LANGLEY FINE ARTS BULLETIN – OCTOBER 23rd, 2026 EDITION

Dear LFAS Families,

This week has been a wonderful celebration of community, learning, and school spirit at Langley Fine Arts School!

On Thursday evening, our graduating class enjoyed an unforgettable Grad Cruise under beautiful skies and perfect fall weather. It was truly a spectacular evening, and I could not have been more proud of our graduates. Throughout the night, our students represented LFAS with enthusiasm, kindness, and maturity, creating memories that will last a lifetime. The Class of 2027 continues to demonstrate the character, creativity, and leadership that make our school community so special, and it was a privilege to celebrate this important milestone with them.

Today, LFAS was also proud to host two outstanding conferences that showcased the rich learning opportunities taking place within our school.

The Aboriginal Education Conference featured an inspiring keynote address from former LFAS Fine Arts teacher, Yolanda Skelton Jackson, an internationally renowned fashion designer whose work has earned recognition across Canada and beyond. It was especially exciting to see our students serving as runway models, proudly showcasing her stunning designs. The creativity, passion, and artistry on display made for a truly inspiring experience. Throughout the day, participants engaged in meaningful learning, sharing, and conversations that deepened understanding and celebrated Indigenous perspectives, voices, and ways of knowing.

At the same time, the Dance Educators Conference brought dance instructors from across British Columbia to LFAS for a day of professional learning and collaboration. Through workshops, demonstrations, and learning discussions, educators had the opportunity to exchange ideas, refine their practice, and strengthen connections within the dance community. It was inspiring to see our school become a hub for artistic excellence and professional growth in so many ways.

I would also like to thank the many families who attended Parent/Teacher Interviews this week. It was wonderful to see our hallways filled with parents, guardians, students, and staff engaging in thoughtful conversations about learning and growth. The partnership between home and school is one of the most important factors in a young person's educational journey. When families and educators work together, students benefit from a strong, supportive network that helps them thrive both academically and personally.

As we head into the weekend, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible students, families, and staff who make LFAS such a vibrant and caring community. From celebrating our graduates, to hosting meaningful conferences, to strengthening the connections between home and school, this week has been a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when we learn and grow together.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Take care,
Mr. Moore

GRAD CRUISE

HALLOWEEN COSTUME REMINDER

We are so excited for next week and all the fun Halloween activities that are planned

Please take some time over the weekend to speak with your children about appropriate costumes for Halloween Friday - if they plan to wear them to school. Please ask your children to use thoughtful and respectful discretion in their choices and remember that LFAS is a Kindergarten to Grade 12 school.

RESPECT for others includes:

1. No full-faced masks or costumes that completely hide the wearer as this can be very scary for younger children. Full face masks also create a safety concern as we need to be able to identify students.
2. No fake or replica weapons of any kind
3. Understanding costumes that appropriate cultural stereotypes are not respectful of those cultures.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION @ CHOICE SCHOOLS FOR 2027/2028

All 2027 kindergarten siblings of current LFAS students need to register. Siblings are not automatically registered. Please ensure you register in time in order to be considered for the lottery.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE – DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 26th

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 5th at 12 noon, and closes on **Monday, October 26th at 12 noon**.

For more information and instructions to register your child, visit our District website HERE

Halloween Carnival

The Grad Council is hosting the annual Langley Fine Arts School Halloween Carnival on Friday, 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 25th. 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!

FUNKY MONKEY

The **FUNKY MONKEY** is a yearly LFAS tradition where students from K-7 can choose to showcase their talents in a celebratory evening of performance. It is organized and run by the Grade 12's and is a HUGE fundraiser for the Grad class.

This year's **FUNKY MONKEY** is coming soon!
On Friday, November 6th, come and support our students as they play an Instrument! Dance! Sing! Martial Arts! Magic! Comedy!

Show starts at 6:30 in the Chief Sepass Theatre.

Tickets are $10 at the door.

A concession will be available for snacks, so bring your appetite!

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.

VISITOR REPORTING

All visitors must report to the office before they enter the school. If you are visiting a classroom or any other part of the school building, please check in at the office and wear the visitors badge that you will be provided.

