



LANGLEY FINE ARTS BULLETIN – SEPTEMBER 19th, 2025 EDITION

Dear LFAS Families,

Happy Friday! Things are already full steam ahead here at LFAS so please check out the calendar and events included in this publication.

We are very excited about the upcoming Meet the Teacher Evening. This is such a great way to connect with your child's teachers and build community. As mentioned in previous newsletters, this event will take place next Wednesday and start times are dependent on grade levels (see schedule below). Don't forget to join for the townhall that evening, where we will be discussing our goals and priorities for the upcoming year.

Take care,

Mr. Moore

MEET THE TEACHER – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

Grades 1-5

6:30pm-7:00pm – Parents/guardians meet with homeroom teachers in their respective rooms.

Grades 6/7

6:00pm – 6:20pm – Parents/guardians meet with arts teachers (Room #142)

6:30pm-7:00pm – Parents/guardians meet with homeroom teachers.

Grade 7 in Mr. Charlton's classroom (room 99) and grade 6 in Mr. Demond's portable (portable 9)

Grades 8-12

6:00pm – 7:10pm – Parents/guardians go through the timetable rotation for their child

(Each block will last about 10 minutes to allow for transitions between classes). Here is the rotation schedule:

A block – 6:00pm – 6:10pm

B block – 6:12pm – 6:22pm

C1 block – 6:24pm – 6:34pm

C2 block – 6:36pm – 6:46pm

D block – 6:48pm – 6:58pm

E block – 7:00pm – 7:10pm

Townhall Meeting

7:15pm – Townhall meeting will be in the theatre. We will be discussing plans and goals for the school year

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. As stated in the provincial [Emergency Management Planning Guide for Schools, Districts and Authorities](#), staff have a legal "duty of care," meaning that they "must ensure that students are cared for until such time as they can be safely reunited with their parents." Depending on the situation, the school may be caring for students for many days.

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.

VOLUNTARY STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE PLANS

The District is offering two options for voluntary student accident insurance plans for students. This plan is voluntary but provides significant benefits for accident insurance coverage for families. Please note, enrolment in the program can be done online only through one of the following options: **Insure My Kids OR Study Insured**

Corresponding digital support materials for above service providers can be accessed via following links:

Insure My Kids: **Insure My Kids - School Resources** Study Insured: **Study Insured - Support Material**

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.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER 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) and an ICBC Driver's abstract. [DRIVER'S ABSTRACT LINK](#)

LFAS DRIVER FORM

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 remember that this process needs to be done for each new school year.

STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORMS

Students will be handed a **BLUE** student verification form in their class. This form is the contact and medical information we have in our system about our students. Please make any corrections in **red ink** (if possible). Please return the form by **September 19th** as it is required for safety reasons and to update the Parent Portal System (this system allows parents access to student information including report cards).

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION @ CHOICE SCHOOLS FOR 2026/2027

Current families of LFAS 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](#)

LANGLEY FINE ARTS GRADE 10/11/12 PARENT NIGHT

Join us for an informational evening hosted by the Langley Fine Arts Counselling and Administration team. The evening is open to parents and students currently in Grade 10,11 and 12 who will be graduating in 2026, 2027 or 2028.

What: Topics will include Graduation requirements, Post-Secondary applications, and Scholarships.

When: Thursday, October 9th from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

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!

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

**2026 STUDENT & MAJOR (and all 2025 overdue) FEES MUST BE PAID
BEFORE PICKING UP TICKETS**

Guest passes will be available in the office – due Tues, Oct 14 for approval

Tickets go on sale through School Cash Online: Sept 1

Pickup begins: Oct 6

Purchase in person begins: Oct 6

Grad Portraits

October 28 to 30

[More information to come with booking instructions](#)

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



**GRADS: we need to ensure your email is up to date as we often email students only.
Please inform the front office if you have a new student email.**



Grad Cruise Itinerary:

Thursday, October 23rd

Harbour Cruises

5:00 Snacks and Group Photo

5:30 Bus departs LFAS

7:00 Cruise departs

10:00 Cruise ends

10:30 Bus departs Vancouver

11:15 Arrive at LFAS for pick up

DRY GRAD PARENT MEETING

The next dry grad meeting has been set. Hope to see you all there!!

