary is a neighborhood school located in the heart of historic Fort Langley, near the Kwantlen First Nation Territory.
- o Our school is part of the DW Poppy family of schools and currently enrolls 291 students in Kindergarten to Grade 7.
- o In 2017, FLE added Outdoor Education classes as part of its programming. Students K-6 from around the district have the opportunity to sign up for this unique learning experience. This program is also known as "LEAP" (Learning Environmental Awareness Program).

Supporting/promoting the LEAP program as it continues to expand.

- o Raise the overall profile of LEAP within the district and broader community.
- o Ensuring the LEAP team of educators have what they need to be successful during this ongoing expansion.
- o Increase our own internal knowledge and understanding of the program and its unique challenges-regular stream staff observations and participation in the outdoor education program.
 - School-wide outdoor spirit day.

CREATING INCLUSIVE & COMPASSIONATE ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES THAT PROVIDE ACCESS FOR EVERY LEARNER.

2 - [Click Here](#)

House Cup Point Update and Upcoming Spirit Day

Thank you to those students that participated in our second 2024-25 SPIRIT DAY! As you can see, many students earned points for their house cup team by participating in Twin Day back on November 14th. The gray team has a slim lead at this point. **Our next SPIRIT DAY will be on**

Friday December 20th-Cozy Day! Send your child to school in their comfiest holiday sweater, jogging suit, or PJs.









3 - Look at these two twins...LEAP SEA Ms. Silver and student Sophia W



4 - Grade 2 teacher Ms. Taleon and LEAP SEA Ms. Silver Twin It Up!



It Is That Time Of Year Again!







MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
DONATE TODAY.

Student council president, Cezar Aster, shared the following message with student recently over the school's PA...."Starting on Monday our will be having a holiday toy and food drive. If you would like to participate, bring a donation. Put your donation in the box associated with your house cup team colour. You can find these boxes beside your house cup holiday tree located in the hallways. Every donation earns one point for your team. Let's work together to help others in need and spread some holiday joy."



5 - New Toys



6 - Non Perishable Food Items

FLE Holiday Toy and Food Drive: Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items and new toys. Families can put these items in boxes associated with their house cup color/team. As you can see below, we have a tree dedicated to each team color located in our hallways. Students can earn one point for every item they bring in for their team. Students and families can bring in items anytime and up until December 20th. These donated items will be given to the Langley and Aldergrove Food Banks.





Principal's Cup Floor Hockey Tournament Starts Next Week!



7 - We need all the help we can get to pull off this ambitious weeklong tournament. Signup to help and also watch you kiddo participate!

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)









FLE Principal's Cup Floor Hockey Tournament

December 2-6th, 2024-25

Student and Parent Volunteer Schedule:

	Monday Dec. 2nd	Tuesday Dec 3rd	Wednesday Dec. 4th	Thursday Dec. 5th	Friday Dec.6th
Snack/Treat	Chips	Cookies	N/A	Donuts Treat Day Provided By PAC	Popcorn
8:30am-9:40am	Grade 3-5s Stickney Davidson Van D	Grade 3-6 Miller Nelson O'Neill	Kitteringham at Superintendent's Meeting Van K and Nast Preparing for Grinch Performance in Gym	K-2s Bendo Lowdermilk Taleon	K-2s FINALS Lowdermilk Hawley Taleon
8:30am-9:40am	Rink 1 score clock (Student): Rink 1 referee (Student): Rink 2 score Clock (Student): Rink 2 referee (Student): Equipment Helper #1 (Parent): Equipment Helper #2 (Parent): Stage Supervision (Parent): Snack Distributor (Parent): Mascot (Student):	Rink 1 score clock (Student): Rink 1 referee (Student): Rink 2 score Clock (Student): Rink 2 referee (Student): Equipment Helper #1 (Parent): Equipment Helper #2 (Parent): Stage Supervision (Parent): Snack Distributor (Parent): Mascot (Student):		Rink 1 score clock (Student): Rink 1 referee (Student): Rink 2 score Clock (Student): Rink 2 referee (Student): Equipment Helper #1 (Parent): Equipment Helper #2 (Parent): Stage Supervision (Parent): Snack Distributor (Parent): Mascot (Student):	Rink 1 score clock (Student): Rink 1 referee (Student): Rink 2 score Clock (Student): Rink 2 referee (Student): Equipment Helper #1 (Parent): Equipment Helper #2 (Parent): Stage Supervision (Parent): Snack Distributor (Parent): Mascot (Student):
10:20am- 11:30am	K-2s Bendo Hawley St. Pierre Harder Lowdermilk Taleon	Grade 5-7 Van K Nast Beere		K-2s Hawley St. Pierre Harder	K-2s FINALS St. Pierre Harder Bendo
10:20am- 11:30am	Rink 1 score clock (Student): Rink 1 referee (Student): Rink 2 score Clock (Student): Rink 2 referee (Student):	Rink 1 score clock (Student): Rink 1 referee (Student): Rink 2 score Clock (Student): Rink 2 referee (Student):		Rink 1 score clock (Student): Rink 1 referee (Student): Rink 2 score Clock (Student): Rink 2 referee (Student):	Rink 1 score clock (Student): Rink 1 referee (Student): Rink 2 score Clock (Student): Rink 2 referee (Student):

