



COGHLAN FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Rocky Raccoon Weekly Update

November 25 to
December 6, 2024

Monday, November 25:	Pokémon Club. 12:00 pm @Library Student Inclusive Conferences 2-Week Window Begins...
Tuesday, November 26:	Popcorn
Wednesday, November 27:	Student Inclusive Conferences All Day (<i>no school for students; students only attend their conference if scheduled for this day</i>)
Thursday, November 28:	2-hour early dismissal at 12:30 pm (<i>the afternoon is dedicated to Student Inclusive Conferences</i>)
Monday, December 2:	Langley Children's Choir Performance 10:50 – 11:20 am. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend.
Wednesday, December 4:	Grade 6 Immunizations
Friday, December 6	Hot lunch

Parking Lot – NO Parking/Drop-Off Zone

A couple of friendly and quick reminders regarding drop-off/pick-up of your child(ren) before/after school:

1. Please do NOT park your vehicle along the drop-off zone lane. If you would like to park and wait for your child, please find a parking spot in our parking lot or please continue to loop back around the school until you see your child(ren).
2. Please ensure you pull over to the very front of the drop-off zone lane, so that we are not backed up, or blocking other cars behind us.

We appreciate your efforts in creating a safe and caring environment for the school community. Thank you for helping one another!

Boys Bathroom Information/Update

The Plumbing and Carpentry Department are continuing the work in the boys bathroom, and the boys bathroom will remain closed. As a recent update, we are pleased to share that the Plumbing Department has informed us that they are able to add an additional sink to the bathroom, which would provide the boys with 2 sinks moving forward. The work is estimated to be completed soon. Please note that our other boys bathroom in the primary hallway will still be accessible for students to use.

We apologize for the inconvenience during this time, but we are looking forward to providing our students with more handwashing accessibility once the work is complete. Any further updates will be communicated via email or in our weekly newsletters. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ms. Lam directly.



Mud puddles have a way of finding kids ☺ and they come to the office wet needing dry clothes. Please save yourself a trip to school in the afternoon by sending a couple sets of dry clothes, including extra socks in their backpack and replacing them as needed. Thank you!

Communicating Student Learning (CSL) - Elementary School

Learning is a journey for all students that requires the support of teachers, staff, and families. Parent/guardian involvement is always a contributing factor to a student's success. But how does a parent/guardian know how their child is doing? The District is sharing information about the different ways of [Communicating Student Learning \(CSL\)](#) to help support families. In this newsletter you will find information about student inclusive conferences, proficiency scales, and self-reflection on the core competencies. These resources are aimed to help support your child. Read more [here](#).

Term 1 Student Inclusive Conferences (SICs)

Our Term 1 Student Inclusive Conferences are taking place between November 25th, 2024, to December 6th, 2024. Please see the handout below for further information on what the SICs entail. Parents can start to make teacher appointments on Wednesday, November 13th and the last day to make appointments is Sunday, November 24th at 9 pm. Here is the link to book your appointment and parent instructions below on creating an account: <https://coghlantparentteacherconferences.net/admin/>



School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site for your school.
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 "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.





STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES IN LANGLEY SCHOOLS

PARENT-GUARDIAN RESOURCE
NOVEMBER 2024

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.



Why are things Changing?

Our BC Curriculum has been redesigned to reflect how, and what, students should learn in the 21st 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?

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



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Student-Inclusive Conference (Student, Family, Teacher)

- Families will meet with their child and the teacher to discuss student learning.
- Conferences will vary in style, but all will share key components:
 - Duration of about 20-25 minutes;
 - Students will share Evidence of Learning (items that reflect progress);
 - Families will reflect on the growth they have noticed in their child's learning;
 - Teachers will reflect on the student's strengths and next steps;
 - Collaboratively, everyone will set the student's next learning goals;
 - The learning, growth, strengths and next steps discussed in the conference will lead to the development of the Communicating Student Learning Progress Report.

Communicating Student Learning (CSL) Progress Report

- Replaces the former 'report card'.
- Is a working document completed collaboratively during the conference.
- The CSL Progress Report may not include every subject area, but all learning will be discussed at the conference.
- After the conference, the CSL Progress Report will be shared online through the Parent Portal of MyEDBC.
- The CSL Progress Report uses a Proficiency Scale which replaces traditional letter grades.

