



LANGLEY FINE ARTS BULLETIN – OCTOBER 17th, 2025 EDITION

Dear LFAS Families,

We've noticed an increase in students arriving late in the mornings and being picked up before the end of the school day. These interruptions, even when brief, can have a significant impact on student learning and classroom dynamics. Missing key instructional time—whether at the start or end of the day—can lead to gaps in understanding, missed opportunities for collaboration, and a sense of disconnection from the learning community. This is especially critical in our community, as missing even short periods of time in arts classes can result in lost creative momentum, missed group work, and reduced opportunities for artistic growth. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring students arrive on time and stay for the full day whenever possible. Your efforts make a meaningful difference in helping students thrive academically, artistically, and socially.

Take care,

Mr. Moore

Student in Distress and School Safety

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Our schools follow procedures to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. Depending on the situation, communication to parents/caregivers is needed to keep families informed about incidents in our school, such as during lockdowns, hold & secures, and room clears, or in the event of a student in distress. Sometimes these situations may not be emergencies but events that require a school response. It is important to note that the decision to send communications to families is dependent on a variety of factors including the nature of what happened, who has witnessed or was directly impacted by what happened, as well as student and staff privacy. Communication is unique and dependent on the specific situation; there are times when a student is in distress, yet the situation may or may not require a message or letter to families. In addition to communication with parents/caregivers, teachers and staff may debrief with students after an incident that may have upset them. In some cases, the school counsellor may offer support to students in need. As always, we want families to let us know if your child requires support. If you have any questions or concerns about communication related to situations or emergencies, please reach out to the school.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Grade 6 – 12 teachers will be using the online booking system for their conference sign up. Parents will sign up, online, for 10-minute appointment slots using the instructions below. **Please go to the following link to book an appointment with your child/children's teacher(s).**

<http://lfas.schoolappointments.com>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREATING AN ONLINE BOOKING ACCOUNT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

****You will need to create a new account for this school year. Please make note of passwords as you will use this system again in the spring****

We have attached the Parent Instructions to help with the process. In short, you will need to:

- Register
- Identify your children/students
- Select their teachers and book appointments (*Please ask your children for their teachers' names in order, to book the appointments*)

The appointment system will OPEN at 12:00pm NOON on Friday, October 17th and CLOSE at 3:00pm on Tuesday, October 21st.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kim Gill at the school office (604-888-3113) or email at kgill@sd35.bc.ca

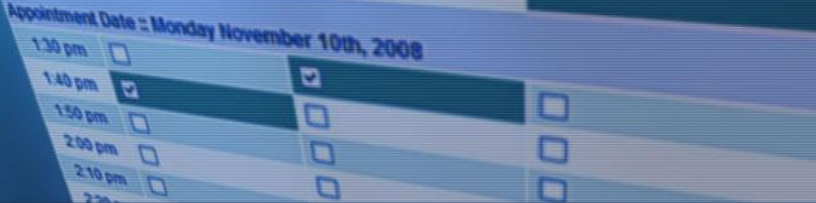
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION @ CHOICE SCHOOLS FOR 2026/2027

Current families of LFAS with a child entering Kindergarten still need to register and apply as per the below.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE – DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th

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 6th at 12 noon**, and closes on **Monday, October 20th at 12 noon**.

For more information and instructions to register your child, visit our District website [HERE](#)

