



Chronicle

Langley Secondary School

Friday, February 14, 2025

Issue #11

Principal's Message

Reports were published on Feb 7th for Semester 1. Please use the following link if you have difficulties accessing the MyEd Portal: <https://lss.sd35.bc.ca/our-school/lss-myedbc-parent-student-portal/>

Admin and Counsellors met with the Graduates to provide information regarding Scholarships. There are School, District and Township Scholarships in many categories offering money for students to use for post secondary studies. This money supports opportunity in academics, leadership, volunteerism and simply membership so please be sure to ask about the orange and pink handouts provided or check out the School District Scholarship page for more information.

The first stages of planning for next year took place this week when meeting with all grades in assemblies to provide information about courses for next year. Please see the timeline below for course planning along with the encouragement of conversations at home to select courses. Students can always book an appointment with their counsellor to help guide.

LSS offers a wide variety of programs, please note there are a number of evenings scheduled for parents including: Gr 8 parents (6:00 pm Feb 12th, LSS Small Gym), Sport Academies (7:00 pm Feb 11th Learning Commons), Piping and Plumbing program (6:30 pm Feb 20th Learning Commons) and many other dual credit programs. Gr 10 – 12 parents can use this link to provide information about courses and the course planning process.

Click here: <https://vimeo.com/1054663932?share=copy>

Thanks to all the coaches for their time and commitment for the students during the winter sport season: basketball and curling. I would like to extend a thank you to all the coaches of our Winter Sports (basketball and curling):

Curling: Stephen Nicol

Jr./Sr. Girls Basketball: Avneet Basra, Kyle Olson, and Dave Sheppard

Jr. Boys Basketball: Van Meer, Rowe, and Calderon

Sr. Boys Basketball: Janus Mangayao, RJ Robello, Brent Lozano, Noah Waldu, Mervin Escota and Andre Ratio

(Community Coaches) *Roland Calderon and Dave Sheppard Teacher sponsors*

Your generous offering of your own time to serve others is appreciated.

The robust spring sport offerings include Rugby, Track and Field, Girls Soccer, Ball and Ice Hockey, Badminton and Golf. A great opportunity to get involved! Pay attention to the school's Instagram.

We look forward to the Musical Theatre performance of Percy Jackson's "Lightning Thief". Please see the ad below to book your tickets.

Diane Smillie

Principal Langley Secondary School



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Important Dates

(please visit the calendar on our website [LSS Calendar](#) for more information on each event)

February 2025

February 17, Family Day – School closed

February 21, Grade 9 Immunization – please return your consent forms to the main office

PIPING AND PLUMBING DATES

For those who may be interested in the Piping and Plumbing program in the future, there will be an info session on

