

# NOEL BOOTH ELEMENTARY

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Hello Noel Booth Families!

I hope this message finds you well as we transition from the festive spirit of Halloween to the solemn reflection of Remembrance Day.

Our Halloween celebrations were a tremendous success! The **pumpkin carving contest** showcased our students' incredible creativity and artistic skills. It was wonderful to see so many unique and imaginative designs. The **costume walk** was equally delightful, with students and staff alike donning a variety of fun and spooky costumes. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make these events memorable.

As we move forward, we turn our attention to a more reflective occasion. Our **Remembrance Day assembly** was held on November 7th. This assembly is an important tradition where we honour and remember the sacrifices of those who have served and continue to serve our country. Students prepared thoughtful presentations and performances to mark this solemn day.

We are also looking forward to our **upcoming conferences** scheduled for November 26th to December 9th. These conferences are a valuable opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements, and collaborate with teachers on strategies to support their learning journey. Please ensure you have booked your appointment through our online scheduling system. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to contact the school office.

Regards,

J. Malo

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## Office Staff:

Principal-

Mr. J. Malo

Vice Principal-

Mrs. S. Banjac

Admin Assistant-

Ms. C. Inglis

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## Our Shared Mission:

*"Alone we can do so little; **together we can do so much.**" – Helen Keller*

This timeless wisdom reminds us that when we come together, our combined strength and shared trust enable us to achieve remarkable things.

## Student Inclusive Conferences:

**Student inclusive conference registration opens on Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.** Registration times are available before and after school. If none of the time offered works for you, please contact the teacher directly. All students are expected to have a Student Inclusive Conference. For any families who cannot come in for an appointment, the principal or vice-principal will sit in on your child's interview.

Please use the following link to register. Registrations will not be completed at the office. They need to be completed online. If you are having difficulty with the registration process, please call or email Ms. Inglis directly.

### School Appointments – Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments website.
  - o <https://nbe.schoolappointments.com/>
2. Register for an account by clicking the **"REGISTER"** menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the **"Register Now"** button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the **"Add a Student"** button. Click the **"Insert New"** button to add more children.
4. Click the **"date"** icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the **"View Calendars"** button. Use the **"Ctrl" or "Command"** key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.
5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments to make your bookings.

### BOOKING:

**Begins: November 13 @ 8:00am**

**Ends: November 22 @ 11:30pm**

### REMINDERS:

- o Please be on time for your appointment. You can enter the school from the front door or from the classroom outside door. Students must accompany the parents/guardians
- o STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES - bring your student to the appointment with you.
- o Two weeks - November 25 to December 9, 2024
- o Wednesday, November 27 (no school in session - Student Inclusive Day)
- o Thursday, November 28 (2 hr. early dismissal)



### Upcoming Dates:

- Nov 8 Design & Assessment Day (no school)
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day- NO SCHOOL
- Nov 12 boys gr 6/7 volleyball
- Nov 13 SIC booking system opens
- Nov 13 girls gr 6/7 volleyball
- Nov 14 Grade 6/7 Lego Workshop
- Nov 18 boys gr 6/7 volleyball
- Nov 20 PAC Meeting
- Nov 20 girls gr 6/7 volleyball
- Nov 21 Team Spirit Day

## More Important News

### Lunch Lady Hot Lunch Program

The lunch lady offers hot lunch offerings every Thursday. Please refer to the weekly menu before ordering. Any parents with financial hardship who would like to access the fully subsidy, please contact Ms. Inglis.

### Grade 6 Immunizations

Please refer to the flyer at the end of the newsletter. It has information regarding the upcoming **Grade 6** Immunization Blitz which is scheduled for **visit #1 on November 29<sup>th</sup> 2024 and visit #2 on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2025**

### Lost and Found

We have a large amount of clothing that has not been collected. If you child is missing clothing please come in and check out the lost and found. Unclaimed clothing will be donated in December.

### PAC

Attached is a poster to help advertise the Treat Days' which will be the following dates in November & December...