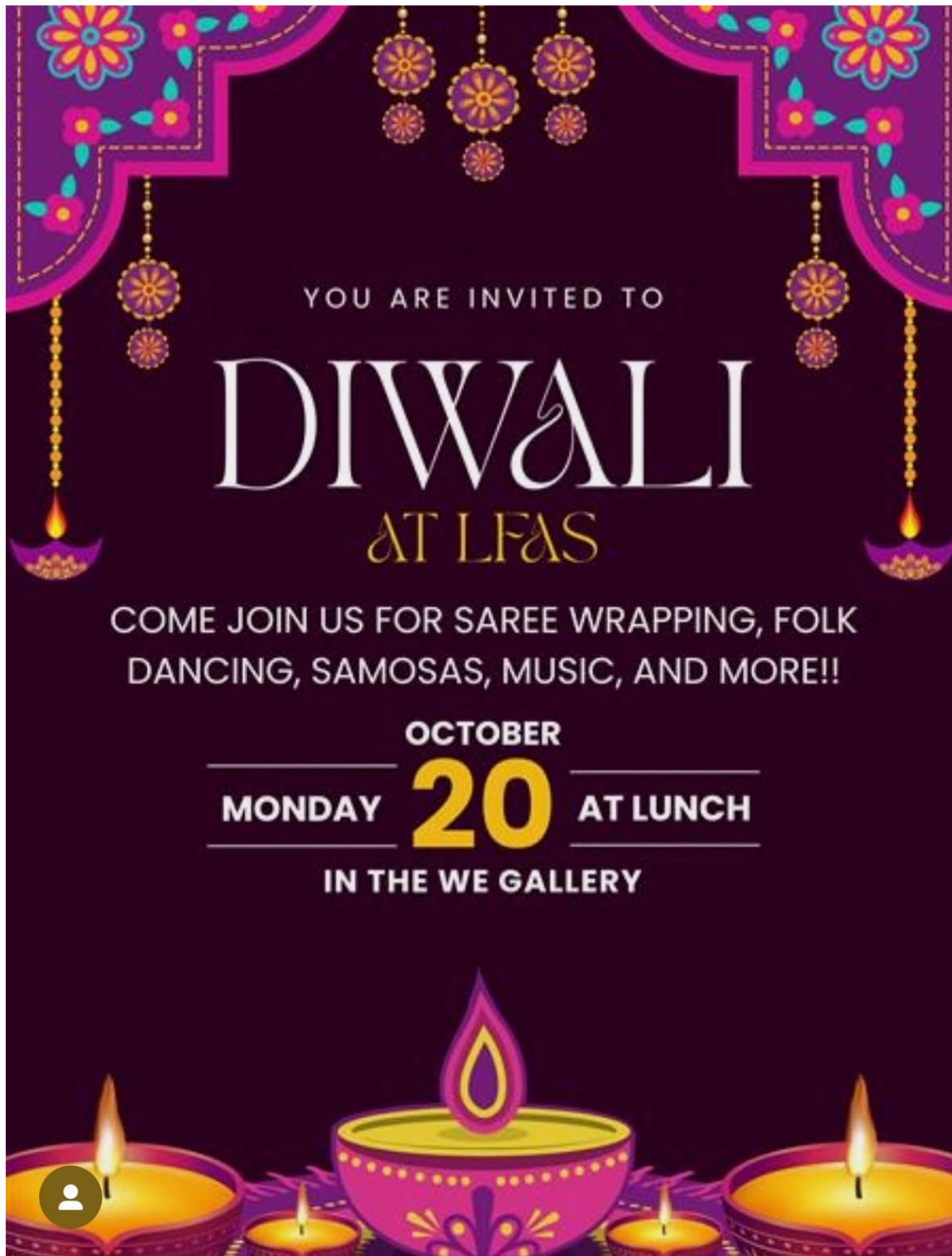


School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site: <https://lfas.schoolappointments.com>
2. Register for an account by clicking the "**REGISTER**" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "**Register Now**" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "**Add a Student**" button. Click "**Insert New**" button to add more children.
4. Click the "**date**" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "**View Calendars**" button. Use the "**Ctrl**" or "**Command**" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.
5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "**Book Appointments**" button to save your bookings.