Thursday, February 20 6:30pm in the LSS Learning Commons

March 2025

March 12, Parent/Teacher Interviews – 1 hour early (1:55pm) dismissal

March 13, Parent/Teacher Interviews – 1 hour early (1:55pm) dismissal

March 17 – 28, Spring Break – School Closed

April 2025

April 9, Grad assembly

April 11, Learning Update Pre/Design – students not in session

April 17, Grad Cruise

April 18, Good Friday, School closed

April 21, Easter Monday, School closed

April 28, Learning Update Issued



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2024/2025 District Calendar

Sep 2 (M) Labour Day (Schools Closed)-
Sep 3 (T) Schools Open-
Sep 30 (M) Truth and Reconciliation Day (Schools Closed)-
Oct 4 (F) School Improvement Day (students not in attendance)-
Oct 14 (M) Thanksgiving (Schools Closed)-
Oct 23 (W) 1 Hour Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Interviews-
Oct 24 (Th) 1 Hour Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Interviews-
Oct 25 (F) Professional Development Day (Provincial – students not in attendance)-
Nov 8 (F) Learning Update Prep/Design and Assessment Day (students not in attendance)-
Nov 11 (M) Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)-
Nov 22 (F) Learning Updates Issued-
Dec 20 (F) Last Day Prior to Winter Break-
Jan 6 (M) Schools Re-Open After Winter Break-
Jan 29 (W) Semester 2 Begins-
Feb 7 (F) Learning Updates Issued-
Feb 10 (M) Professional Development Day (District – students not in attendance)-
Feb 17 (M) Family Day (Schools Closed)
Mar 12 (W) 1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mar 13 (Th) 1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mar 14 (F) Last Day Prior to Spring Break
Mar 31 (M) Schools Re-Open After Spring Break
Apr 11 (F) Learning Update Prep/Design and Assessment Day (students not in attendance)
Apr 18 (F) Good Friday (Schools Closed)
Apr 21 (M) Easter Monday (Schools Closed)
Apr 28 (M) Learning Updates Issued
May 16 (F) Professional Development Day (students not in attendance)
May 19 (M) Victoria Day (Schools Closed)
Jun 26 (Th) Final Learning Updates Issued & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
Jun 27 (F) Administrative Day (students not in attendance)
July / August Summer Session



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Reporting (SEMESTER 1 Summary of Learning)

Reporting
(SEMESTER 1
Learning Updates)

Learning updates (report cards) will be posted on February 7. If you have any issues accessing your child's Learning Update, please use this sheet.

MyEducationBC

FAMILY/STUDENT PORTAL

2024-2025
THUNDERBIRDS
LANGLEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

Student Schedules | Online Course Selection for 2025-2026

SEPT OCT NOV DEC JAN 2025 FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

Q1 Report Cards Published | Q2 Report Cards Published | Q3 Report Cards Published | FINAL Report Cards Published

myeducation.gov.bc.ca

Welcome, [User Name]

A+ Academics

TO DO

Calendar

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Transcript Records

COMMON ERRORS

15 unsuccessful attempts will **disable** your account
*Please use a **Laptop or Desktop** Computer if you have difficulty resetting a password.

Invalid login.

Both Login ID and Password are **Case Sensitive**. Ensure **No Blank Spaces**

Your password has expired. Please create a new one.

You will get a **popup** window to create a new password **every 90 days**.

This account has been disabled.

You can re-enable your account by using the **"I forgot my password"** on the login screen.

For more information, please visit our school district website at sd35.bc.ca

SD35 Help Desk
Please submit a request for **Password Reset** or **Help**.

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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Grade 11 & 12 students listened to a guest speaker opening a dialogue about racism and resilience. The District will be celebrating diversity during the week of Feb 23 – Mar 1st.



Christina Williams is a distinguished author, media professional, and advocate for social change. With over twenty years of experience in marketing, media, and advertising, Christina has made significant contributions to her field. She is a graduate of Cornell University's Diversity and Inclusion program, which has further fueled her passion for equity and representation.

Christina co-authored the book "**We Rise in Power: Amplifying Women of Color and Her Voices for Change**", which provides a visceral and honest view of the experiences that many women of color endure

. This book brings together diverse women from across North America who advocate for social change and offer pathways and strategies for transformative actions.



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2024/2025 Graduation

2025 Dry Grad Event - June 25th at Central City Fun Park

Chaperoned buses depart following the banquet at 11pm on June 25 and return to the same location around 4am on June 26. Parents can pick up their grad earlier from venue. There are no in and out privileges.

Ticket price is \$50.00 per student or guest, due by April 22

Ticket price includes bus transportation, refreshments, snacks and a "Fun Card" with credits to use towards attractions and video games such as: laser tag, bowling, golf, photo booths, karaoke, carousel and virtual reality.

Payments can be made online here: [Grads Only Tickets](#) | [LSS Dry Grad](#) or by cash/cheque. The venue requires a waiver signed by parents/guardians of students, please submit that to us, you can find it on our website.

20 chaperones are needed to proceed, as required by the venue. Volunteer link is here: [LSS Dry Grad: Dry Grad Event Night Volunteers](#)

Fundraising and planning are ongoing. Volunteers are needed to help the fundraisers be successful. All parents of graduating students and grad students themselves are encouraged to participate as best as you can. Visit our website for our upcoming Fundraising Events and more information.