Please click on this link to see the schedule and sign up to assist: [Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Grade 7 Fundraiser-December 13th after school



Send a few loonies with your kiddo this day so they can purchase a delicious hot chocolate and also support our grade 7s. Thank you to parent Tanja Friesen for organizing. Hawk Nation salutes you!

FLE Santa Pancake Breakfast-December 18th





1. Volunteer Signup-[VolunteerSignup](#) - Online volunteer signup sheets - Pancake Breakfast - Dec. 18th, 2024 signup sheet
2. We are trying to determine overall pancake #s and any special dietary considerations. We ask that all FLE families complete this brief digital form: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/santas-pancake-breakfast>

*Thank you to Jay Duff for her leadership in organizing this event.


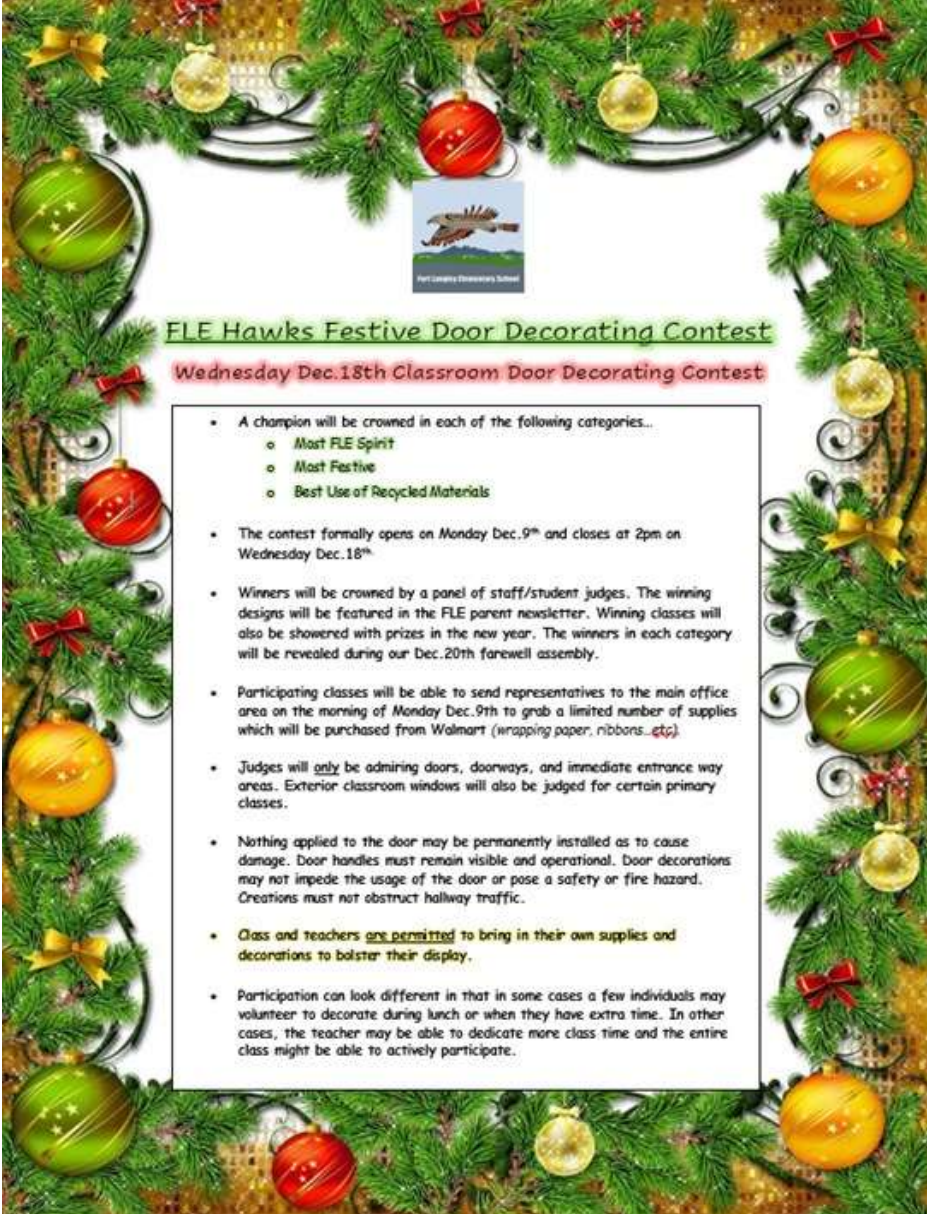
Ms. Van K Needs a Tree! Help!