When: Thursday, October 2nd

When: 7:00pm

Where: LFAS Library

***** 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

Sept 23 – PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm in Library

Sept 24 – Meet the Teacher & Townhall event
Elementary @ 6:15pm to 7:00pm
Middle Years @ 6:30pm to 7:00pm
Secondary @ 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Sept 26 – Orange Shirt Day

Sept 29 – School Improvement Day (students not in attendance)

Sept 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school closed)

Oct 2 – Dry Grad meeting @ 7:00pm in Library

Oct 6 – Grad Cruise ticket up and/or purchase in person begins

Oct 9 – Parent Info Night (Grade 10 -12 only) @ 6:00pm in Chief Sessop Theatre

Oct 8 – Individual Photo RETAKE Day

Oct 13 – Thanksgiving (school closed)

Oct 14 – Grad Cruise guest passes DUE

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

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Oct 28 to 30 – Grad Portraits (sign up information to come closer to the date)

Oct 30 – Halloween Carnival

BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH TIPS (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 various topics to keep our students healthy and safe as they return to school. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Tips for a healthy back to school season

As children head back to school, parents face the familiar challenge of managing busy schedules, school routines and inevitably, health concerns.

Help set the stage for a healthy school year with Fraser Health's [Healthy Back to School Guide](#).

Fostering healthy routines for sleep, mealtimes and physical activity can support your child's health and wellness. Learn more at Fraser Health's [School Health](#) and [Children and Youth](#) pages.

Staying healthy during the school year isn't just about routines - it's also about protecting children from illnesses that can spread quickly in classrooms. An important preventable illness to be aware of right now is measles, which has been increasing globally, including here in Canada. Symptoms of measles include fever, cough, runny nose and red, inflamed eyes, followed by a rash. The rash usually starts on the face and neck and spreads to the chest, arms and legs.

Get vaccinated against measles

Immunization is the best way to prevent measles infection. Please check that you (if born in or after 1970) and your children have received at least two doses of a measles-containing vaccine. Find out how to check your immunization records [here](#).

Measles-containing vaccines are available at many [pharmacy locations](#), physician offices and at all [public health units](#).

If your children have symptoms of measles, please keep them home.

If you or your child needs urgent care for something like a high fever, please inform your health care provider before you visit so they can take steps to prevent the spread of measles. Wear a mask and avoid using public transportation.

Need general health advice? Fast care for busy families with Fraser Health Virtual Care

Our Fraser Health Virtual Care registered nurses and dietitians have access to your personal health record and provide convenient, fast health advice and information for busy families. With options for phone or web chat consultations, families receive medical advice from nurses with emergency experience, saving time and, in many cases, avoiding unnecessary visits to clinics or emergency departments. Nurses can connect you directly with a health care provider at an Urgent and Primary Care Centre for various health needs, including questions about measles-like symptoms.

How to reach Fraser Health Virtual Care

1. **Dial 1-800-314-0999.** For an interpreter, say your language in English.
2. For web chat, go to fraserhealth.ca/virtualcare and click the blue chat bubble in the right corner to start.

Available 10am to 10pm, seven days a week including statutory holidays (after hours Call 8-1-1). Learn more about Fraser Health Virtual Care, other care options and more at: [Fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare](https://fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare)

SCHOOL HEALTH RESOURCES

Fraser Health's [Healthy Back-to-School Guide](#) has information on back-to-school anxiety, nutrition, safe travel to and from school, sleep and immunizations.

Fraser Health [School Health Web Resource](#) has answers to the most frequently asked health related questions from parents, teachers and school administrators.

SEPTEMBER 30

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

As a vital part of Reconciliation, we honour survivors of residential schools and the children who never came home, and their families and communities.

 **Time:** 5:00~8:00pm
Educational Story-Walk,
Drummers, Speakers,
and Candlelight Walking Vigil

 **Location:**
Derek Doubleday Arboretum
21177 Fraser Hwy, Langley, BC

Link to the
National
Day for
T&R



We are honoured to work, learn, play and live on the ancestral lands of the
məθkʷey, áʷa:ńłəń, ńícəý and səmy əmaʔt First Nations
who have occupied and stewarded this land since time immemorial.