To those that are busy, have other commitments and schedules that may not align, we thank you for your desire to help if you could. Sharing our fundraisers with your neighbors or colleagues would be tremendous! If you are able, a cash donation would go a long way to helping make this night a reality.

We sincerely thank the school admin for lending their meeting space and for distributing our information in newsletters and other forms of communication.

We also thank the school PAC for their support and generous donation.

To find out more: <https://lssdrygrad.square.site>

Connect with us: lssdrygrad@gmail.com
[@langleydrygrad](#) LSS Dry Grad Fundraising 2025



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Free \$40 Gift with
a min \$75 order!

Langley Secondary
Dry Grad 2025
Samosas & More
Fundraiser

Amazing Buy More,
Save More Promotions!
Please Stock up!

Order here:
samosafundraiser.com/LSSGrad

Order Deadline: Feb. 19th

School Pick Up: Feb. 27th

Connect with us for more information or help with ordering: lssdrygrad@gmail.com



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HERITAGE WEEK
pastimes in past times
Feb 17-23, 2025

COME AND EXPERIENCE SOME PASTIMES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE
OVER THE YEARS IN OUR BEAUTIFUL HERITAGE HALL:

- ❖ SQUARE DANCING DEMONSTRATION at 1:30PM
- ❖ QUILTERS GROUP DISPLAY
- ❖ KIDS PLAY TABLE
- ❖ COLOURING CONTEST AWARDS
- ❖ CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT (Register at murrayvillehall@gmail.com)

L.S.S. DRY GRAD COMMITTEE WILL BE HOSTING A **HOTDOG SALE!**
SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!

**ADMISSION IS FREE! JOIN US FEBRUARY 22, 2025 FROM 12 - 4PM
AT THE MURRAYVILLE HALL - 21667-48TH AVE, LANGLEY**

Student Volunteers needed for the
Hot Dog Sale





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**DO GOOD
WITH CHIPOTLE**

**CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
LANGLEY SECONDARY
SCHOOL**

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH | 5-9PM

**19898 LANGLEY BYPASS UNIT 110, LANGLEY, BC, V3A
4Y1**

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **LRYG9RE**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

 **CHIPOTLE**

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



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Pub Night April 24th Artful Dodger

7pm to 9pm

Tickets available soon!
Must be 19+ to purchase.

Currently looking for donations for Silent
Auction, Raffle Baskets, Door Prizes and so
on.

email us: lssdrygrad@gmail.com

12" Hanging Basket

\$10 from each hanging basket purchase
goes directly LSS Dry Grad!
Pickup instructions are provided after
payment is made.
Clearview Garden Shop.

[Shop Direct here](#)





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Langley Liquor Warehouse

5% of your purchase is given back to us when you mention LSS Grad at the register.

Save at the till, mention us!



Return it Depot

Use account#
phone number
577-379-4723
(LSS DRY GRAD)
when you drop off at any Return-it Depot



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Fine Arts Week

We are just around the corner to the launch of another incredible "Season of Theatre" in Langley schools! Please get out and support the Arts and our Theatre students and teachers by taking in one, or a couple or all of these great productions that will be happening in the next few months across the District! Please see the poster at the link below for an overview and the dates of all of the productions happening in Langley schools this year!

LANGLEY SECONDARY SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY
PRESENTS...

THE LIGHTNING THIEF

THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL

Book by
JOE TRACZ

Adapted from the book
The Lightning Thief by
RICK RIORDAN

Music & Lyrics by
ROB ROKICKI

PERFORMANCES

7 PM EVENING

Thursday, February 27th Thursday, March 6th
Friday, February 28th Friday, March 7th
Saturday, March 1st Saturday, March 8th

2 PM MATINEE
Saturday, March 1st
Saturday, March 8th

TICKETS

sd35.schoolcashionline.com

LOCATED:
Dramnasium
Langley Secondary School
21405 56 Avenue

\$16 Students/
Seniors
\$18 Adults

Directing Team:
Artistic & Stage
Director:
PATRICK MCMATH
Musical Directors:
PATTI THORPE
BROCK FOERSTER
Technical Directors:
MYLES NIELD
IAN LOPEZ
Choreographer:
ELIZABETH AGUASIN

THE LIGHTNING THIEF is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com



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Fine Arts Week cont'd.