Grade 6/7 teacher, Ms. Van K, need a large tree for our Grinch play. Fake or real. 15-20 feet. To be delivered by Friday, December 6th. Reach out to Ms. Van K directly: svankreuningen@sd35.bc.ca.

Our Annual Festive Classroom Door Decorating Contest Is Back!



FLE Hawks Festive Door Decorating Contest

Wednesday Dec. 18th Classroom Door Decorating Contest

- A champion will be crowned in each of the following categories..
 - Most FLE Spirit
 - Most Festive
 - Best Use of Recycled Materials
- The contest formally opens on Monday Dec. 9th and closes at 2pm on Wednesday Dec. 18th
- Winners will be crowned by a panel of staff/student judges. The winning designs will be featured in the FLE parent newsletter. Winning classes will also be showered with prizes in the new year. The winners in each category will be revealed during our Dec. 20th farewell assembly.
- Participating classes will be able to send representatives to the main office area on the morning of Monday Dec. 9th to grab a limited number of supplies which will be purchased from Walmart (wrapping paper, ribbons...etc).
- Judges will only be admiring doors, doorways, and immediate entrance way areas. Exterior classroom windows will also be judged for certain primary classes.
- Nothing applied to the door may be permanently installed as to cause damage. Door handles must remain visible and operational. Door decorations may not impede the usage of the door or pose a safety or fire hazard. Creations must not obstruct hallway traffic.
- Class and teachers are permitted to bring in their own supplies and decorations to bolster their display.
- Participation can look different in that in some cases a few individuals may volunteer to decorate during lunch or when they have extra time. In other cases, the teacher may be able to dedicate more class time and the entire class might be able to actively participate.







Come Join Us-Winter Concerts





Dear Families,

*You are invited to our “Sounds of the Season” holiday concert on December 12th. We will be hosting two identical performances on December 12th which will be open to parents and families. **Our first performance will be at 12:30pm and the evening show will start at 5:30pm.***

Visitors will be entering and exiting through back gym doors near our learning garden. The concert will be a little over an hour in length, so all audience members are asked not to leave until the end.

*While our performances are not ticketed, our evening performance will be very full, so please consider attending the afternoon if possible. **The same family member should only attend one performance as space is limited.***

*For the afternoon performance the exterior gym doors will open at 12:10pm and we will begin at 12:30pm. Our performance will be just over an hour. Students are asked to wear their **holiday best** or their festive fun best for both performances.*

Our evening show begins at 5:30pm, the exterior gym doors will open at 5:10pm. Students may be dropped off at their respective classrooms at 5:10pm as well. Classroom doors will not be open until 5:10pm, at which time teachers will supervise students. Once the evening concert is over, students can be collected from their exterior classroom door.

Once again, we are so excited to share the culmination of all our hard work and preparations. Every student plays a role, so it is important for your child to attend both the afternoon and evening performances. This allows us to share our best performance for both audiences. We are ready to bring some joy and laughter to your day! If your child is unable to attend the evening performance, please let your teacher know.

We are looking forward to beginning the holiday season together!

Happy Holidays,

The Fort Langley Staff

Student Inclusive Conferences Are Underway



In preparation for our Student Inclusive Conferences this week, please click [here](#) to read about the process.

A few reminders:

- Please plan on leaving siblings at home as this is a chance for your child to share their learning. Please plan childcare accordingly.

- Each conference is a 20-minute conference with their classroom teacher.
- Please be respectful of your time slot start and end times.
- Teachers will reach out a total of two times to book an appointment.
- **Wednesday November 27th is a full conference day, with teachers meeting with individual families. Therefore students are not in session that day.**
- **Thursday November 28th, will be an early dismissal day at 12:08pm, in order to accommodate Student Inclusive Conferences. Please send lunch on this day for early lunch period.**



Communicating Student Learning



Student Name:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Attendance Record	
Grade:	Click or tap here to enter text.	School Year:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Division:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Absent Days:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Teacher(s):	Click or tap here to enter text.	Days Late:	Click or tap here to enter text.