- ☐ November 22nd
- ☐ December 6<sup>th</sup>
- ☐ December 20th

At the next PAC meeting on November 20th we will be discussing the December activities. The meeting starts at 6:00pm.

### Basketball: Expression of Interest

Basketball season will begin in the new year. If you are interested in coaching please contact the school. A criminal records check is required and currently there is a three week wait time to get one.

### Dental, Hearing, and Vision Checks (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 dental, hearing, and vision checks. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.



- ☐ Nov 22 SIC booking system closes
- ☐ Nov 22 PAC Treat Day
- ☐ Nov 25-Dec 9 Student Inclusive Conferences (SIC)
- ☐ Nov 26 Volleyball Jamboree @BSS
- ☐ Nov 27 SIC Day-classes not in session; student/parent appointments only
- ☐ Nov 28 Pajama Day
- ☐ Nov 28 2 hour early dismissal for SIC
- ☐ Nov 28 SIC evening session
- ☐ Nov 29 Grade 6 immunization #1
- ☐ Dec 2-13 Toonie Drive (PAC)

## **Make dental, hearing and vision checks part of a healthy routine**

Health screenings help find issues early which can make treatment easier and more effective. It's important for your child to have regular eye exams and routine dental checkups. It is also important to recognize any hearing loss early as this is essential for speech and language development. Read on to learn when and how to access services for your child.

### **Dental**

Tooth decay is the most common, but preventable, childhood chronic disease. It is important to establish good oral hygiene at a young age and have children's teeth checked by a dentist regularly. To find a local dentist near you who is accepting new patients, visit the BC Dental Association's [Find a Dentist database](#). If you are a member of a low-income family and you do not have extended health coverage, there are several programs that can help you access [affordable dentistry for your children](#). You can also contact the dental program at your [local public health unit](#) and ask about resources available in your community.

### **Vision**

[BC Doctors of Optometry](#) recommends children receive their first eye exam when they are six to nine months old with a follow up exam at least once between the ages of two and five and then yearly once they enter school. You can find an optometrist accepting new patients near you at the College of Optometrists of British Columbia's [Find an Optometrist database](#). In B.C., one basic eye exam per year is free up to the age of 18. Some optometrists may charge a user fee of about \$35-50 per visit, so be sure to ask about any fees before you make an appointment.

### **Hearing**

Good hearing is essential for speech and language development and plays an important part in a child's social and emotional growth. It is important to recognize hearing loss early and seek out testing and treatment if needed. Fraser Health's Public Health community audiologists provide hearing services for children from birth to 19 years of age. If you have a concern about your child's hearing, referrals can be made by a parent or caregiver, a health care provider or education professional to your [local public health audiology \(hearing\) clinic](#).

Find more information on child health screenings and how to access free vision, hearing and dental exams on Fraser Health's website: <https://ow.ly/oK9z50PegZB>

## PARENT CORNER:

As we continue to foster an inclusive and supportive environment for all our students, I want to follow up on our last parent corner blog on the importance of anti-racism education. Our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is unwavering, and it is crucial that we work together to address and combat racism in all its forms. All staff, students and families deserve to come to a school where they feel safe and that is our goal for Noel Booth. Anti Racism education is a shared responsibility between school and home. Only by working together can we move forward.

### **Addressing Racism in Everyday Conversations with Your Children**

Talking about racism with your children is essential for fostering an inclusive and respectful mindset. Here are some strategies to help guide these important discussions:

#### **1. Start Early and Be Honest**

- ❑ **Begin Conversations Early:** Children can recognize differences in skin color from a very young age. Starting discussions about race and diversity early helps build a foundation of understanding.
- ❑ **Be Honest:** Use clear and age-appropriate language to explain what racism is and why it is wrong. Avoid avoiding difficult topics or sugar-coating the truth.