Langley Schools

2024 THEATRE SEASON 2025

Brookwood Theatre
HADESTOWN TEEN EDITION
 Feb 19 - 22 & Feb 26 - March 1
 Performance Time 7PM
 Admission \$18. Reserved Seating
<https://curl/projects/bstheatre2025>

D.W. Poppy Secondary
THE WIZARD OF OZ
 February 21th - March 1st & March 6th - 8th
 7PM Shows Contact: alisharobinson@dwps.bc.ca for more info

Langley Secondary School
THE LIGHTNING THIEF
 THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL
 7pm Shows Feb 27 - March 1, March 6 - 8
 7pm Matinees March 1 - March 8
<https://bit.ly/55lightningthief>

Langley Fine Arts School
PETER AND THE STAR CATCHER
 Drama Ensemble
 April 1st-4th
www.curl.ca

North Otter Elementary School
SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.
 April 28 - May 4, 2025
 Tickets on school website 3 weeks prior to the shows

Walnut Grove Secondary
BETWEEN THE LINES
 7PM Shows
 May 4 & 10
www.wgssd.com

U-Connect Secondary
A Midsummer Night's Dream
 Chief Sepass Theatre
 May 3rd-4th, 2025
 7PM Shows
www.curl.ca

Aldergrove Secondary
Blood Relations
 May 21-23 & May 28-30
 7PM Shows
 For more information
<https://acss.ed35.bc.ca>

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Career News – February 2025

Big Brother Spring Break Camps: see the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqOMFo2ZhJbZ6R17Gik8t7_qj5jZE_daUCdhUx1KUEZUUfw/viewform

Virtual Family Math Day - February 22, 2025

The Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy in the Faculty of Education at UBC is hosting a virtual Family Math Fair on Saturday, February 22nd from 10am - 11:30am. UBC Faculty of Education Graduate Students and Teacher Candidates will engage students, teachers and parents in Hands-On, Minds-On Math Activities for all ages. See the poster on the next page for more information.



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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Faculty of Education
Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy



For Curious and Inquiring Minds



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Virtual Family Math Fair

Saturday Feb 22, 2025, 10:00am - 11:30am PT

Virtual through Zoom with
UBC Faculty of Education Graduate Students and Teacher Candidates



Photo credits above: Janice Novakowski

Sat Feb 22, 2025
10:00am-11:30am PT



Hands-on Minds-on
Math Activities for all Ages!

All Welcome: Families, Teachers, Parents

Event FREE! | Registration Required

For more info and to register:

<https://tinyurl.com/UBCFamilyMathFair2025>



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The grade 9 and 10's had an opportunity to visit a "Find Your Fit" Career Exhibit last week. This was an interactive exhibit to expose students to a variety of career choices to get them thinking about areas of interest.

Be sure to see the parent info session below for the number of dual credit parent info A number of parent info sessions are planned for dual





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Volunteer at a Spring Break Camp:

Students in Grades 9 - 12 can earn volunteer hours this spring break by volunteering with kids' camps! Fill out the registration form here:


https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgOMFo2ZhJbZ6R17Gk8t7_qj5jZE_daUCdhUx1KUEZUUfw/viewform

Apply Today!
Sign up with
a friend if you like.