This report is a snapshot of the students' progress to date. It communicates demonstrated growth and proficiency levels in Literacy, Numeracy, and additional areas of learning. The conference and the shared evidence of learning also contribute to a comprehensive view of the student's learning journey. Please view the curriculum that BC teachers use to guide the learning activities that occur at school: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum>

Conference Details			
Date:	11/1/2023	Time:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Attendees:	Click or tap here to enter text.		
MyEdBC Documents	<input type="checkbox"/> ELL <input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> SSP <input type="checkbox"/> Progress Report(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) Click or tap here to enter text.		

ELL=English Language Learning IEP=Individual Education Plan SSP=Student Support Plan

EVIDENCE OF LEARNING	SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
FAMILY REFLECTION	COLLABORATIVE GOAL(S)
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

8 - Anchor documents will be posted to MyEd after conferences have been completed



MyEducationBC

Family Portal

Langley Schools

Login ID: sd35-xxxxxxx
both logins and passwords are case sensitive. Logins should be all lower case.

One login ID
should give parents access to all their children's information.

Passwords are good for 90 days
to protect your child's data and you will be prompted to change your password.

Published Report Cards
It is recommended that you save the PDF documents as the report card is only posted on the Family Portal for a limited time.

Forgot password?
Please click "I forgot my password" on the log on screen or please submit a request [here](#)

How to use the Family Portal
Please visit our website [here](#).

Need Help?
Please submit a request through our website <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/myedbc-family-portal-help/myedbc-request-for-assistance-form/>

For more information
<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/myedbc-family-portal-help/>



SD35 Family Portal 2022

9 - Upon completion of the Student Inclusive Conferences, your child's CSL (Communicating Student Learning) document will be loaded into your BCed Family Portal. Please ensure you can access your account, using the attached instructions.

If you do not have an account, or are having trouble accessing your account, please use the link below for assistance. Our MyEdBC Help website link:

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/myedbc-family-portal-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 information about student inclusive conferences, proficiency scales, and self-reflection on the core competencies. These resources are aimed to help support your child.

Ensure Your Child Is Ready for the Wind, Rain, and Snow



We continue to head outside during recess times as much as possible even when it is raining. Over the past few weeks, many students were missing rain jackets and proper footwear, leading to soggy clothes. Please send your child with the appropriate clothing so they can get fresh air but be dressed for the weather. Thank you for your support with this.

Another important reminder:

- If you need to drop something off to your child throughout the school day, please do so in the office. Mrs. Boivin will make sure that it gets to your child/ren. This is to be adhered to by all visitors to the school. This helps us monitor and keep everyone safe.

Open Parachute Introduction-Mental Health Literacy Program Now Available to Our Staff and Students



10 - Introduction for Parents and Caregivers: <https://parachute-media-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/pdf/Open+Parachute+Wellbeing+Resources+for+Caregivers+CA.pdf>





Lesson Contents

Skills building for parents in addressing core well-being concerns that get in the way of student engagement and concentration.

Young Learners	The Middle Years	High School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilience • Empathy • Social Media • Saying No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullying • Trauma • Acting Out • Self-Harm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health • Addictive Patterns • Boundaries & Consent • Anxiety & Depression



Caregiver Resources

SHARE ⓘ

TEACHING EMPATHY & ACCOUNTABILITY

WHEN YOUR CHILD ACTS OUT

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH TRAUMA

11 - Jump right in with a lesson on "Building Resilience at Home":
https://learn.openparachuteschools.com/parent/login?id=CA_4k7G0rQS

PAC Reminders



5. HOLIDAY STORE DONATIONS

'TIS THE SEASON

We need donations to make our holiday store a success. Please bring your gently used, in working order, and clean donations to the front foyer before December 12th. For more information contact hailslynne@gmail.com.

Some Opportunities in Our Local Community



Drumming and Singing at Fort Langley Elementary

Come learn about Kwantlen's language, songs and learn to drum with Aboriginal Support Worker, Tara Helps, and hənqəminəṃ language teacher, Sesmelot.

What: Drumming at Fort Langley Elementary

When: Starting on Wednesday, November 6th, 2024

Time: 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm (Wednesdays)

Where: Outdoor Classroom (weather permitting)
Or in Ms. Bendo's Kindergarten classroom if raining.

Open to all walks of life, teachers, staff, and students so please bring your drum or rattles if you have one. If you do not have a drum or rattle, Some drums and rattles will be made available to teachers, staff, and students.