On October 20th, South Asians all across the world will celebrate the Festival of Lights. It is a celebration of the victory of light over dark, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. The day after Diwali is the beginning of the lunar new year. Our school will be celebrating Diwali on Monday, October 20th with samosa sales, henna, saree wrapping, painting rangoli patterns in the courtyard, music and dancing! We wish everyone a Happy Diwali and Sal Mubarak (Happy New Year)!



SPIRIT WEEK DRESS UP DAYS

October 27th to October 31st

Monday – Orange vs. Black

Tuesday – Twin Day

Wednesday – Addams Family

Thursday – Socktober

Friday – Halloween



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

The Grad Council is hosting the annual Langley Fine Arts School Halloween Carnival on Thursday, October 30th from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

We will be doing a single fee access pass for the carnival. Students will be able to access all the carnival booths with this pass. The pass includes a stamp card to keep track of the stations that students visit so that they can redeem their stamp cards for treats!

Passes for this event will be \$15. To avoid long line-ups, please go online on SchoolCashOnline to pre-purchase the pass for all the booths and games! NO CASH will be accepted for pre-payment. The deadline to pre-purchase a pass is Sunday, October 26th. Passes will also be available for purchase (CASH ONLY) in the front foyer the day of the carnival!

In order to keep numbers low, we ask that only parents of K-3 students attend this event.

Thank you!

ALL GRADE 9 FAMILIES - TAKE OUR KID TO WORK DAY IS HAPPENING ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2025

You may have noticed this week that your child received a permission form for Take our Kid to Work and be wondering what is it.

Take Our Kid to Work day provides opportunities for our Grade 9 students to:

- see the realities and demands of the workplace
- recognize skills required to work effectively and efficiently
- observe the importance of continuous learning in pursuing career opportunities
- learn from professionals about the various career paths available
- gain a deeper knowledge of today's workforce and the skills they need to be successful in the world of work

What Can Parents/Guardians Do to Assist?

Parents/guardians are encouraged to invite their children to join them at work. Other ways to participate are:

- Ask a relative, neighbour or family friend to take your child to work.
- Ask another parent who is taking their child to work if your child can join them for the day.
- Consider allowing a second Grade 9 student to accompany you and your child to work.
- Encourage your place of employment to consider offering an invitation not only to Grade 9 children of employees but to other Grade 9 students who could benefit from the experience.

All students must return their permission form to the Main Office of the school by Wednesday Oct. 29th, 2025. Any questions please reach out to Mrs. Warmerdam, LFA Career Advisor.

OFFICE PROCEDURES

Office hours are 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 pm. We ask parents to help reduce the volume of phone calls to the office by following these guidelines:

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL BEFORE 9:30AM IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT OR LATE

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. To report an absence by email, send information including student first name and last name, grade, division, length of absence, and reason to LFAAttendance@sd35.bc.ca.

To report an absence by phone, call 604-888-3113 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.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

We're thrilled to partner with [Thank You for the Music Society](#) for a fun and easy way to support the LFAS Music Department! On October 24th, TYFTM is the beneficiary of the Vancouver Giants 50/50 draw and will generously share proceeds with LFAS. Plus, our school earns a portion of each ticket we sell, **so the more we sell, the more we raise!** Even more exciting, TYFTM was asked to choose anthem singers, and **LFAS's own Emma Gjesdal was selected!** Let's show our support for Emma and the LFAS music program with a strong turnout at the game! Simply click on the link in the attached poster to purchase ticket. See you there!

DRY GRAD PARENT MEETING

Dry Grad meetings are open to all graduating parents who wish to attend or volunteer to help out. If you wish to contact the Dry Grad Committee, please email: langleyfineartsdrygrad@gmail.com

When: November 12

When: 7:00pm

Where: Zoom **Link to be sent out soon**

IMPORTANT LINKS YOU MAY FIND HELPFUL

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/graduation-transcripts/>

MYED ASSISTANCE & PASSWORD CHANGES

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

TEAMS ASSISTANCE

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/educational-technology-support/>

OBTAINING YOUR P.E.N.