See details:



GET EXPERIENCE



**Big Brothers
Big Sisters**
OF CANADA

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**Want to build
your resume
over Spring
Break?!!**

**Your help is
needed at half-
day camps.**

**Click QR Code
for details.**

Spring Break 2025 Interest and Availability

We will be running free Spring Break camps for students in grades 3-6. Below are the dates & times and a bit more information. Please complete the form below and a BBBSL Mentoring Coordinator will be in touch with you soon to confirm your volunteering with BBBSL Spring Break Camps! Camps Running at West Langley Elementary School: Monday March 17th – Friday March 21st at West Langley Elementary School, the camp will run 9am-12pm but the leaders will be asked to be there at 8:45am-12:15pm. This program is running every day this week and will have the same group of students signed up for each day. This camp will be a combination of sports, crafts & science. *Preference will be given to volunteers who can attend every day of this camp, but please let me know if you can only attend a couple days as well. Camps Running at Nicomekl Elementary School: This will be a drop in style camp with different kids each session These will be a variety of sports, arts and science camps - Monday March 17th at Nicomekl Elementary



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Community News

Generation Health Program- Healthy Lifestyle Program for Kids Ages 8-12

Please include the following in your next newsletters to families:

Generation Health is a **FREE 10-week healthy lifestyle program** for children and their families, delivered through YMCA BC and in partnership with the Childhood Healthy Living Foundation. Program participants will meet virtually or in person to learn about healthy eating, physical activity, goal setting, body image, self-esteem and more!

We have 4 program days to choose from: Starting in February on Tuesdays (In Person at the Tong Louie YMCA) or Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays virtually from 6:30-8:30pm. This program requires prior registration through these details: phone 1-888-650-3141 or send an e-mail to generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca.

Families who join this program receive a complimentary membership to the YMCA.

Social Media Awareness Family Sessions

ERASE will be holding FREE virtual sessions on social media awareness for parents and caregivers. Please share the link below in an upcoming communication with families for them to access these valuable sessions:

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>



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Sexual Health Information (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 sexual health for school-aged children and youth. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Healthy Childhood and Youth Development includes Sexual Health

Learning about sexual health, including understanding your body and its changes, health conditions, personal hygiene, healthy relationships, consent and sexuality, are all part of growing up. Talking about sexual health can allow young people to identify their values and develop skills that promote healthy decision making and sexuality.

How do I Teach My Child about Sex and Sexuality?

Talking to your children about sexual health is important. Establishing an open and trusting relationship with your child will help them know they can come to you for honest answers to their questions about sex and sexuality.

*For help on how to talk to your child and what to include about sexual health take a look at the following information: **Sexual education for children – Fraser Health Authority***

*Learning about sexual health also means understanding sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI). Look at these two resources for more information: **Sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression; Parents' Guide to SOGI in Schools / SOGI 1 2 3***

Youth Clinics

*Let your child know about our youth clinics. These clinics are located across the Fraser Health region and provide free, confidential information and education regarding sexuality and health to youth up to 21 to 24 years old (age varies by site). Learn more about the services available at youth clinics: **Youth clinics - Fraser Health Authority***



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Open Parachute Virtual Parent Night Presentations

(please share in an upcoming parent/guardian communication)

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent clinical psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson from **Open Parachute**, will host three, free virtual sessions for parents, guardians and caregivers that will focus on practical skills you can teach your child and youth (ages 0-19) to prevent substance use and mental health needs. These sessions will build on a previous presentation, which focused on practical conversation tools for speaking about substance use prevention with your children/youth. The **previous session** is not a pre-requisite for this session.

Key takeaways for participants during this session:

- Learn the factors that lead to substance use and mental health needs from a trauma-informed lens
- Focus on prevention rather than intervention/response
- Applies to parents, guardians and caregivers of all age groups (youth aged 0-5, 6-10, and 11-18)
- Learn ways that these skills can be applied to yourself and the rest of your family to support the mental health of parents, guardians and caregivers

Participants **must** register in advance. Session dates are:

- **February 20, 6:00-7:30 pm PST**
- **February 25, 6:00-7:30 pm PST**
- **February 26, 6:00-7:30 pm PST**

Please share this information within your school community to reach parents, guardians, and caregivers of all ages.

If you have any questions, please email the Mental Health and Substance Use team at **educ.mentalhealth@gov.bc.ca**.



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Y-Minds: FREE Program for Teens, Youth, and Adults

Y Mind is a FREE seven-week group program for teens, youth, or adults who are managing mild-to-moderate anxiety, stress, or worry. Two facilitators guide the group through evidence-based coping strategies based on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), mindfulness, and self-compassion. Group sizes are kept small, with 8 to 12 participants per group to facilitate peer support and connection.