KWANTLEN
FIRST NATION
Qwéłtłen — q'wáłan

Christmas Craft Fair

November 30th, 2024

December 15, 2024

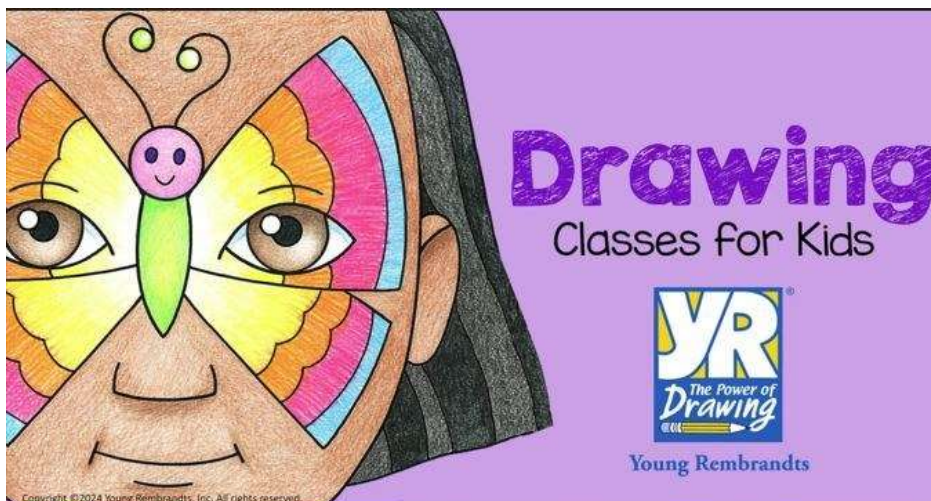
Doors Open: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Are you looking for unique gift
ideas? A variety of craft's,
clothing, jewelry and food!
Everyone welcome!



Location: Kwantlen Cultural Centre,
23907 Gabriel Lane, Ft. Langley, BC

Set up starts at 8:00am
Vendors, please contact Walter: (604) 376-1374



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!

AFTERSCHOOL CLASSES AT: FORT LANGLEY ELEM. SCHOOL WEDNESDAYS 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. 8 - Mar. 12/25

DAY: Wednesdays

TIME: 2:20 - 3:20 PM

Room: **THE SCHOOL Library**

\$215 for 10 weeks

*PAYMENTS OPTIONS AVAILABLE



ENROLLMENT

Visit our website :

