



Newsletter – January 26, 2025

Dear James Kennedy Families,

January was a great month at James Kennedy with many sunny days and a lot of learning in classes! Highlights included an assembly about Autism Awareness by Autism Community Training and skating field trips for many of our younger students.

Maintenance began work on our grounds to improve drainage and install an accessible swing. More info about this project is in the newsletter below.

As we come to the end of January, there is a PAC Meeting and a Movie Night this week. Please see more PAC information further below in this newsletter.

There are several important dates in February to put on your calendar. Please see a list of upcoming events below.

Kind regards,

Tim Bonnar
Principal

Upcoming Events:

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| • Monday, Jan. 27 th | Family Literacy Day |
| • Thursday, Jan. 30 th | PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm |
| • Friday, Jan. 31 st | PAC Movie Night |
| • Friday, Feb. 7 th | Hot Lunch |
| • Monday, Feb. 10 th | Pro D Day – No School for Students |
| • Monday, Feb. 17 th | Family Day Holiday – No School |
| • Wednesday, Feb. 19 th | White Hatter Presentation for parents @ 6:30pm |
| • Monday, Feb. 24 th | Design & Assessment Day – No School for Students |
| • Feb. 25 th – 28 th | Diversity & Respect Week |

For additional dates including class field trips, please see the [calendar on our school website](#).

GROUNDS WORK / CONSTRUCTION

Maintenance has begun doing some work on the school grounds and will be continuing over the next few weeks. In order to do that they need to create access to the area for trucks. That required removing the small playground area with the spinning donut and the small dome climber. If there is room for one or both of these, we will put them back in.

- They are preparing the east wing swing area for an accessible swing. This will include removing pea gravel and putting in wood chips.
- They are working to improve drainage at the bottom of the hill from the east wing exit through to the primary gaga ball. They have dug a deeper trench, put in drainage pipe and covered it with gravel designed for drainage as well. The pavement in that area will be coming out and be redone to make sure that it slopes down gently to the drains. There will be a later phase done near the primary playground around Spring Break.
- They have also fixed one trench near the playground that has emerged on the Gr. 4/5 field. There are not further plans for the Gr. 4/5 field at this point, but we are working with the district on this question as well. To help students avoid the mud on the Gr. 4/5 field, we are allowing the Gr. 4/5 students to place soccer on the Gr. 6/7 fields over the winter.

THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI)

The Langley School District has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies. Grade 5, 6 & 8 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between: **January 14th and March 14th, 2025.**

For more information and [to view the questionnaires click on this link](#). More info: [Parent FAQs](#)

Information and Informed Passive Consent letters were shared via email to families on January 13th. If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION (ENGLISH PROGRAM)

James Kennedy Elementary is excited to welcome new Kindergarten students to our school community for the English program. (Registration for French Immersion Kindergarten was completed in the Fall). Parents can access [registration instructions online](#). Registration continues until **Feb. 18th, 2025**.

PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE

- **There is very little parking available** in our parking lot. Please consider walking or biking to school instead of driving.
- **If there are no parking spots available**, please use the local side streets for parking. Doing so will help reduce traffic in the parking lot and increase pedestrian safety.
- Please pay close attention to the crosswalk attendants and to pedestrian traffic.

PAC INFORMATION – LETTER TO FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year!

We warmly invite you to our upcoming [PAC General Meeting](#), where we will set the stage for a successful 2025!

This is a key opportunity to collaborate on our school's future, establish a **succession plan**, and strengthen our ongoing **community engagement**. Additionally, we are excited to **welcome our new principal**, who will be sharing their vision for the school. Your voice matters, and your participation will help shape the direction of our school. If you are someone interested in learning about PAC, and/or joining PAC, now it's the time to familiarize yourself and be ready to jump in.

Your participation is essential in shaping the path ahead. It is critical to have representation from **both sides of our school, English and French**, to ensure a strong and united school community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Date & Time: January 30th, 2025

Please register [HERE](#) to ensure that we have enough childminding and snacks.

Thank you,

Your JKE PAC

PAC INFORMATION – MOVIE NIGHT

The James Kennedy PAC is excited to present the first Movie of 2025:

Despicable Me 4!

Date: Jan. 31st, 2025

Time: Doors open at 5:15pm and the movie starts at 6:00pm.

PRE-SALE TICKETS are **now live** on jke-pac.square.site

Special pricing for tickets (\$2.25 per person) will be available until Jan.29th.

Cash admission at the door will be \$3 per person.

Please note all children must be accompanied by an adult.

At the event **CONCESSION** will be open and selling Popcorn, Chocolate bars and Pop at \$2,
Water and juice boxes at \$1.

Wear your pj's, bring a yoga mat or camping chair and enjoy a movie with us.

We are requesting parent volunteers to help us with door sales, and concession. Your assistance is greatly appreciated, please use the link below to sign up for available roles for that night:

Volunteer Sign up link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DA8AD2AAAFACF8-54574086-jkefamily>

If cost is a concern, please speak to your classroom teacher or to admin.

