

Alex Hope News



November 1, 2021

Newsletter #2

Halloween Fun

Our students showed great creativity and imagination with their costumes this year. Some of our younger students participated in a parade and sock hop. Our older students participated in pumpkin carving, and many classes enjoyed some Halloween themed fun. We hope you all had a great Halloween Sunday!



West Coast Weather

A reminder to our families that we try to head outside...rain or shine! Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. Boots, rain coats, and layers are best. Also, having a change of clothes in their backpack for some of our younger learners always helps...in case they find a puddle they can't resist!



Upcoming Dates

November 5th Hot Lunch Please order [here](#)

November 11th Day not in session

November 12th Day not in session, Design & Assessment Day

November 22nd Hot Lunch Please order [here](#)

Keeping our Community Safe

As a reminder, please ensure that all students Kindergarten– Grade 7 are sent to school with a mask. All of our students and all adults, both staff or public, are expected to wear a mask when indoors. In addition, if you do need to visit our building, you must sign in at the table located just inside our foyer. This sign in process is crucial for contact tracing purposes, so please be sure to sign-in each time you step foot into the school. Finally, please be sure to follow the daily health check. You can find it [Here](#). If your child is ill or exhibiting COVID like symptoms, please keep them home. Please make sure to call the office and report the absence to Mrs. Thorpe.

Grade 6/7 Volleyball Intramurals

A reminder that Volleyball intramurals are on Tuesdays (Grade 6) and Thursdays (Grade 7) at 2:30pm in the gym. Make sure your player knows that Volleyball ends at 3:15. Please make sure to pick up your child or arrange for your child to walk home.



Report Cards

In preparation for Term #1 report cards, please make sure you can access your child's report card via My BC Ed. Please access guiding information [here](#).

Welcome to new staff!

We would like to welcome Ms. Badgley to our Grade 4 class, who will be teaching for Mrs. Mager until the end of the year. Yes, you are right, this is our Grade 6/7 Teacher Mrs. Badgley's daughter! We are thrilled to have her here!



Knitting For The Needy – Wool Donations Appreciated

Mme. Inouye's Grade 7 students are once again knitting for the needy this year. The students are not only learning how to knit in class, but also working on scarves they will be donating to a homeless shelter in downtown Langley. For the past couple of years, they have donated over 100 scarves per year!! This project is a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn a new skill and to take care of the needy people in their community. All scarves will be delivered at a shelter just before the winter break, and hopefully before the serious cold temperatures are here. The class is looking for THICK wool donations. If you have any partly used balls of wool or balls you would like to donate, please send them to the school office.

Mme. Inouye and her students thank you very much.



District Information:

Welcome Centre at Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary

The District is opening a new Welcome Centre at Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary. The Welcome Centre will provide interactive, informative sessions for families and their young children aged from birth to four years and will support families in celebrating their child's development. It is a safe and welcoming space that is reflective of Indigenous culture and values, highlighting the First Nations principle that every child is a gift. Programs, which are at no cost, include Story Time and Toddler Time. For more info, visit our webpage [here](#).

Langley Education Heroes – Langley Advance Times

The Langley Advance Times is highlighting the efforts of seven local educators who go “Above and Beyond” in an upcoming special publication. The paper is looking for anyone involved in education in Langley - Teachers, Administrators, Education Assistants, Aboriginal Support Workers, Coaches, Club Leaders, Custodial Staff, Bus Drivers - who have made a big difference for Langley students in the last year or over the course of a long career. Each person selected will be the subject of a feature article and photo in an upcoming publication.

To nominate someone, email contests@langleyadvancetimes.com and submit up to 250 words explaining why the person you are nominating deserves to be featured. Please include your contact information so staff at the paper can follow up with you and reach out to your nominee. A small committee at the Langley Advance Times will be making decisions, so there is a November 10th (4 pm) deadline for nominations.

Board of Education reviewing Vaccine mandate for staff. Please read letter below:



October 28, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff:

Re: [Langley Board of Education Reviewing Vaccine Mandate for Staff](#)

The Langley Board of Education strongly encourages all eligible students, staff and community members to get vaccinated. In alignment with public health, the Board believes vaccines are the most effective way to reduce the risk of COVID-19. With health and safety continuing to be our priority, the Board is committed to doing everything possible to protect and support all students and staff. We will also be carefully considering the potential for a vaccine mandate in our school system. There is a significant amount of information for trustees to consider.

The Langley Board of Education is reviewing the provincial advisory committee set of [K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies](#) which was distributed to school districts on Friday, October 22, 2021.

With respect to the guidelines, the Board has asked District staff to conduct a feasibility study regarding a vaccine mandate for staff.

The Board has also received information from Fraser Health outlining the pros and cons, as well as the implications of a vaccine mandate for staff. We are sharing our learning with the community and want families to know the following:

- Vaccine mandates will increase the vaccine coverage within the school setting.
- Vaccine mandates are being required in high-risk transmission settings, and schools are deemed low risk settings.
- A vaccine mandate for staff may not have an impact on minimizing transmission in a community with already high vaccine rates. Langley is considered to have a high community vaccine rate among those who are eligible.
- A vaccine mandate may potentially impact operations such as staffing, programs, services and student learning.
- Students, rather than staff, are the primary driver of in-school COVID-19 exposures, therefore, a vaccine mandate may not have a significant impact on minimizing transmission.

The Board will consult with public health experts, employee partner groups, and the District Parent Advisory Committee on this labour relations issue. Moving forward, the Board will work with District staff to determine the feasibility of a vaccine mandate for staff. We care about staff and want to ensure that we take the time to review all considerations and are thoughtful in our process when making a decision that impacts our entire system. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Rod Ross, Chairperson
Langley Board of Education

Cette notification est importante. S'il vous plaît demandez à quelqu'un pour la traduire afin d'être bien informé(e) à propos de l'école.

