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Principal's Message

An informal learning update will be distributed by the teachers during the week of March 3 – 7 for Semester 2 classes. Informal learning updates may involved one of the following; interims, phone calls, emails, interview or student reflection.

Parent teacher interviews are on March 12 & 13 with the late night on the Thursday. Early dismissals on these two days will be at 1:55 pm. Sign up for parents to book appointments with teachers is on Friday Feb 8 and closes on Tuesday Feb 11. <u>https://lss.schoolappointments.com/</u>

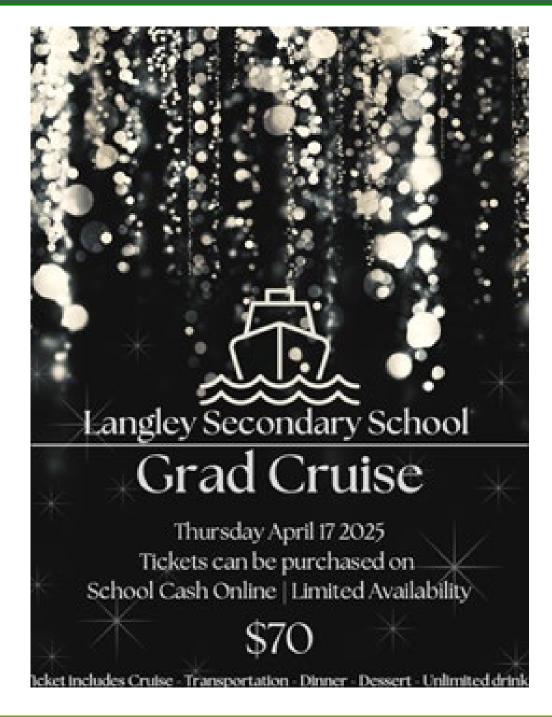
The grads are invited to a Grad Cruise on April 17. Tickets are now available on school cash online until April 7th or sold out. An email went out to grad 12 families today. If you have any questions regarding this event, please email Ms. Bezanson at <u>mbezanson@sd35.bc.ca</u>

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)

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 4 – 11, Grad assessments 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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SWEETHEART DAY

Thank you to the leadership students who brought smiles on student faces with kind, complimentary messages written for each student on Valentine's Day.







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DIVERSITY & RESPECT WEEK

This took place in February with a school wide activity recognizing our strengths and individuality. Thank you to Lee Duong and our DEI students who worked together on behalf of our staff and students to organize the activity. Pink shirt day recognizes the lifelong impact of bullying and promotes the need for a culture of kindness.







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Fine Arts Week

Opening night was a fantastic evening of talent! Book your tickets on SchoolCash Online.





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Fine Arts Week cont'd.



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!





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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 halfday 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 17 – Friday, March 21 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 17 at Nicomekl Elementary





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Upcoming Opportunities: Youth Train in Trades and Academic Dual Credit Applications **NOW OPEN**! Students can book an appointment with Ms. Stuive (LSS Career Advisor) the same way they book an appointment with one of their counsellors. Here is the bookings link: <u>https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/LSSCounsellingCentre1@sd35.bc.ca/bookings/</u>

Youth Train in Trades Programs: Automotive, Carpentry, Electrical, Hairstylist, Horticulture, Piping and Plumbing, Professional Cook 1, and Welding

Academic Dual Credit Programs: Biomedical and Health Science, Early Childhood Education, and Intro to Health Science. Grade 11's apply for Grade 12. Target students in Grades 10/11





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Register to attend one of the program specific information sessions through the SD 35 Career Ed website: <u>https://careered.sd35.bc.ca/youth-train-in-trades-virtual-info-sessions-registration/</u>

Where: Tupper's Room A113



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New Grade 10 Health Care Discovery Series:

Starting February, 18th Grade 10 students can apply for the Health Care Discovery series.

This is an explorative program which allows students to earn certifications, attend post secondary tours to become better equipped for their future pathway into healthcare.

Applications DUE: Monday, March 10th

Target students in Grade 10



HEALTH CAREER DISCOVERY SERIES: HONOURING INCLUSION

Considering a career in health care?

- TOURS TO KPU, UFV, BCIT
- STANDARD FIRST AID CERTIFICATION
- INDIGENOUS CULTURAL SAFETY TRAINING
- LEARN FROM A PANEL OF EXPERTS

Events happening April 16-June 5. See your Career Advisor for more information and an application.



APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 10 PRIORITY GIVEN TO GRADE 10 STUDENTS







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Biomedical & Health Science

DUAL CREDIT HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM PARTNERED WITH KPU



Session Date: Wednesday, February 5 from 6:30-7:30pm START FULL TIME IN FEBRUARY 2026 - TUITION FREE

APPLY BY APRIL 4, 2025

ACCEPTED STUDENTS WILL TAKE FOUR COURSES AT KPU SURREY:

- English 1100 Introduction to University Writing
- Biology 1110 Introduction to Biology I
- Psychology 1100- Introduction to Psychology I
 Biology 1160 Anatomy and Physiology I
- Biology 160 Anatomy and Physiology 1



- Pieleau
- Biology
- Nursing/Psych Nursing

See your Career Advisor for more information and an application



SCARE





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Guest Speaker from Cloverdale Rodeo: There will be a representative from Cloverdale Rodeo coming to chat about volunteer opportunities and scholarships at REP All students are welcome to join to learn more info.

When: Monday, March 10, 2025 Time: 9:55 - 10:35am Where: Learning Commons

PLEASE NOTE: Students will need a blue slip to attend the REP time session.





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Guest Speaker:



Friday, March 1th

What: All students are welcome to come and learn about the various programs TWU has to offer.

Where: RM. A113

When: 11:50 - 12:25pm



Guest Speaker from Trinity Western University: There will be a representative from TWU coming to chat with students about the program at lunch. All students are welcome to join to learn more info.

When: Friday, March 7, 2025

Time: 11:50am - 12:20pm

Where: Tupper's Room A113





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Community News

<u>Screenagers - Elementary School Age Edition: Community Screening and Expert Q&A - April 9, 2025</u> (please share in upcoming newsletters)

Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston examines the growing impact of screen time on young children, exploring the challenges families and educators face in managing digital use. Through personal experiences, expert insights, and the latest research, the film addresses key issues such as social media pressures, video gaming, screen time limits, and the effects of early exposure to technology.

Offering practical strategies for fostering healthy digital habits, Screenagers: Elementary School Age Edition is a must-watch for parents, teachers, and caregivers looking to guide children toward balanced tech use. View trailer: <u>https://youtu.be/EzzzeCny6oU</u>

FREE EVENT: Join other Langley parents and caregivers for a 55-minute documentary screening followed by a Q&A with expert panelists.

Eventbrite ticket page: <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/screenagers-elementary-school-age-edition-tickets-</u> 1234161352829?aff=ebdsshcopyurl&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-<u>medium=discovery&utm-term=organizer-profile&utm-share-source=organizer-profile</u>

Facebook event page: https://www.facebook.com/events/1140497717607292

Big Brother Spring Break Camps: see the link below: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqOMFo2ZhJjbZ6R17GIk8t7_qj5jZE_daUCdhUx1KUEZUUfw/vie</u> wform

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. Click on the link to the poster below for more information.





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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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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: <u>Grads Only Tickets | LSS Dry Grad</u> 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

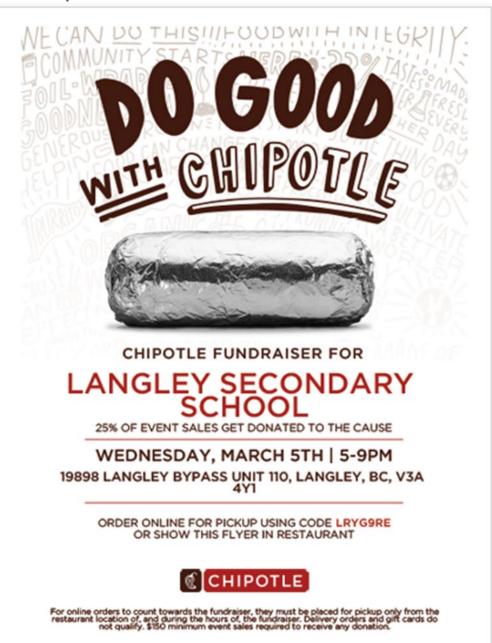
Connect with us: lssdrygrad@gmail.com @langleydrygrad LSS Dry Grad Fundraising 2025





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Pub Night Fundraiser!

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.









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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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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. @lssthunderbirds. @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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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 <u>www.sd35.bc.ca</u>. Updates are also posted to Twitter @LangleySchools and Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict</u>. 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, CKNW 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 <u>AP 350</u>. 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 <u>here</u> 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
- □ 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 <u>OR Leave Safe</u>. 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)
- Staff designates will monitor access to the school via the main entrance
 Access may be denied if a risk exists that leopardizes 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 -
- tall and spring Note: actual alarms and false alarms count as drills

EARTHQUAKE

- 2 drills per year
- October -
- Great BC Shakeou

LOCKDOWN

3 drills per year

- SHELTER IN PLACE • 1 review of
- year with all