Sincerely, JKE PAC

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Family MOVIE NIGHT

**JAN
31ST**



Wear your
PJs, bring a
yoga mat or
a camping
chair

Popcorn,
chocolate bars
& drinks
available at
concession

DESPICABLE ME 4



DOORS OPEN AT 5:15 PM, 6:00 PM START
PRE-SALE TICKETS \$2.25/PERSON AVAILABLE ON
JKE-PAC.SQUARE.SITE VIA TICKET TAILOR UNTIL JAN 30TH
DOOR TICKETS \$3.00/PERSON
CHILDREN 4 YEARS OLD & UNDER ARE FREE!

DPAC NEWS – PARENT EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Langley DPAC presents Hannah Beach

- February 13, 2025, at 7pm
- Kwantlen Polytech University
- Free Event, Registration Required
- Childminding available

Today's children face rising anxiety, aggression, and withdrawal, leaving parents feeling overwhelmed. Kids are isolated, glued to screens, and struggling to connect. Hannah Beach, award-winning educator and author of *Reclaiming Our Students*, is dedicated to helping children build emotional resilience through relationship and play. Her work is transforming how we support kids in schools and at home. [Register here.](#)



Practical Parenting Strategies for Change

FREE Parent / Caregiver Presentation

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 **February 13, 2025**

 Kwantlen Polytechnic University
20901 Langley Bypass Langley

 7:00 pm

 **Free Event**

 **Registration required**

 **Childminding Available**



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Langley Sportsplex

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RINGETTE PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO...

- ✓ **DISCOVER NEW SKILLS**
- ✓ **BE PART OF A TEAM**
- ✓ **MAKE FRIENDS**
- ✓ **GET ACTIVE**
- ✓ **HAVE FUN**

**Sunday, February 9
10:45am - 11:45am**

**Langley Sportsplex
20165 91A Ave.
Langley**

**A Fun, FREE Event!
No Skating experience necessary!
Ages 4+**

**To Register: Email
promo@fvringette.com**



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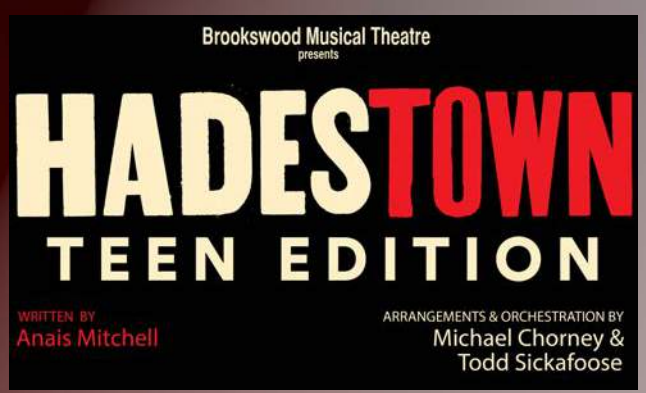
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Langley MENU – Thursdays



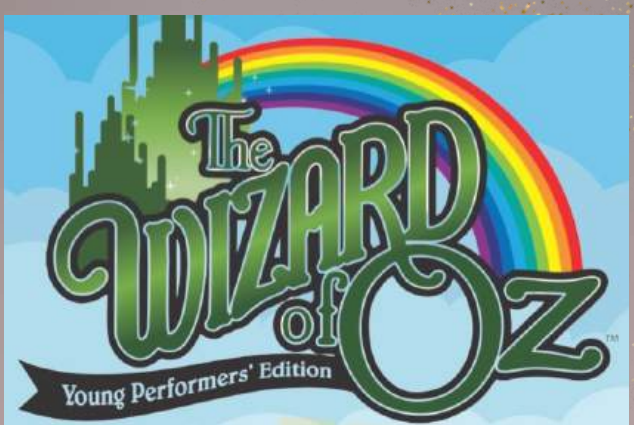
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Regular	Beef Meatball Submarine Garden Ranch Salad	Chicken Nuggets Rice Corn Plum Sauce Fruit of the Day	Pancakes Turkey Sausage Apple Blueberry Compote Syrup Fruit of the Day	Chicken Burger Tator Tots Fruit
2nd Choice	Beefaroni Garden Ranch Salad	Breakfast Burrito Hash Brown Triangles Ketchup Fruit of the Day	Macaroni and Cheese Peas and Carrots Fruit of the Day	BBQ Beef Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit
Vegetarian	Veggie Meatball Submarine Garden Ranch Salad	Vegetarian Nuggets Rice Corn Plum Sauce Fruit of the Day	Pancakes Yogurt Apple Blueberry Compote Syrup Fruit of the Day	Veggie Burger Tator Tots Fruit
Halal	Halal Beef Meatball Submarine Garden Ranch Salad	Halal Chicken Nuggets Rice Corn Plum Sauce Fruit of the Day	Pancakes Yogurt Apple Blueberry Compote Syrup Fruit of the Day	Halal Chicken Burger Tator Tots Fruit