Letter to LFAS from Mrs. Lorensen 🎵

Dear LFAS Family, ❤️

March 1, 2024 began as a beautiful day. I had just finished making bread with my grade 5-2 class, and we were preparing for our Kindness Cookie Campaign. Suddenly, I was shocked to find myself seeing double. That was the start of a journey down a different road than I had planned for myself, which included going on leave from teaching. Although my vision eventually returned to normal, I continued to struggle with eye pain and concussion-like symptoms which made everyday life very challenging.

I have done my best to get help, to take care of myself and to find the sweet spot of challenging myself while not pushing too hard. All along, I have been looking forward to the day when I would return to teaching at my beloved LFAS. Teaching has been so much more to me than a job or career. It has been a passion and calling. I came to teach at LFAS in the Fall of 1992 after doing both my practicums with Rob Goddard in 91/92. It has been my home ever since. I have been at LFAS for so long that I have taught former students' children, former students have become my colleagues, and three moms of students have been my job share partners.

As this coming school year drew closer, I was very excited about returning to LFAS. My husband and four children, who have so lovingly supported me this whole time, listened to my excitement. They gently expressed their concern and wisely encouraged me to carefully consider whether or not I was actually ready to manage all the challenges of teaching. It was heartbreaking for me to face the facts that I am still not ready. I am so much better than I was, but I still have challenging days that would make it very hard to teach. Rather than continue medical leave, I made the difficult decision to retire instead.

It is not the retirement I imagined, but I would like to follow Dr. Seuss' advice: *"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."* I have so much to smile about. I got to be a part of such a wonderfully creative, generous, and loving school family who inspired me to *Explore, Create and Inspire*. Working for 32 years with such above & beyond teachers and staff has been a wonderful gift to me. Thank you to each and every one of you for who you are and for what you do. You are important and you make a difference.

I am forever grateful to our entire school community – staff, parents, and all the beautiful students I have been privileged to teach – students who taught me so much in return. I have had countless incredible experiences at LFAS and have memories to last a lifetime. I am very grateful to God for leading me so many years ago to the special place that is LFAS and for giving me these many years of joyful teaching and music making. My heart is full with all the music, friendship and life we have shared together. You have blessed me, and I will miss you dearly. I look forward to seeing you whenever I come to visit and will always keep you close in my thoughts and prayers.

Much love and gratitude,

Mrs. Robyn Lorensen 🎵



HOCKEY & MUSIC FUNDRAISER

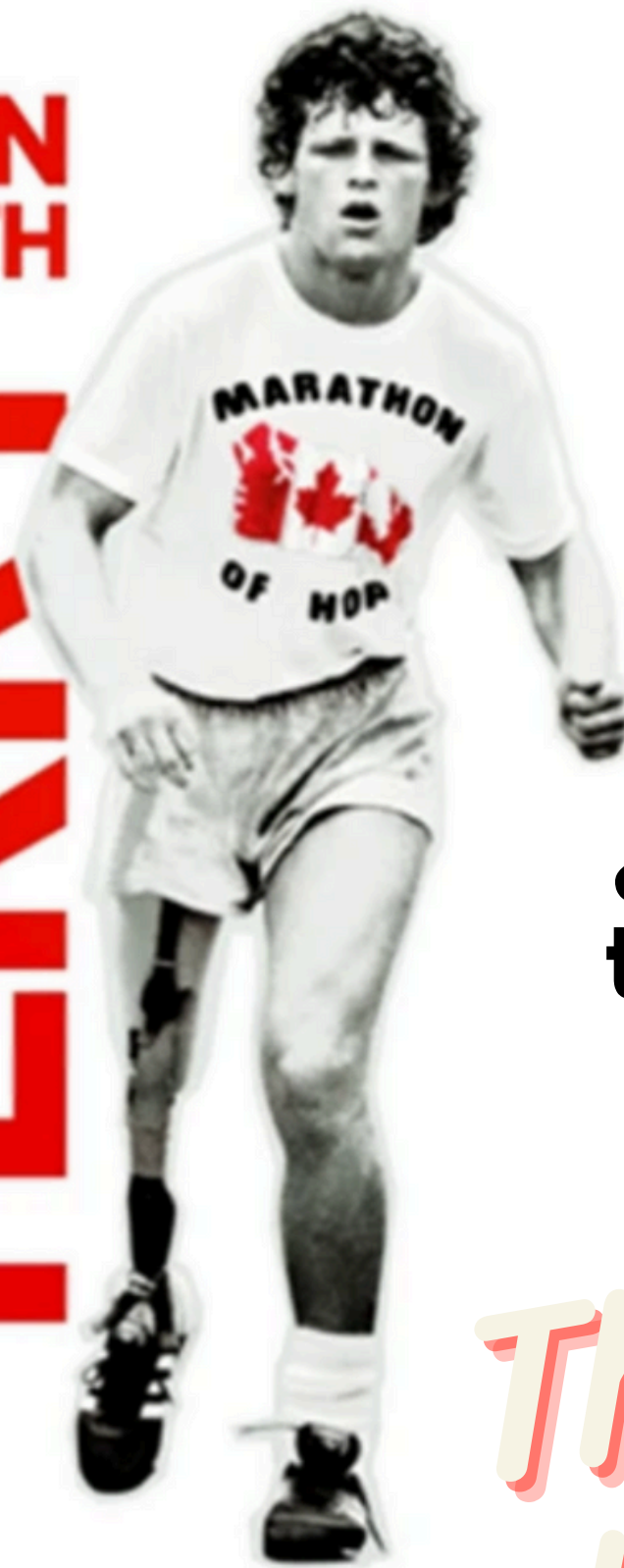
Join Thank You for the Music Society and LFAS for our 2nd Annual Vancouver Giants Fundraiser, supporting their music program and celebrate **Emma Gjesdal** as she performs the National Anthem. It's a fun night of community, hockey, and giving back!