www.youngrembrandts/lowermainland

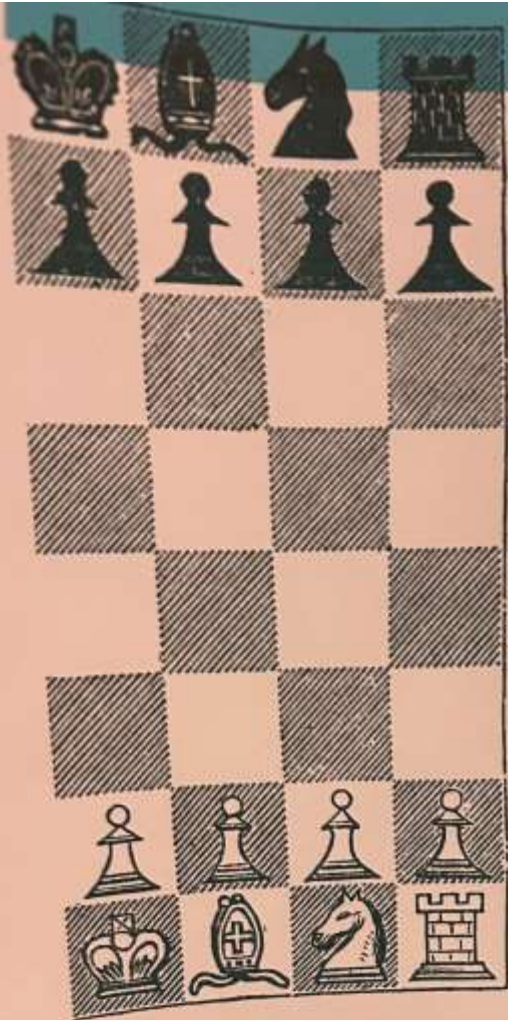


604-724-7919



artsbc@youngrembrandts.com



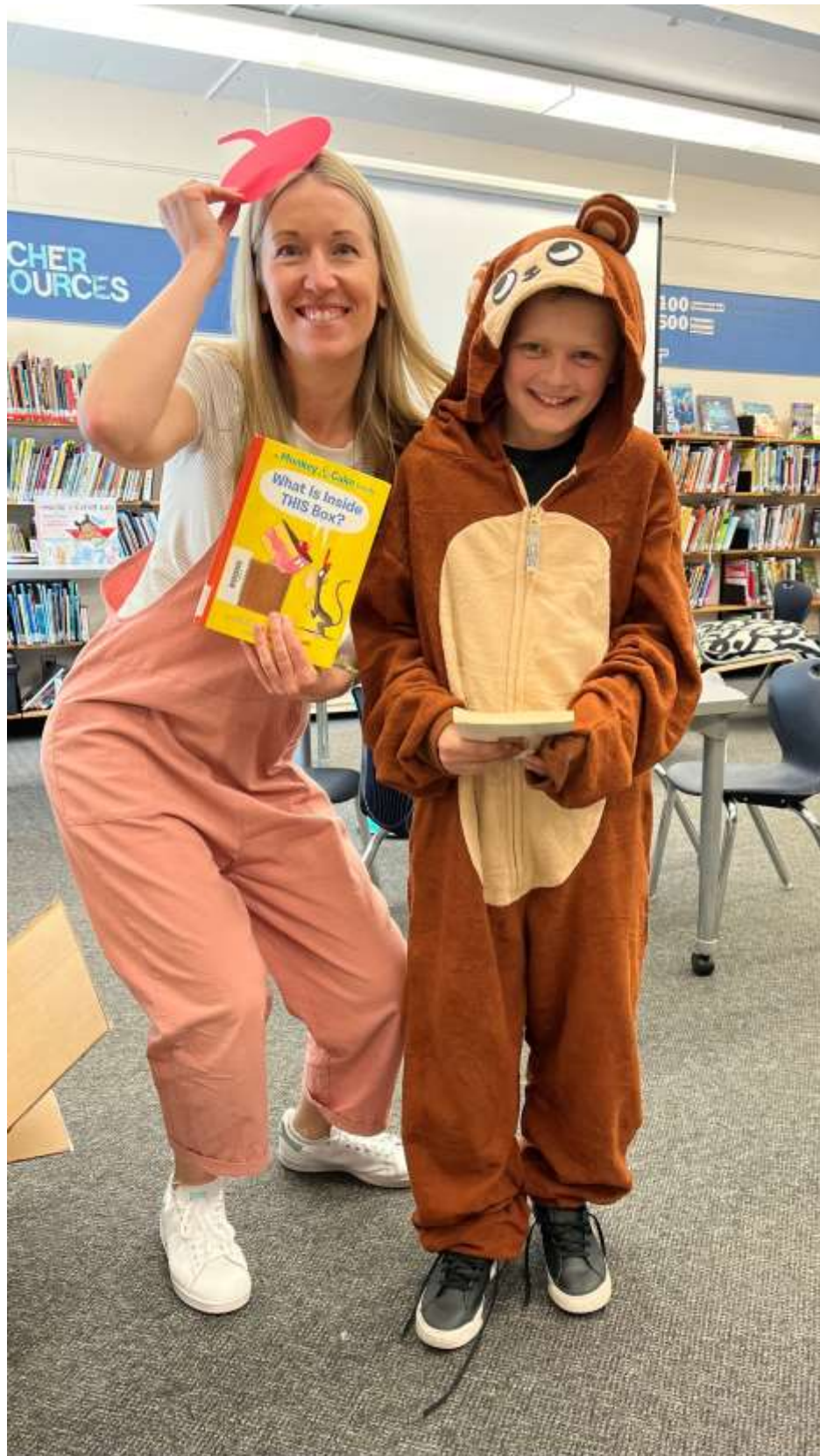


CHESS CLUB

THURSDAYS
@ LUNCH
LIBRARY

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.
STUDENTS & STAFF ARE
WELCOME!

Go Ahead-Make their day!





Please use this link to anonymously share your words of encouragement, appreciation, and praise for someone special in our building. These quotes will be shared on our hallway TV screen, in our weekly staff newsletters, and at the beginning of staff meetings.

<https://forms.office.com/r/k6bs9PPtvt>

District News, Parent Support, and Community News

BC Training and Education Savings Program Grant

Please check out [this letter](#) if you have a child in Kindergarten thru Grade 3. You may be eligible for a one-time \$1,200 BC Training and Education Savings Grant for their post-secondary education or training.

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. Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at 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.

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.

Protecting your child from communicable diseases

It's that time of year when we see a rise in illnesses impacting students and staff in our school. We are hearing from families about colds, respiratory illnesses, and stomach bugs circulating in our community. As a reminder to help keep our school community healthy and well, we are sharing this online resource from our community partner Fraser Health. Here you will find information about protecting your child from communicable diseases and managing their illness:

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/school-health/illness-and-immunizations/illness-in-the-classroom>

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.