VOLUNTEERS IN CLASSROOMS – ANNUAL APPROVAL FORMS

Are you volunteering in a classroom this year? If so, please use the following link to fill out the volunteer form and ensure your PIC (Police Information Check) is completed.
Please note that this process must be done every school year as per District Policy.
VOLUNTEER FORM & POLICE INFORMATION CHECK

VOLUNTEER DRIVER FORMS – ANNUAL APPROVAL FORMS

There are usually a few field trips throughout the school year. For some of these our teachers rely on parent volunteer drivers. In order to drive for a field trip, parents are required to fill out our volunteer driver form and provide copies of their driver's license, ICBC insurance, private insurance (if applicable), an ICBC Driver's abstract as well as a PIC (police information check), which can be done in person or online with a code.
(Please note: if using the PIC code it can take up to 3 weeks for approval)

DRIVER'S ABSTRACT LINK
LFAS DRIVER FORM
POLICE INFORMATION CHECK

To avoid delay in the approval process, this information can be scanned and emailed to Mrs. Gill at kgill@sd35.bc.ca.

This can be done at any time during the year; you don't have to wait until the date of the field trip, which usually causes panic and a last-minute line up of parents trying to fill out forms.
Please note that this process needs to be done for every school year.

PARENT CONSENT FORMS ON MYEDBC READY FOR FAMILIES

Parent consent forms can now be received on MyEDBC. Families are asked to please log in to the ***MyEDBC parent portal*** *and complete the process. A set of consent forms will need to be completed for each child attending a Langley school. It is advised to access MyEDBC and complete the parent consent forms using a desktop or laptop as the process requires the full site version (which is not mobile-friendly). For step-by-step instructions, please read* ***here****. More information can be found on the District website* ***here****.*

COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN

The Langley School District Foundation, in partnership with the Langley School District, is pleased to bring back the Coats for Kids Campaign for its second year.

Schools are invited to collect new or gently used winter coats for students from K - Grade 12. We're asking for your help in sharing this campaign with your school community and encouraging families to participate. Cash donations are also graciously accepted and will help us purchase additional coats for students in need.

Collection Dates: October 14th – 30th
Drop-off: Any Langley School OR Langley School Board Office
At LFAS: collection in is in the front foyer

IMPORTANT LINKS YOU MIGHT FIND HELPFUL

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS
Order transcripts and certificates - Province of British Columbia

PASSWORD CHANGES
https://www.sd35.bc.ca/lfas/school-password-reset-for-students

MYED ASSISTANCE
https://www.sd35.bc.ca/myedbc-family-student-portal-help

TEAMS ASSISTANCE
https://www.sd35.bc.ca/lfas/offic-365-teams-email-access

OBTAINING YOUR P.E.N.
Getting your Personal Education Number (PEN) - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)

GRAD PORTRAIT SIGN UP – NOW LIVE AND READY FOR BOOKING!!

Grad portraits are scheduled for Monday, November 16th to Wednesday, November 18th.

ALL GRADS MUST get a photo taken as this photo is used for the yearbook, wall composite and grad keepsake from the ceremony.

It is not mandatory to purchase a package, but you will need to indicate which sitting you prefer at the time of booking.

LFAS does not organize the bookings or have access to book for students.

Students/families MUST sign in and book an appropriate day/time that works best for them.

If you have any questions, please contact Vibrant Photo directly at https://www.vibrantprostudios.ca/

GRAD PORTRAIT BOOKING LINK:

2027 Grads - Click here to book your photos!

GRAD NEWS & UPDATES

Grad Portraits

November 16th to November 19th

2027 Grads - Click here to book your photos!

Grad Rehearsal

Monday, June 21, 2027

Grad Commencement Ceremony

Tuesday, June 22, 2027

Church in the Valley

Grad Dinner/Dance

Monday, June 28, 2027

Newlands Golf & Country Club

THE NEXT DRY GRAD MEETING IS:

Wednesday, November 4th @ 7:30-8:30pm

*** **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 27 – PA-MOJA Bake Sale

Oct 29 – PSI Day @ LFAS (Post Secondary Institution visits)

Oct 30 – Halloween Carnival

Nov 2 – Literacy 12 Assessments

Nov 3 – Literacy 12 Assessments

Nov 4 – Grade 9 Take Your Kid to Work Day (Grade 9 only)

Nov 4 – Dry Grad Meeting @ 7:30pm in Library

Nov 6 – Elementary Funky Monkey @ 6:30pm

Nov 11 – Remembrance Day (school closed)

Nov 16 to 19 – Grad Portraits – by sign up only. More info to come soon.
ALL GRADS MUST GET PORTRAIT TAKEN