[Getting your Personal Education Number \(PEN\) - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)



GRAD NEWS



Grad Cruise

Harbour Cruises – Vancouver
Thursday, October 23, 2025

Grad Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Grad Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, June 18, 2026
Church in the Valley

Grad Dinner/Dance

Monday, June 22, 2026
Newlands Golf & Country Club

Grad Portraits

October 28 to 30

@ LFAS Library

Sign up below for your date/time

https://vibrantphotos-prolinesportsphotography.jotform.com/dawn/2026LFA_grad_photos



Grad Cruise Itinerary:

Thursday, October 23rd
Harbour Cruises

5:00 Snacks and Group Photo
5:30 Bus departs LFAS
7:00 Cruise departs harbour
10:00 Cruise ends
10:30 Bus departs Vancouver
11:00 Arrive at LFAS for pick up

***** REMINDER ***** to keep checking Langley School District's Community Bulletin Board for lots of events <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/page/10233/community>

ON THE HORIZON

Oct 17 – Online Booking Appointment system for Gr 6-12 parent/teacher conferences **OPENS @ NOON**

Oct 21 – PAC Meeting @ 9:15am in Library

Oct 22 – 1-hour early dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences **(Grade 6 to 12)**

Oct 23 – 1-hour early dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences **(Grade 6 to 12)**

Oct 23 – PAC Hot Lunch Day (Kindergarten to Grade 7 only)

Oct 23 – Grad Cruise

Oct 24 – Professional Development Day (students not in attendance)

Oct 27 to Oct 31 – **SPIRIT WEEK** (see details above)

Oct 28 to 30 – Grad Portraits ([sign up link sent home via email and in grad section of bulletin](#))

Oct 29 – Halloween Bake Sale fundraiser for PA-MOJA

Oct 30 – Halloween Carnival @ 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Nov 5 – **Grade 9** Take Your Kid To Work Day

Nov 6 – PSI Morning

Nov 10 – Design and Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (K to Grade 12 students not in attendance)

Nov 11 – Remembrance Day (school closed)

Nov 12 – Dry Grad meeting via Zoom @ 7:00pm ****Link to follow from Dry Grad soon****

Nov 14 – Elementary Funky Monkey

Nov 18 – PAC Meeting @ 9:15am in Library

Nov 20 – PAC Hot Lunch Day (Kindergarten to Grade 7 only)

HELP BRING AWARENESS TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

I am selling purple tulip bulbs to raise awareness about gender-based violence for my capstone project. This project is inspired by the memory of my Aunt, Trina Hunt. Each tulip honours the life of the women and girls whose lives were tragically taken.

Not only were purple tulips my aunts favourite, but the colour purple also represents solidarity in the fight to end gender-based violence.

\$20 FOR 10 PURPLE TULIP BULBS

Only 40 packs of tulip bulbs remaining, first come first serve.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FLORISSA

PICKUP DATE:

- Tuesday October 21st 3:10pm, Front Foyer

PLEASE SEND ORDER REQUESTS
THROUGH THE EMAIL BELOW:

purpletulipsforgbv@gmail.com

Please include, First and Last name and how many packages of bulbs you would like to order. You will receive an order confirmation email and instructions on how to pay.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BATTERED
WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES

-Taylor Ibbott



This campaign supports Karma Gordon's capstone project!

From Sept 22nd - Oct 20th



Make up Drive!

*Drop off new or used
donations in the front
office*

*All donations support
those in need on
Vancouver's Downtown
Eastside*

In partnership with Beyond Hello

KEEP YOUR CHILDREN FREE FROM RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES THIS WINTER

As the weather gets colder and we spend more time indoors, we're more likely to get sick with things like colds, flu or COVID-19 because these illnesses spread more easily in enclosed spaces.

Everyone should take these steps to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Get vaccinated for flu and COVID-19 if you are eligible.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have flu-like symptoms, stay home and away from people at higher risk of serious illness. If you are sick and cannot stay away from others, wear a mask. Learn more about masks [here](#).