VisionBC

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/oK9z50PegZB>

The Hawks' Nest-Highlights and Memories at the Fort



12 - ʔi ʔə tə n̄a leləms tə ɣəximəls

Literal translation: this the exist house the hawk

The home of the Hawks



13 - Checkout a brief video highlighting this year's FLE Haunted House: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgkZZDVpV4s>

November 2024	<h1>NEXT GENERATION NEWS</h1> <p>Editor: Peter Thiessen</p>	Issue #1
------------------	---	----------

Meet the Student Council

President: CEZAR
 Vice President: PIETER R.
 Secretary: ANGES
 Treasurer: ZADEN
 Athletic Directors: PETER, ZOEE
 Indigenous Rep: EMMETT
 Communications: LUCY, KEZIAH
 Class reps:
 Div 1- TRISTAN
 Div 2- ASHER
 Div3- ELI
 Div4- PEACH
 Div5- KATYA
 Div15- LINCOLN
 Div16- ISABELLA



Peter Thiessen

What does Student Council do?

What it does is organize sports events and activities, it also helps the kids of FLE get their ideas turned into reality. Cezar the student council **PRESIDENT** says it is important so students have a say in what happens at our school, and so students can help decide important things such as events, spirit days and activities." Cezar is most excited about the activities like Sport's Day and Break the Rules Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS popcorn day treat day, Curious George movie staff vs student volley ball, PRINCIPAL'S CUP HOCKEY

<h3>Riddle of the week</h3> <p>How do you get out of a room with only a mirror and a table? <small>(Answer is on the back of the newsletter)</small></p>	<h3>Challenge of the week</h3> <p>Find the blue diamond I have hidden A BLUE DIAMOND somewhere outside of the school. If you find it, bring it to Mr. K for a prize!</p> 	<h3>Trivia of the week</h3> <p>How many keys does a piano have? A. 66 B. 88 C. 39 D. 74 <small>Answer on back of the newsletter</small></p>
---	--	---

14 - Check out Peter Thiessen "New Generation" school newspaper.



15 - Peter started a new contest in which students had to search for and find a hidden blue gem out on the playground.



16 - Students that found the gem received a prize box. Well done Peter.





17 - Thank you to FLE parents Jennifer and Bryan Miller for our most recent popcorn day!



18 - Primary students enjoy interacting with our grade 6/7 playground leaders during lunchtime. We have purchased a bunch of toys and games for the older students to help entertain, engage, and occupy our primary students.



19 - Isabella helps setup our hallway trees



20 - YCW, Ms. Newman, stands beside two recent Hawk Award winners



21 - We have been making big changes to our break spaces, Zen Den, and BB23 sensory circuit.



22 - Assistant Superintendent, Lisa Lainchbury, visits our outdoor education program at Derby Reach



23 - Ms. Van K helps direct traffic before our most recent Hawk Virtue assembly. This month's theme or focus is RESPECT.



24 - Students from Ms. St. Pierre's class, along with Ms. O'Neill's found creative and impactful ways to share what "RESPECT" meant to them.





25 - Ms. Stickney's grade 3/4 student enjoyed creating mummies out of their classmates before Halloween