Nov 20 – Design and Assessment Day/Learning Update Prep (all students not in attendance)

Nov 25 – Student Inclusive Conferences – (Kindergarten to Grade 5)
ONLY attend if conference time booked with classroom teacher

Nov 26 – 2 Hour Early Dismissal – Student Inclusive Conferences – (Kindergarten to Grade 5 only)

Nov 30 to Dec 5 – Music Nights

Dec 8 – Photo Night @ 7:00pm

Dec 9 & 10 – Dance Show @ 7:00pm

Dec 11 – Annual Night of Choirs

Dec 16 – Grade 1/2 Sharing Show

Dec 17 – Santa Breakfast

Dec 17 – Last Day Prior to Winter Break

Dec 18 to Jan 4 – Winter Break

Jan 5 – School Re-Opens from Winter Break

Communicating With Your School

*Schools and families continue to work together to ensure success for students. If you have an issue or concern but don't know who to speak with, the District encourages you to read these helpful Communicating with your School guidelines for parents/guardians found on our District website **here**. As an additional reference, review this one-page resource **here**.*

SchoolMessenger

*The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families throughout the school year. As we continue to welcome new families to our District, some parents/guardians may receive a text message notifying them about SchoolMessenger. If you need to update your contact info on file, please reach out to your school. For more info about SchoolMessenger, visit the District website **here**.*

Emergency Procedures in Schools

*Schools follow emergency procedures and practice drills throughout the year to ensure students, staff, and any visitors at our sites are safe when unexpected incidents happen. The District encourages families to become familiar with emergency procedures to help you and your child be prepared. You will find the District's Emergency Procedures poster in schools and on the website **here**.*

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.

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.

INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL STATUS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in 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 CKNW 730AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7FM, CBC 690AM or CBC 88.1FM for updates.

In the event of inclement weather, the District may implement a delayed start or early dismissal at school sites. This information will be communicated to families via one or more of these methods: SchoolMessenger, email and/or text and on the District website. For District bus riders, schedules may change depending on the school status. Bus riders will be notified of changes via one or more of these methods: My Ride K-12 App, email, phone, and/or District website.

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.

Student Safety in Schools

The Langley School District is committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility, and support optimal learning. Trauma Informed Practices and Procedures promote the creation and maintenance of safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, and nurturing school environments. The District expects all students to follow the Student Code of Conduct ***AP 350****. This expectation is also in line with the new* ***Provincial Firearm Violence Prevention Act (FVPA).***

The District is sharing a reminder that no one can have "any weapon for any purpose" on school property. This means that weapons are not allowed to be used as part of an educational project, drama production, or themed costume. Examples of weapons include but are not limited to knives, bb guns, and toy guns. Failure to follow these expectations may result in confiscation, intervention, and consequences.

Daylight Saving Time Information for Families: Fraser Health

Earlier this year, British Columbia adopted permanent daylight saving time, with the final clock change taking place on March 8, 2026. As a result, the province now observes Pacific Time (PCT) year-round, eliminating the twice-yearly switch between Pacific Standard Time (PST) and Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).

During parts of the winter, particularly between late November and early February, many children will travel to school before sunrise. Fraser Health is sharing this information to support families as they adapt to year-round Pacific Time and maintain healthy sleep habits and safe travel to and from school.

What Families Can Do

Support healthy sleep and well-being by:

- *Spending time outdoors during morning daylight hours whenever possible.*
- *Encouraging physical activity and social connection through after-school programs and activities.*
- *Maintaining consistent bedtimes and wake-up times.*
- *Turning off screens at least one hour before bedtime, as evening screen use can make it harder to fall asleep.*

Support safe travel to and from school by:

- *Helping children choose well-lit routes with sidewalks and designated crossings.*
- *Encouraging children to wear reflective or high-visibility clothing and use a flashlight when travelling during darker morning hours.*
- *Reminding children to use designated crossings, scan traffic, and make sure vehicles have stopped before crossing.*

If driving:

- *Use extra caution when driving near schools, crosswalks, intersections and shared pathways.*
- *Be aware of one's surroundings and refraining from cell phone use, make eye contact, and shoulder check before turning or changing direction.*
- *Travel at slow speeds and stop completely at stop signs and crosswalks.*

Additional school health resources can be found on our website at fraserhealth.ca/schoolhealth.