Discussing areas of strength, growth and goals...

Proficiency Scale:	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.
	"I don't get it yet, but I am trying."	"I'm starting to get it."	"I get it."	"I really get it and can teach others how to do it."

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Food Bank Donations

Thank you for donating to the Langley Aldergrove Food Bank. You can place donations in the box in your child's class or in the front lobby. The most requested items are peanut butter, tuna, canned veggies, canned fruit, cereal, and pasta sauce. We will begin collecting donations this coming Monday, November 18.

Emergency Preparedness, Power Outages, and School Closures

With storm season upon us, the District is reminding families about procedures during emergencies such as power outages. The District will post important information on school and District websites as well as on social media channels. The District may also send special instructions in emails and text messages (for those that opt-in) via School Messenger. In the event of power outages, schools have an emergency phone line operational. Please avoid calling the school unless it is an emergency as this ties up the phone line.

As per the District's procedures, schools in the District may be closed to students by the Superintendent for weather related emergencies such as power outages or other causes related to health and safety. The decision to close a school due to a power outage is based on many considerations including expected power restoration time, operational emergency lighting, access to water and washrooms, among other factors. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school (or keep their child at 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. For more information on school status information, read [here](#).

The District thanks students, families and staff for their cooperation during recent power outages impacting schools.

Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in the 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 X (formerly 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, 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.

"This Month in the Arts"

The Arts are alive and thriving across many Langley secondary schools and each month there are many different events happening which are inspiring and engaging evenings for staff and family. Please see the flyer below for a list of events happening "This Month in the Arts" across Langley schools:



[**This Month in the Arts Poster - November.pdf**](#)

Student Illnesses

It's that time of year when we see a rise in illnesses impacting students and staff in our school. We are hearing from families about colds, respiratory illnesses, and stomach bugs circulating in our community. As a reminder to help keep our school community healthy and well, we are sharing this online resource from our community partner Fraser Health. Here you will find information about protecting your child from communicable diseases and managing their illness:

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/school-health/illness-and-immunizations/illness-in-the-classroom>

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.

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>

Lunch Lady Hot Lunch Program (December Menu)

Please note this program is separate from our Coghlan PAC Munch A Lunch (where the funds benefit our school).

Setting Up a Regular Account –
Please use this one-time registration link [order.lunchlady.ca/signup/54](#)
To register for your lunch account.
Once an account is created, place your order, and pay for your child's hot lunches at [order.lunchlady.ca](#)

Questions? Please reach out to your Lunch Lady Team at jennifer@thelunchlady.ca
Please note *The Lunch Lady* operates peanut and tree nut-free commercial kitchens; however, it is the parent and caregivers' responsibility to review each meal and select only meals that consider their child's dietary restrictions.

December 2024
Langley MENU – Thursdays



Thursday	Thursday 12/05	Thursday 12/12	Thursday 12/19	Thursday 12/26	Thursday 01/02
Regular	Cheese Omelette with Hash Brown Triangles Fruit of the Day	Chicken Teriyaki Rice Bowl California Vegetables Fruit of the Day	Turkey Dinner Seasonal Fruit Mini Candy Cane	WINTER BREAK	
2 nd Choice	Crunchy Chicken Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day	Spaghetti with Beef Meatballs and Tomato Sauce Fruit of the Day	Pancakes Seasonal Fruit Syrup Mini Candy Cane		
Vegetarian	Crunchy Veggie Chick'n Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day	Tofu Teriyaki Rice Bowl California Vegetables Fruit of the Day	Pancakes Seasonal Fruit Syrup Mini Candy Cane		
Halal	Halal Crunchy Chicken Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day	Spaghetti with Halal Meatballs and Tomato Sauce Fruit of the Day	Halal Chicken Dinner Seasonal Fruit Mini Candy Cane		

UPDATED Calendar Dates 2024-2025 (Year At A Glance)

As of Nov.22nd, 2024

November 2024

5 (T) – Individual Photo Retakes for Staff/Students
7 (R) – Remembrance Day Assembly. AM
8 (F) – Design & Assessment Day (no school for students)
11 (M) – Remembrance Day (Stat, no school)
12-14 – Scholastic Fall Book Fair
25-Dec 6 – Student Inclusive Conference Window for Conferences
20 (W) – Spirit Day: Western Wednesday
27 (W) – Student Inclusive Conference Day (students do not attend, unless they have a scheduled conference)
28 (R) – Student Inclusive Conference 2 Hour Early Dismissal at 12:30 pm (the afternoon is dedicated to Student Inclusive Conferences)