26 - Ms. Nast's class enjoyed carving pumpkins



27 - Grade 4 teacher, Ms. Nelson, transforms into a bear for Halloween

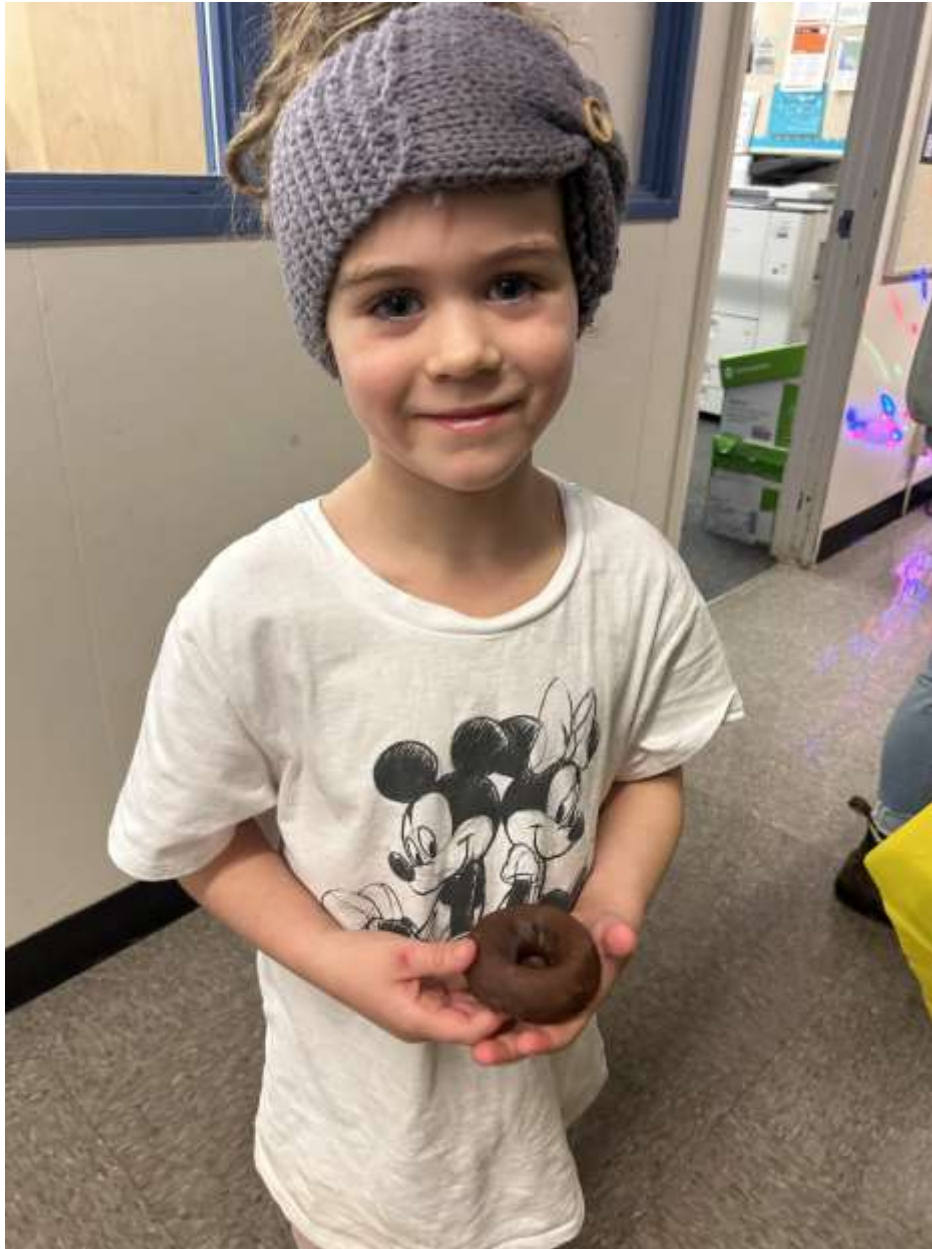




28 - FLE Minions



29 - Frankie, in Ms. O' Neill's class, shows off her cookie creations



30 - Charlotte was happy to come collect a special birthday cupcake/donut from the office area.



31 - FLE Remembers



32 - Thank you to Zaden and Zoey for hosting this year's assembly



33 - Ms. Bendo's K class perform "Poppy, Poppy"



34 - Ms. Hawley Class gets a special visitor/guest courtesy of the Pack family.



35 - The Jess Dance Program (November 13th and 14th) was an absolute hit with staff and students. Thank you to PAC for funding this fun opportunity.



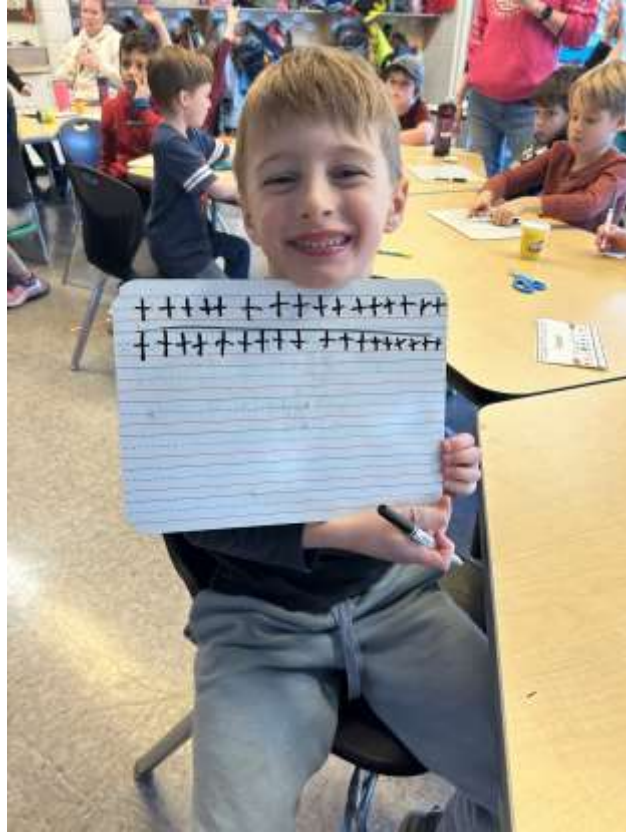
36 - We hosted some fun, memorable, energetic volleyball home games over the past month. Thank you to parent volunteers, Sabrina Johnston, Rose Kovacs, Nicole Brideau, and Bryan Miller.





37 - Ms. Housley and Ms. Harder have been collaborating in rolling out a specialized UFLI literacy program which aligns with our school action plan goals.





38 - *Cian and other students from LEAP show off their recent boat creations*