As part of its health promotion for students and families, our community partner Fraser Health is sharing important information on various topics. The theme for October is staying healthy this winter. Please share the following information below in your next newsletter or communication to families. This information will be shared on the District's social media channels.

Staying Healthy this Winter (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 how to stay healthy this winter. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Keep Your Children Free From Respiratory Illnesses This Winter

As the weather gets colder and more time is spent indoors, we are 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 against flu and COVID-19.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- 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. When children remain healthy, they are better able to focus on learning, playing and doing the activities they love. Their parents and caregivers also have less disruptions in their personal and work routines.

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

Getting your child ***vaccinated on schedule*** is one of the best ways to protect their health. 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.

Protection is long lasting for most vaccines, except for whooping cough. This vaccine is one of the ***infant immunizations*** that can wear off and needs to be given again around Kindergarten and Grade 9 to provide protection. 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.
- Provide these immunization records 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***

GRADE 5 PA-MOJA CLUB

PRESENTS

HALLOWEEN

BAKE SALE

$1.00 - $2.00

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FRONT FOYER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

All proceeds will support scholarships and educational opportunities in Kenya

SPIRIT WEEK

Show your spirit on the days leading up to Halloween, and trick or treat at room 93 during lunch!

Monday 26th
Black Cat v.s. Pumpkin

Tuesday 27th
Twilight Tuesday

Wednesday 28th
Whimsical Wednesday

Thursday 29th
Tim Burton Thursday

Friday 30th
Wear your Halloween costume to school!

TRICK OR TREAT

Visit the $2
Toonie Table
of Treats at the

Halloween Carnival

October 30th

EVERY ITEM $2

SWEET TREATS, CHIPS, WATER,
POP AND SNACKS!

Toonie Table is a Dry Grad Fundraiser

OCTOBER

Online 50/50 with Monthly Draws!

1 FOR $2
3 FOR $5
8 FOR $10
20 FOR $20

Get your Tickets Here

The next Monthly Winner could be you!

POPCORN DAY

LANGLEY FINE ARTS SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

$2

Monday October 26

Cash or Card with CVV

Follow Us!

@lfas_pac

@LangleyFineArtsPac

COATS FOR KIDS!

Help Langley students from K - Grade 12 with a new or gently used winter coat.

Donations Accepted:
October 14th - 30th

Drop Off Locations:
Any Langley School or the Langley School Board Office (4875 222nd St.)

Cash Donations Graciously Accepted:

Langley Schools

Langley School District Foundation

GIFTS AND GATHERINGS

HONORING INDIGENOUS CONNECTIONS TO THE LAND AS WE PLAY AND LEARN

Ready, Set, Learn Sessions

We would like to invite you to join our Early Childhood Educator, Rachel Susheski for our Ready, Set, Learn Sessions. This program is intended for families and their three -to-five year old children with the purpose of fostering community connections between families and the school. This experience will support your child's transition into school. We look forward to welcoming you at the Strong Start locations below.

Fall and Winter Dates:

Douglas Park Elementary
October 14th, 2026

Simonds Elementary School
October 21st, 2026

Parkside Elementary
October 28th, 2026

West Langley Elementary School
November 04, 2026

Donna Gabriel Elementary
November 25th, 2026

Josette Dandurand Elementary
December 2nd, 2026

Langley Meadows Elementary
January 13th, 2026

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 8:30AM-10:00AM

No cost spaces are available for families and caregivers to participate with their child. No registration is required.

Langley Schools

Ready, Set, Learn!

Emergency First Aid & CPR-C (EFA-C) Training

Students will learn basic first aid techniques and the skills needed to recognize and respond to cardiovascular and choking emergencies for adults, children and infants (CPR-C).

The course will be taught by a Red Cross certified CPR & First Aid instructor

Nov 20 (Pro-D Day) | All day

Location: School Board Office

Canadian Red Cross

DUE DATE

Nov 4, 2026

See your Career Advisor for an application

SUPERHOST TRAINING

Nov 20th 2026

Build confidence in communication, teamwork, and customer service while earning an industry-recognized certification.
SuperHost® helps prepare students for customer-facing roles and can be a valuable addition to a resume or job application.

DUE DATE

Nov 4, 2026

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CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Your Creative Path. See It in Person.