#### **2. Encourage Open Dialogue**

- ❑ **Listen Actively:** Pay attention to your child's questions and thoughts about race. Validate their feelings and provide thoughtful responses.
- ❑ **Ask Questions:** Encourage your child to express their thoughts and ask questions. This helps them process their experiences and understand different perspectives.

#### **3. Use Everyday Moments**

- ❑ **Teach Through Daily Interactions:** Use everyday situations, such as watching TV or reading books, to discuss race and diversity. Point out and challenge stereotypes when you see them.
- ❑ **Discuss Current Events:** Talk about news stories or events related to race and racism. This helps children understand the real-world impact of these issues.

#### **4. Model Inclusive Behaviour**

- ❑ **Lead by Example:** Demonstrate inclusive behavior in your interactions. Show respect and kindness to people of all backgrounds.
- ❑ **Challenge Your Own Biases:** Reflect on your own attitudes and behaviors. Address any biases you may have and show your child that learning and growth are ongoing processes.

#### **5. Provide Diverse Experiences**

- ❑ **Expose to Diversity:** Introduce your child to diverse cultures through books, movies, and activities. Celebrate different cultural traditions and holidays.
- ❑ **Create an Inclusive Environment:** Ensure that your home environment reflects diversity. This can include diverse toys, art, and media.

#### **6. Promote Empathy and Justice**

- ❑ **Teach Empathy:** Help your child understand and empathize with the experiences of others. Discuss how racism affects people and why it is important to stand against it.

- **Encourage Advocacy:** Teach your child to speak up against racism and support those who are marginalized. Show them how to be an ally.

*By incorporating these strategies into your daily interactions, you can help your child develop a strong, anti-racist mindset and contribute to a more inclusive society.*

School Newsletter

## Immunizations for Grade 6 students are coming

When students are in Grade 6, we review their immunization records and offer all routine vaccines they need for their age. We will send home a consent package.

### When I receive the consent package for my child or the child in my care, what do I do?

- ✓ Review the consent package, which includes past immunizations, with the child.
- ✓ Check that the child's immunization record is complete. If it is not complete, you can submit the missing record one of these ways:
  - Include it with the signed consent form, *or*
  - Submit it online to us at [FraserHealth.ca/immunizationform](https://FraserHealth.ca/immunizationform).
- ✓ Talk with the child about why vaccines are important.
- ✓ Complete and sign the consent form.
 

**Note:** The consent is valid for 2 years from the date it is given unless you cancel it. It can be used for any vaccines the student missed.
- ✓ Return the signed consent form, and the missing immunization record if needed, to the school sealed in the envelope provided.



All routine vaccines are free in British Columbia.

For more information, please contact your local public health unit or visit our website at [FraserHealth.ca/immunize](https://FraserHealth.ca/immunize).



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# STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES IN LANGLEY SCHOOLS

PARENT-GUARDIAN RESOURCE  
NOVEMBER 2024

## Why are things Changing?

Our BC Curriculum has been redesigned to reflect how, and what, students should learn in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We are designing a way to communicate student learning that is focused on a meaningful, strength-based and student-inclusive process.

We know that student success increases when families have a clear understanding of their child's learning and students are at the centre of the communications process.

We want students to consider their learning and be able to answer:

Where am I now?  
Where am I going?  
How do I get there?

## What is the Family's Role?

You play a key part in your child's learning and your active participation and engagement during the conference is appreciated.

Please sign-up online for a conference timeslot within the 1-2 week window. There will be a variety of conference times available to choose from including: before school, during school, after school, and in the evening.

Take time to consider your thoughts around the Family Reflection Sheet. This will be sent home in the days prior to your conference.

During the conference, you will have the opportunity to listen to your child, ask questions, and collaborate on setting new learning goals.

Thank you for your participation and support.



*Working together to support dialogue  
around a student's learning progress.*



# TREAT DAYS!



The PAC will be hosting  
"Treat Days" where  
students can purchase a  
treat on select days  
after school!

There will be a variety  
of treats ranging in  
price from \$1-\$2

Watch the school newsletters and PAC  
Facebook group for dates!