December 2024

2 (M) – Langley Children's Choir. 10:50-11:20 am
2-6 – Student Inclusive Conference Window Continues
4 (W) – Gr. 6 Immunizations
5 (R) – Late Night for Student Inclusive Conference
9 (M) – DW Poppy Volleyball Jamboree
10 (T) – Christmas Concert; 1:00 pm @Coghlan Gym & 6:30 pm Evening Concert @DW Poppy
11 (W) – LFMSS Christmas Caroling. 9:15-9:30 am
13 (F) – PAC Winter Festivities
20 (F) – Spirit Day: Ugly Sweater Day/PAC Pancake Breakfast & Last Day of School before Winter Break

January 2025

6 (M) – School Reopens
28 (T) – Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
30 (R) – Spirit Day: Decades Day!

February 2025

10 (M) – District Pro-D (no school for students)
13 (R) – School-Wide Presentation Green Thumbs Theatre 500 Words. 1 pm
14 (F) – Valentine's Swim for Intermediate Students at Walnut Grove
17 (M) – Family Day (Stat, no school)
19 (W) – Jump Rope for Heart Event Day
20 (R) – Spirit Day: Careers Day!
24-Mar. 7 – Student Inclusive Conference Window for Conferences
24 (M) – Design & Assessment Day (no school for students)
26 (W) – Student Inclusive Conference
Late Night 24-28 – District Diversity & Respect Week

March 2025

3-6 – Scholastic Spring Book Fair
3-7 – Student Inclusive Conference Window Continues
5 (W) – Student Inclusive Conference 2 Hour Early Dismissal
6 (R) – Student Inclusive Conference Day
14 (F) – Spirit Day: Stuffed Animal & PJ Day! Last Day of School before Spring Break
31 (M) – School Reopens

April 2025

1 (T) – Talent Show Sign-up Begins
10 (R) – Class/Team Photos for Students. AM
18 (F) – Good Friday (Stat, no school)
21 (M) – Easter Monday (Stat, no school)
24 (R) – Spirit Day: Hobby Day!

May 2025

2 OR 9 – PAC Fun Fair. Date TBD
5 (M) – Spirit Day: Star Wars Day!
5-15 – Track & Field Tryouts. 1:45-2:30 pm
16 (F) – District Pro-D Day
19 (M) – Victoria Day (Stat, no school)
20 (T) – PAC Staff Appreciation Luncheon
22 (R) – Spirit Day: Anything but a Backpack Day!
23 (F) – Talent Show. 1 pm
26 (M) – Welcome to K
29 (R) – Track & Field Meet. McCleod Athletic Park

June 2025

4 (W) – Parent Appreciation Tea
6 (F) – Gr. 6 Immunizations
20 (F) – Sports Day
23 (M) – Cultus Lake (to confirm in October)
26 (R) – Last Day of School for Students/Gr. 7 Grad Assembly/ Early Dismissal @11:36 am/Reports Home
27 (F) – Admin Day



Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Government of British Columbia is pleased to inform you that your child may be able to receive the **\$1,200 B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant**.

Children may be eligible if:

- ☐ The parent or guardian, and the child, are B.C. residents, and
- ☐ The child is between the age of 6 and the day before turning 9.

Once you open an account, known as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), and apply for the B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG), \$1,200 will be deposited into the RESP for your child. Students can then use the money to pay for post-secondary education or training expenses.

Plan today: you don't have to put any money into the RESP to receive the \$1,200. Step 1: Get Social

Insurance Numbers (SINs) for you and your child. Go to <http://www.canada.ca/social-insurance-number> to find out how.

Step 2: Make an appointment with one of 56 financial organizations that offers the BCTESG. A list of partners is available here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/canada-education-savings/resp-promoters-list.html>

Bring the **SINs for you and your child and proof of B.C. residency** and say: **"I want to open an RESP and get the B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant for my child."**

Learn more:

BCTESG homepage QR Code



BCTESG homepage URL

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG>

Question? Contact: BCTESG@gov.bc.ca Your child may also be eligible for other, federal incentives, see: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/education-savings.html>.