Vaccinations for respiratory illness

Vaccinations prepare our immune system to recognize and respond to viruses. When children get immunized, they are less likely to get sick or pass along illness to others and better able to focus on learning, playing and doing the activities they love.

Register your children with the [Get Vaccinated](#) system so you can be reminded to get flu or COVID-19 vaccinations when they are due. Seasonal respiratory vaccinations are available from pharmacies, public health units and some primary care providers.

School-aged immunizations

As children get older, the protection from some [infant immunizations](#) can wear off. To set young people up for long-term health and well-being, vaccines are offered routinely in kindergarten, grade 6 and grade 9 with catch-up opportunities in other grades. Getting your child vaccinated on schedule is one of the best ways to protect their health.

All routine school-aged immunizations are free in British Columbia. If your child is not up-to-date with their vaccines, please make an appointment with a public health unit, family doctor, nurse practitioner or pharmacy. If your child's record shows their vaccines are not current, but they did get vaccines from a health care provider outside of public health:

- Contact the health care provider who immunized your child and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
- Report these immunizations to Public Health online at: <http://www.fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform>

Learn more about school-aged immunizations, including how to access your child's records, here: [Children and youth immunizations – Fraser Health Authority](#)

Homework Club

Why?

Provide a space for students to get extra support and time to complete missed work. This will be open for all students, but can be assigned as a support for students who are struggling to meet academic expectations.

When/Where?

Days	Tuesdays & Friday in Library 11:30am-12:10pm.
Key Information	Supervised by admin, teachers/support staff can support if needed. Students who are assigned to HC will sign in with Admin. Others who come for support will not be required to sign in.
Expectations	Students will attend the entire time. No ins and outs. Students will arrive with all required materials. Library expectations are in place around food and personal technology.
Staff	Administration will be present to support. Teachers may volunteer their time if they are able.

Teachers and Admin may assign students to homework club. Admin will communicate with parents when students are assigned and followed up will occur if student doesn't attend

Desired Outcomes

	Student accountability: providing a proactive way to support students who are falling behind in academic expectations and/or been truant to classes.
	Academic support: Students can access support for any of their classes and provide time to prepare for upcoming assessments/assignments.

Library Corner

We have had a wonderful September with over 2200 books being signed out by your children! Thank you so much for valuing and modeling reading at home. It has a huge impact. Just a few information items for you.

OVERDUE, LOST, & DAMAGED BOOK INFORMATION

Just a quick note that we are about to turn on ***automatic overdue notifications***. What this means is that parents / guardians of all K-6 students will receive an email if their child has an overdue book. All Grade 7-12 students will have overdue notifications emailed directly to their school email address.

What do I do if a book is lost or damaged?

It happens to us all! However, we will need to replace the book. There are two options: 1) email dstokesbennett@sd35.bc.ca and ask me to put the replacement cost on your School Cash Online account so you can pay it directly or 2) purchase the book yourself and drop it off at the library. If, for any reason, replacing a book is not financially viable for your family at this time, please contact Adam Moore at amoore@sd35.bc.ca to access school supports.

What if my Grade 7-12 student doesn't check their email?

Please encourage your children to monitor their school email accounts. Students can find their email address and reset their password (if necessary) through the below site:

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/lec/page/4879/office-365-login-ms-teams-one-drive-student-wifi>

What do we do if we get a notification that a textbook is overdue?

Please have your child check directly with the teacher that assigned them the textbook. Often it has been returned to the classroom without being checked back in through the library.

Who do I contact if I have any questions?

Please email Devon Stokes-Bennett (aka Ms. Stokes) at dstokesbennett@sd35.bc.ca.

Thank you so much!

Your LFAS Library Staff

TAKE YOUR KID TO WORK DAY

Grade 9

November 5th, 2025



Explore Your Future!