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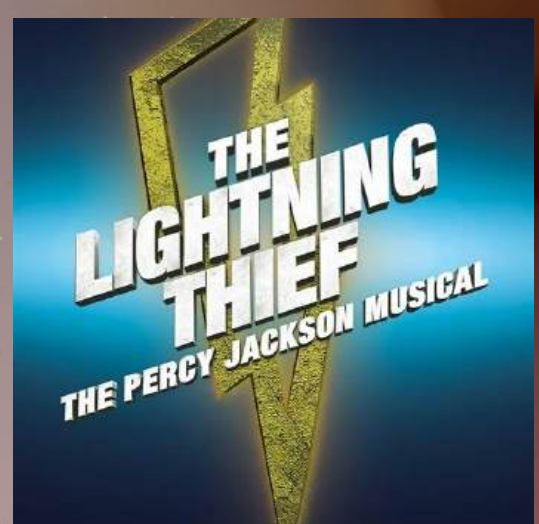
Brookwood Theatre

Feb 19 - 22 & Feb 26 - March 1
Performance Time: 7PM.
Admission \$18, Reseverd Seating
<https://cur8/projects/bsstheatre>
2025



D.W. Poppy Secondary

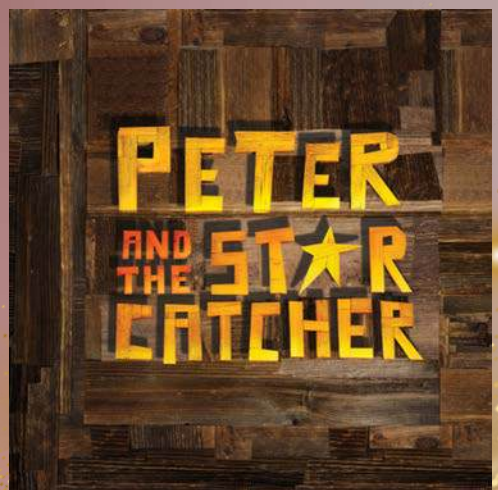
February 27th - March 1st &
March 6th - 8th
7PM Shows Contact:
alicia.robinson@sd35.bc.ca for
more info.



Langley Secondary School



7pm Shows: Feb 27 - March 1,
March, 6 - 8
2pm Matinees: March 1, March 8
<https://bit.ly/LSSLightningThief>



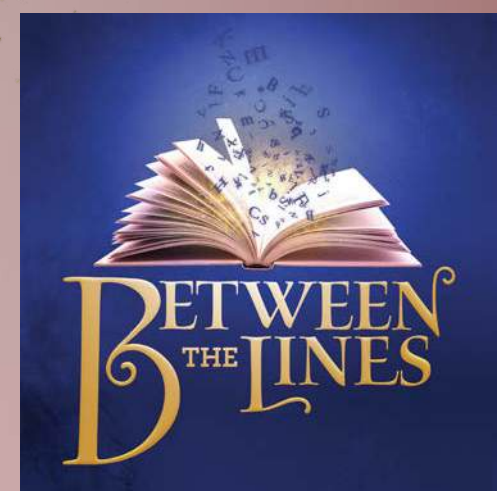
Langley Fine Arts School

Drama Ensemble
April 8-12th
www.cur8.com



North Otter Elementary School

April 28- May 2, 2025
Tickets on SchoolCashOnline 3 weeks
prior to the shows

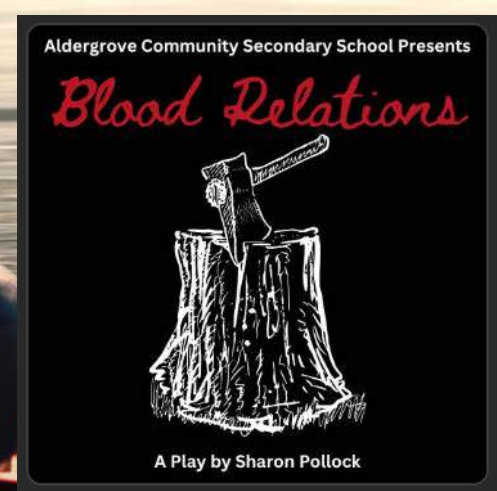


Walnut Grove Secondary

7PM Shows
May 1-3 & 8-10
www.cur8.com



U-Connect Secondary
Chief Sepass Theatre
May 3rd, 4th, 2025
7PM Shows
www.cur8.com



Aldergrove Secondary
May 21-23 & May 28-30
7PM Shows
For more information
<https://acss.sd35.bc.ca>

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Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

Understanding, Supporting and Connecting with Teens with Depression

When our teens are struggling with depression, we can feel lost about how to best support them. How do we know when they are experiencing a mental health challenge and when should we intervene?

Join us to learn from Karen Peters, Registered Clinical Counsellor, and Victoria Keddis, a parent with lived experience, about how depression shows up in teens and ways of journeying with them through it.

Come together and watch a video presentation and stay for a facilitated conversation by our Family Peer Support Workers.

Cost: Free of Charge

Date(s):

Thursday, January 9th at 6:30pm (Most of B.C.)

Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30pm (Most of B.C.)

Wednesday, January 15th at 12:00pm (Most of B.C.)

Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:30pm (Most of B.C.)

Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30pm (Most of B.C.)



Registration required:

www.familysmart.ca/events