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CLICK FOR TICKETS

TICKETS ONLY \$25 EACH

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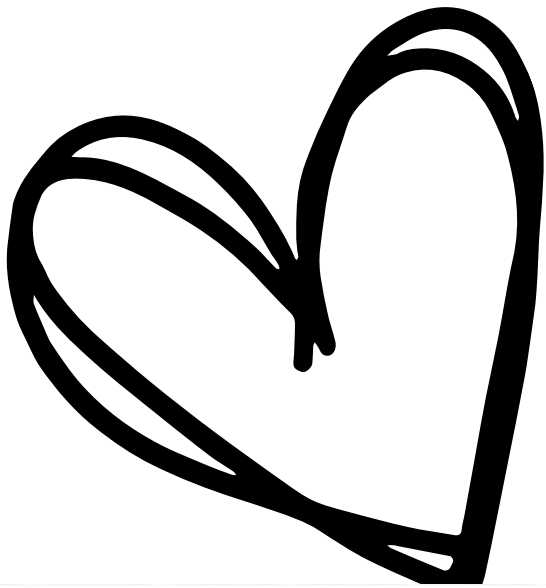


**Help
support
cancer
research
& bring a
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Terry!**

*Thank
you!*

ELEMENTARY TERRY FOX RUN MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



To honour and remember both the children who were lost and the survivors of residential schools, we would like to continue the LFAS tradition of bringing orange mums to our Kwantlen neighbours.

K-7 Families...

If you are able to contribute to this fundraiser please send a few dollars along with your child next week.



Halloween COSTUME DRIVE

Looking to reduce waste and save money this spooky season? Families are invited to take part in the Green Teams costume drive! We will be accepting gently used costume donations to resell back to students. All proceeds will be donated to the PA-MOJA school and wildlife conservation effort.



**BRING COSTUMES TO ROOM
101 (ACROSS FROM
KINDERGARTEN ROOMS)
FROM SEPTEMBER 22ND -
OCTOBER 3RD!**

Mountain Movers:

An Anger Management Group for Men

If you notice you have struggles with anger and are looking for a supportive and empowering environment to learn healthier coping mechanisms, we invite you to join our anger management group and take a journey towards self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and ultimately, a happier and healthier life. Facilitated by a Registered Clinical Counsellor (RCC).

6-Week Anger Management Group for Men

When: Wednesdays

September 17- Oct 22

Time: 5pm-7pm in-person

Where: Langley Community Services

5339 207th street

Langley BC, V3A 2E6

***Cost:** \$200

Space is Limited

Register: lmargueratt@lcss.ca

leave a message at 604-534-7921 ext. 1240

**sliding scale available*

Certificate provided following completion of all 6 sessions