Participants may self-refer, no diagnosis of anxiety is needed, and you do not need to be a YMCA member. All Y Mind Teen and Y Mind Youth participants receive a free YMCA membership for up to 14 weeks, including 10 free guest passes to bring a friend to the Y.

To join Y Mind, you must first register for an information session where you will meet the group facilitators and complete an intake for the program. Spaces are limited, so inquire ASAP to guarantee your spot at an information session.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=snyDnhYL3E2wNRMe5Joq_bfrfMlzExBJnS5Hx4A_QGFdUM0qzRjg5SjhLMDMzRzlZRVdDU1FWSEQxUyQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl



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#that wellness thing

Join us to learn more about mental health and wellness at our sixth annual open house & community resource fair!

 **Langley Education Centre**
LEARN • ENGAGE • CONNECT


| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM | Wednesday Feb. 26, 2025 | 21405A - 56 Ave. Langley |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|

PRESENTATIONS & INFORMATION TABLES

- Mental Health & Wellness
- Substance Use Resources
- Healthy Living
- Counselling
- Family Support
- Post-Secondary Info
- Employment

For additional information or to participate as an agency, please contact Amanda: amanda@ed25.bc.ca

OPEN TO EVERYONE (26+) | NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED | LIGHT REFRESHMENTS | PHOTO BOOTH | OPPORTUNITIES TO TRY YOGA




















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PAC Meetings 2024-2025

~~October 21, 2024~~

~~November 18, 2024~~

~~January 20, 2025~~

February 24, 2025

April 28, 2025

May 26, 2025 – AGM



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Communication

Communication Tools

In order for us to collectively best support students, it is crucial that communication lines are open and efficient. We have a few structures in place to help share information. Please be sure you utilize the following:

Thunderbird Chronicle: Good communication between home and school is a critical factor in student success. We encourage parents to read the monthly newsletter “Thunderbird Chronicle” and pay attention to school emails for important information. We welcome your involvement, and your suggestions.

Please feel free to communicate with us, by following:

Website: <https://lss.sd35.bc.ca/>

Instagram: @langleysecondary. @lss thunderbirds. @lsscareers



Youth Care Worker:

Our two Youth Care Workers, Diaz Kambere and Maina Manodon assist both students and families with ways of coping with and correcting negative behaviours, making friends and finding success.

Feeding Futures

A breakfast program runs every morning for students who wish to participate. The Feeding Futures Program is intended to offer food for those in need. Healthy nourishment is vital to set student's up for success as they put their minds to work in class.

Canuel Caters offers Lunch which is also served daily Thank you!

Math Tutors Available

If you or your student are looking for a math tutor this semester, Mr. Vanbergen has a list of students who would be excellent candidates to support your student. Please reach out to your math teacher or counsellor for some possible options.

Homework Club

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday room 114 – 3 – 3:45pm



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Support Services

School Based Team (SBT):

The Resource lead chairs a meeting of teachers and an administrator, plus School District support staff twice a month. Meetings are scheduled to discuss the needs of individual students, referred by teachers, and to brainstorm suggestions for their support.

English Language Learner Support (ELL):

ELL support teachers work with students for whom English is their second language.

Aboriginal Support Worker:

Our Aboriginal Support Worker David White work with our Aboriginal students for academic and cultural support.



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LANGLEY

ARE YOU A CAREGIVER OF SOMEONE BETWEEN
THE AGES OF 12 AND 24?

FOUNDRY LANGLEY WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

JOIN OUR FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CAREGIVERS WHO ARE
PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUTH AND FAMILY WELLBEING
AND WANT TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT!

Email: Foundry@Encompass-Supports.com



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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 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, KKNW 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.

Student Safety in Schools (Middle/Secondary 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](#). 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, brass knuckles, swords, decommissioned firearms, replicas, air soft guns, bb guns, and toy guns. The possession or use of fireworks, firecrackers, explosives, or similar devices or objects is also prohibited on school property. Failure to follow these expectations may result in confiscation, intervention, and consequences.