Parents as Education & Career Coaches



EducationPlannerBC

EducationPlannerBC, in collaboration with school district partners, invites parents and supporters to join our virtual presentation:

Wednesday, November 5, 2025, from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Learn about post-secondary education in B.C. Did you know there are 25 public post-secondary institutions with over 4,000 programs across the province? Come explore all your opportunities at EducationPlannerBC.

We'll show you how to use EducationPlannerBC's website to search thousands of programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths. Find helpful resources, including financial aid options, admission requirements, FAQs, and the Glossary. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to My List, and apply to post-secondary in B.C.

Have a student that attends a **Fraser Valley Region school**? Register using the QR code or by [clicking here](#).



For more information, contact support@educationplannerbc.ca

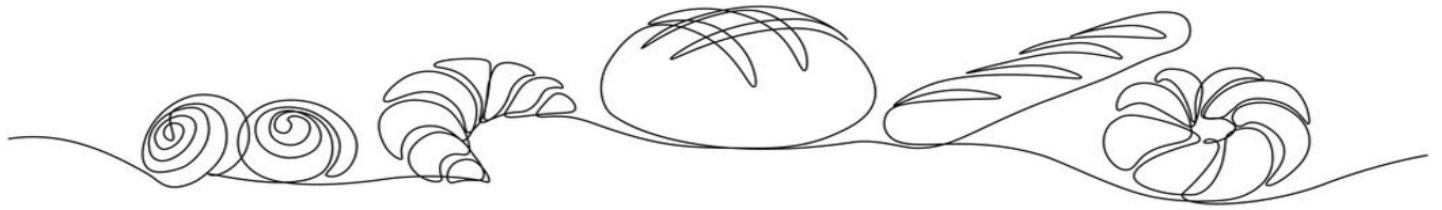


HOCKEY & MUSIC FUNDRAISER

Join Thank You for the Music Society and LFAS for our 2nd Annual Vancouver Giants Fundraiser, supporting their music program and celebrate **Emma Gjesdal** as she performs the National Anthem. It's a fun night of community, hockey, and giving back!

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CLICK FOR TICKETS

TICKETS ONLY \$25 EACH



Encore Café – LFAS

Opening November 3rd!

We are excited to share that the school cafeteria will re-open as Encore Café on November 3rd. Building on the wonderful foundation that *The Chipped Cup* created over the years, we will continue to offer fresh, wholesome meals and treats made in-house daily, all served with care and a welcoming spirit.

Starting **November 1st** our website,
www.EncoreCafeLFAS.ca,
will be live for pre-orders. Stay tuned for more details
and a sneak peek at what's on the menu!

Dear Friends of PA-MOJA,

We are excited to share some updates from another impactful year of our partnership with OI Pejeta Conservancy in Kenya. From supporting new and continuing scholarship students, launching an expanded day school program, traveling to Kenya this summer to connect with students, families, and communities—we have seen firsthand how your support is having a positive impact on people's lives. This newsletter highlights the progress that is made possible through your encouragement and generosity.



Scholarship Students

For the past 19 years, PA-MOJA has partnered with OI Pejeta Conservancy (OPC) in Kenya to support conservation through education. In that time, PA-MOJA has become OPC's largest donor for education. Since the program began, our emphasis has been to fund boarding school scholarships that cost about \$1,000 per year. To date, we have supported 260 students (51 current + 209 graduates). While most students received four full years of high school scholarships, others received more or less depending on when they joined the program. In total, that's 977 years of education funded — each year representing a young person given the opportunity to learn, grow, and create a brighter future for themselves and their communities. If you'd like to learn more about how students are carefully selected for scholarships, please watch our short video on our website: <https://pa-moja.com/category/videos/>

In 2024, we launched a program to support 78 day school students each year. Unlike our boarding school students, these young people live at home while attending local schools in the communities surrounding the conservancy. At just \$120 per year, these scholarships made a meaningful impact on families and were so successful in their first year that OPC asked us to continue the program. Scholarships are awarded annually to the top-performing students at local day schools, ensuring both opportunity and motivation for learners.