هذه الرسالة مهمة، الرجاء أن نطلب من أحد الأشخاص ترجمتها لك لأنها تحتوي على معلومات مهمة من المدرسة

这是一个很重要的通知。请找人翻译它的内容，这样你就可以及时知道学校的情况。

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이것은 중요한 공지사항입니다. 이것을 번역할 수 있는 분에게 부탁해서 여러분이 학교에서 공지하는 것에 대하여 정확하게 인지할 수 있기 바랍니다.

Đây là một thông báo quan trọng. Xin vui lòng nhờ người dịch để bạn có thể biết thêm những thông tin về trường học.

Este es un aviso importante. Por favor consiga que alguien se lo traduzca para que usted pueda mantenerse bien informado sobre la información de su escuela.

Ilo ay isang mahalagang notisya. Mangyari po lamang ay magkaroon ng taong tagasalin ng wika upang ikaw ay maging baalid tungkol sa impormasyon ng paaralan.



ONLINE Red Cross STAY SAFE!

SAFETY / FIRST AID program for Grades 4 & 5 !

Learn via ZOOM from the comfort and safety of your home

This Red Cross course offers basic first aid and safety skills for youth. Participants learn about being safe when they are without the direct supervision of a parent, guardian or trusted adult, both at home and in their communities.

What you will learn!

- Importance of responsibility and respect while being accountable for yourself
- Importance of setting and following rules around safety when staying on your own
- How to stay safe at home and within the community
- What to do in an emergency
- First Aid Content:
 - Check, Call, Care (includes phoning EMS/911), recovery position, conscious choking (adult/child/alone), feeling unwell, asthma (includes use of inhaler and spacer), anaphylaxis (includes use of EpiPen), poisoning, insect stings, wound care (i.e. minor cuts and scrapes, splinters, nosebleeds, bumps and bruises, life-threatening bleeding, burns)

This program is now being run as a Zoom Online Program from home!
Your instructor is a qualified Red Cross First Aid and CPR instructor who will make the course fun and engaging for the students!

Take home materials include Red Cross Workbook and Certificate.

Course Details:

Two day course (students must attend both Zoom sessions)

- **Tuesday, November 9 3:30pm – 5:30pm**
- **Tuesday, November 11 12:00pm – 2:00pm**

Cost \$65 + tax (\$68.25) per student

Register at www.pulsecheck.ca/staysafens

Contact us via Email: info@pulsecheck.ca

Phone: 604-786-0093



ONLINE Red Cross BABYSITTERS COURSE!



This course is designed for youth in grades 6+ who want to become a babysitter or may already be one. The Babysitting Course covers the responsibilities of a babysitter, safety tips for children of all ages, basic childcare skills and what to do in case of an emergency.

- Learn how to be a babysitter
- First Aid Skills and CPR
- How to respond to an emergency

Take home materials include workbook and Red Cross certificate.

This program is now being run as a **Zoom Online Program from home!**
Your instructor is a qualified Red Cross First Aid and CPR instructor who will be sure to make the course fun and engaging for the students!

Course Details:

Three day course (students must attend all three Zoom sessions)

- **Tuesday, November 16 3:30pm – 5:00pm**
- **Wednesday, November 17 3:30pm – 5:00 pm**
- **Saturday, November 20 9:30am – 11:00am**

Cost \$65 + tax (\$68.25) per student

Register at <https://pulsecheck.ca/babysittersbc.html>

Email: info@pulsecheck.ca

Phone: 604-786-0093

Attention Kindergarten Families:



Dear Kindergarten Families,
If you have already completed the CHEQ (Childhood Experiences Questionnaire), we thank you for your participation. The information from the CHEQ will help Langley School District understand how and where to provide support and services to children and families prior to Kindergarten; it will also help our school in planning for individual needs as well as classroom planning. If you have not yet completed the CHEQ, please scan the QR Code for more information, and check your in-box on October 1 for your personalized link to the questionnaire.



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Kindergarten Vision and Hearing Screening for School Year 2021-2022

Vision and hearing are important aspects of a child’s life and development. As a result, we recommend that you make an appointment to take your child to a local optometrist to receive a free eye exam in their kindergarten year. And, if your child is experiencing hearing concerns please contact your local public health audiology (hearing) clinic.

Vision

In B.C., basic vision exams are free for children up to the age of 18, although some optometrists may charge a small user fee per visit. B.C.’s Healthy Kids Program may also be able to support eligible families with financial assistance for prescription glasses. Go to <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov> and search “hearing care” for more information.

To find an optometrist in your area, call the B.C. Doctors of Optometry at 604-737-9907 (toll-free 1-888-393-2226), or visit their website at bc.doctorsofoptometry.ca.

For more information about vision services for children, go to B.C.’s website at healthlinkbc.ca and search “elementary school age children and vision”.

Hearing

Community audiologists provide hearing services for children from birth to 19 years. Good hearing is essential for speech and language development and plays an important part in a child’s social and emotional growth. For children who have hearing concerns, referrals to a audiologist can be made by a parent/guardian or by a health or education professional to the local public health audiology clinic.

For more information about hearing services for your child, visit our website at Fraserhealth.ca and search “hearing services for children”. If you have questions or concerns please contact your local public health unit.

Sincerely,

Ariella Zbar MD, CCFP, MPH, MBA, FRCPC
Medical Health Officer, Fraser Health Authority

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