SAVE THE DATE

Sat, Nov 7

10am – 2pm

KPU Richmond

KPU | Faculty of Arts

WILSON SCHOOL OF DESIGN

kpu.ca/creativeconnections

Explore CapU
Open house

Squamish: Nov. 7

North Vancouver: Nov. 28

- Discover dozens of programs
- Learn about financial aid and entrance awards
- Connect with faculty, peers and current students

RSVP at
CapilanoU.ca/explore

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY

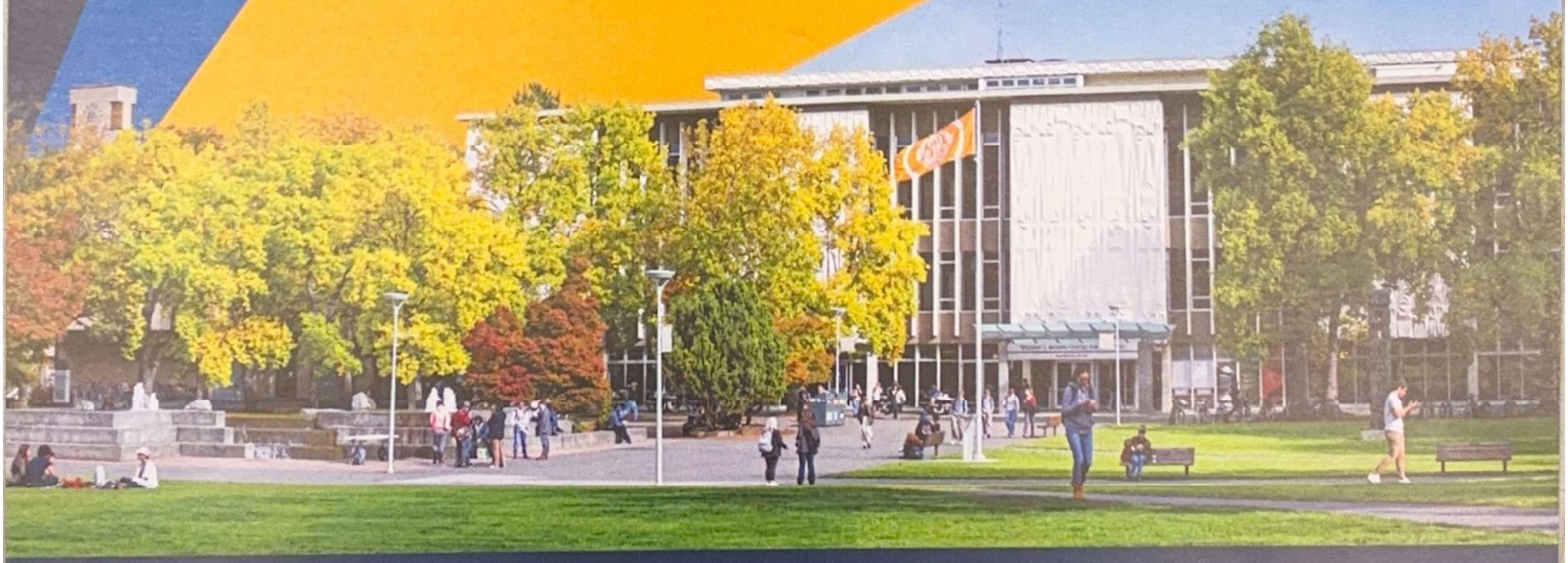
EXPLORE UVIC

All of UVic. All in one day.

Saturday, November 28, 2026

See what the UVic experience is like through lectures, student panels, tours, information fairs and more. High school students, transfer students and families are welcome!

uvic.ca/explore



Register for this in-person, on-campus event!

recruitment@uvic.ca | 250-721-8949

UVIC
UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

LANGLEY FINE ARTS SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

JOIN US...

PAC MEETING

Learn more about the LFAS Parent Advisory Council (PAC), how it supports our school and how you can get involved.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10	9:15AM	IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

DID YOU KNOW?

PAC funding helps Supports the arts — including Music, Drama, Dance and Visual Arts programs and activities.

LANGLEY FINE ARTS SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Fuel CATERING

HOT LUNCH

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2026

Ordering, changes and cancellations close November 9.

New Students & Families

If your child is new to the school, you will need to create a Munchalunch account and register your child before placing an order.

https://munchalunch.com/lfas

Returning Students & Families

If you have used Munchalunch before, you can log in to your existing account and place your orders.

https://munchalunch.com/lfas