Summer 2025 Trip to Kenya

In July 2025, a team of fourteen people travelled to Kenya to meet OI Pejeta staff, scholarship students, families, and schools, and to experience the conservancy and its wildlife. Four PA-MOJA board members were joined by ten family and friends of



former board member Leigh Vierstra. Leigh, who passed away in September 2024 from complications of ALS, had been deeply committed to PA-MOJA. Her loved ones came to see the place she cared for so passionately and to witness firsthand the impact that PA-MOJA is having

on the communities and the conservancy.

During the trip, PA-MOJA hosted our annual Scholarship Day, bringing students together for mentorship, discussion groups, and motivational talks from graduates. Students shared their successes, challenges, and ideas for improving the program, which PA-MOJA and OPC staff are now using to strengthen future support. The event also featured presentations from Kenyan students who



participated in the Butterfly Effect program this year. We were all very impressed by their work throughout the year and the quality of their presentations. This was the first time any had done online research or had presented in front of a big group of people. Learn more about Butterfly Effect here: <https://pa-moja.com/butterfly-effect/>.

In addition to time at OPC, we visited students in their schools, met parents, and were welcomed into homes. These visits are an important part of our work, allowing us to truly know our students and their communities. Students spoke openly about their experiences and expressed gratitude for PA-MOJA scholarships, while parents shared their pride and appreciation. With many families earning as little as \$5 a day, the support of scholarships not only opens doors to education but also strengthens families and local communities.

Throughout our entire trip, we were fortunate to see the incredible wildlife of the conservancy. These moments reinforced our belief that investing in students and communities ultimately helps protect the wildlife of this remarkable place.



Thank You

We are very grateful for everyone who supports PA-MOJA—whether through donations, volunteering, or simply by staying connected and sharing in our work. Your encouragement makes it possible for us to continue providing opportunities for students, while also strengthening communities, and supporting conservation.

If you would like to make a donation, please visit [PA-MOJA.com](https://pa-moja.com). All contributions will

receive a tax receipt from the Langley School District Foundation, and every gift helps us continue this important work.

If you have any questions about PA-MOJA, please email Alison Stuart at astuart@pa-moja.com

Thank you, Asante Sana!

Amber Illes and Alison Stuart
PA-MOJA Co-Presidents



LANGLEY FINE ARTS SCHOOL
Your retake Photos are now Online!

CLICK [HERE](#) TO SHOP NOW!

OR VISIT VIBRANTPROSTUDIOS.CA AND SELECT 'ORDER PHOTOS'

To access your photos, you will need the Vibrant photos QR info sheet. This QR sheet is their unique login code and ordering instructions.

THIS IS NOT YOUR STUDENT ID number– IT IS THE UNIQUE CODE ON YOUR STUDENTS QR PHOTO PAPER THEY WERE GIVEN ON PHOTO DAY.

For your free delivery to the school the final order deadline is of Tuesday, October 21st. After October 21st all orders will be available as shipping direct only.

If you have lost your online code or need help ordering photos, we'd love to help you! Please contact Vibrant Photo customer service at dawn@vibrantphotos.ca and please include the school and your student's name.

Vibrant Photos
604-380-3388



Reminder

PAC MEETING

TUESDAY OCTOBER 21

9:15AM

LFAS LIBRARY

OPEN TO ALL - JOIN US!





*Hot
Lunch*

Reminder



October 23

<https://munchalunch.com/>



Volunteer
needed

Sign up Here





 **POP CORN**

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NUTRIT**

CASH ONLY



LFAS Dry Grad Purdys Fundraiser

Click here for our
unique Purdys
page and
register as a
supporter

Pick up December 4 in the Langley Fine Arts Cafe