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Emergency Procedures & Response

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Schools follow emergency procedures to ensure students, staff, and any visitors in our schools or sites are safe when unexpected incidents or events happen. At the start of every school year, administrators, teachers, and staff review these emergency procedures. Schools practice a set number of drills annually in preparation for unexpected situations. The district encourages families to become familiar with these staff emergency procedures and the drills that are completed in our schools. You can read them in the Staff Emergency Procedures Poster [here](#) or find them posted in areas throughout our buildings. If you have any questions or concerns about emergency procedures, please get in contact with your child's teacher or administrator.

See next page for poster/procedures



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Parent Marshalling Areas

In the case of an emergency and a school is cordoned off or unavailable to parents, we will need to have an alternate site where parents can congregate and get important updates from the District.

The marshalling area for LSS parents and guardians is the Twin Rinks parking lot at 5700 Langley Bypass.

STAFF EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

LOCKDOWN

Used in response to an armed or dangerous assailant **WITHIN** the school

- ☐ Gather people in your vicinity into a secure room – do this quickly
- ☐ Close and secure doors
- ☐ Turn off lights, be quiet, get down low/behind heavy furniture, get out of sight
- ☐ Silence all cell phones and ask that they be placed face down on floor
- ☐ Alert other occupants by any means available and/or call 911 - only if safe to do so **OR Leave Safe**. If no secure area is available and a safe exit is, then quickly leave the area/school. Report to the designated assembly area and await instructions.

*Normal activities in the school cease. Await police response.

HOLD & SECURE

Used if there is a security concern in the neighbourhood

- ☐ Bring everyone into the school and remain inside
- ☐ Secure exterior doors and windows
- ☐ Close exterior window blinds/drapes (if available)
- ☐ No one may enter or exit the school during Hold & Secure

*Typically normal activities continue **WITHIN** the school.

EVACUATE

Used to move people out of the school when a hazard exists inside

- ☐ Direct students and other staff to exit the school via the shortest safe route
- ☐ Report to and assemble outside at the designated assembly site

*Principal or designate will determine next steps.

SHELTER IN PLACE

Used if an environmental hazard may impact the school

- ☐ Bring everyone into the school and remain indoors
- ☐ Secure exterior doors and windows
- ☐ Close exterior window blinds/drapes (if available)
- ☐ Turn off all ventilation systems (if locally available/situation dependent)
- ☐ Staff designates will monitor access to the school via the main entrance
- ☐ Access may be denied if a risk exists that jeopardizes the safety of occupants

*Typically normal activities continue **WITHIN** the school.

ROOM CLEAR

Used to move people away from a hazard contained in one room/area

- ☐ Direct students to leave the room/area and report to designated area (Ex. Library)
- ☐ Summon assistance as needed and appropriate (Ex. call First Aid Attendant, Principal/Vice Principal, 911)

*Staff should remain to manage the situation or exit if the room is unsafe.

DROP, COVER & HOLD ON

Used in the event of an earthquake, explosion, or any event that shakes the school

- ☐ Quickly move away from obvious hazards
 - ☐ **DROP** - low to the ground
 - ☐ Cover - take **COVER** under a sturdy table, desks, furniture, or other large sturdy items
 - ☐ **HOLD ON** - to the furniture you are under and stay there until the shaking stops
- After the shaking stops, wait 60 seconds and then **EVACUATE** via the shortest safe route. Report to and assemble outside at the designated assembly site.

*Principal or other designate will determine next steps.



EMERGENCY
TERMINOLOGY
QUICK
REFERENCE

SCHOOL DRILLS

FIRE

- 6 drills per year
 - 3 per semester - fall and spring
- Note: actual alarms and false alarms count as drills

EARTHQUAKE

- 2 drills per year
- October - Great BC Shakeout

LOCKDOWN

- 3 drills per year

HOLD & SECURE + SHELTER IN PLACE

- 1 review of procedures per year with all