



COGHLAN FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Rocky Raccoon Weekly Update **October 9 - 20, 2023**

- Monday, October 9: Thanksgiving Statutory Holiday. Students DO Not Attend
- Friday, October 13: Hot Lunch. Pre-order on Munch A Lunch.
- Monday, October 16: 12 noon - last morning to apply for Choice Schools.
- Tuesday, October 17: 9 am Individual photo day.
1 pm Art Starts performance. Parents/siblings welcome!
- Wednesday, October 18: Popcorn by pre-order on Munch A Lunch.
Interim report cards issued.
- Thursday, October 19: Movie Night. Doors open at 5:45 pm. See poster below.
- Friday, October 20: Provincial Pro-D Day. Students DO NOT Attend.

Heartfelt Thanks to all the parents who provided yummy treats in recognition of World Teacher Day! Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all staff 😊

Halloween! On Tuesday, October 31st, Grades K-3 will be having a Halloween Costume Parade out on the basketball court at 1 pm, if it's raining it will be in the gym. Parents, siblings and family are more than welcome to come join us! Please send your child in a costume that they can get on and off by themselves easily. Please note that the wearing of a Halloween costume is optional. If your child is planning on wearing a costume, all costumes must be school appropriate, which includes: no weapons (plastic or otherwise), Halloween face masks, blood, gore, inappropriate clothing, etc. Grades 4-7 will be going swimming at Walnut Grove Pool and forms will be coming home soon.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday October 25th from 1:45 to 4:30 pm and Thursday, October 26th from 1:45 to 7:00 pm in 15 minute time slots.

We are using an online system to book appointments. In the middle of October you can enter the booking site: <https://coghlan.parentteacherconferences.net/admin/>

Photos For the Yearbook

Any photos that parents take during the school year that are appropriate for the Coghlan Year Book can be sent to coghlanyearbook@gmail.com. Mrs. Faria Chohan is looking for some parent assistance in compiling the photos. If you can assist she would greatly appreciate hearing from you at the same email. Thanks so much!

Parking (along 256 Street) We are making a request for families to please park their vehicles closer to the fence along 256 street. As vehicles are pulling out of the parking lot, it is often quite challenging to see oncoming traffic, when making a left turn onto 256 street. We are hoping that with vehicles parked closer along the fence line, it would be safer to make left turns with a clearer view onto 256 street. We appreciate everyone's effort in ensuring safety for our families. Thank you.

Personal Items/Toys/Pokémon Cards (Club)

We would like to take this opportunity to share that all personal items, including Pokémon cards and toys are to be kept at home moving forward. This week, Ms. Lam visited each classroom to inform students of the revised expectation at Coghlan. We had many thoughtful and engaging conversations around this topic, and students had an opportunity to ask questions and develop an understanding behind the rationale of why we're keeping personal items at home. Teachers will also continue to have these conversations with their students, as it comes up in discussion.

We understand that this change may be challenging at the onset, but we appreciate your continual support, as we build focused, and positive learning environments for our students at Coghlan.

Furthermore, we are happy to announce that we will be hosting a Pokémon Club at Coghlan this year. The Pokémon Club will take place every other Monday, and will begin on **Monday, October 16th** at lunchtime in the Library. This will be the only time that students will have permission to bring their Pokémon cards to school. A very special thank you to Mrs. Conway and Mrs. Smith for taking time out of their lunch break to run the club. We are looking forward to our first meeting on the 16th!

If there are any questions/concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lam: ilam@sd35.bc.ca

Back-to-School Wellness Toolkit

Back-to-school transition can be a stressful time for students and their parents/guardians or caregivers. The BC Children's Hospital has released a **back-to-school wellness toolkit** to help support families. This toolkit includes practical guidance and resources to support their child or youth as they adjust to the school routine and change in their environment.

Accessibility Committee, Accessibility Plan & Accessibility Survey

The Langley School District is committed to fostering a learning and working environment that supports all students and staff and provides opportunities for everyone in our school community. Under the province's new Accessible BC Act, school districts across the province were required to create an accessibility committee, an accessibility plan, and a mechanism to receive public feedback regarding accessibility by September 2023.

The District has taken the necessary steps to meet these requirements, which are explained in the Accessibility Plan 2023-2026 [here](#). The District, in collaboration with the Accessibility Committee, welcomes feedback from students, staff, and families on the plan as well as any information to help identify barriers in our system. The public is invited to fill-out this Accessibility Survey [here](#). Print versions of this survey are available at the School Board Office. There are other methods of sharing feedback which are outlined on the District webpage [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please email: accessibility@sd35.bc.ca

Application Process for Programs of Choice for 2024-2025 – Kindergarten

Registration for 2024-2025 Choice Programs opens on Monday, October 2nd at 12 noon, and closes Monday, October 16th at 12 noon. This includes siblings of those enrolled here now.

If you wish your child to enter Kindergarten at Coghlan in September 2024 you must follow the application process below! Siblings get priority over outside applicants providing they have a Langley/Aldergrove Address. If you do not make the application within the deadlines your sibling child will not get a space.

Welcome to the Online Application for Programs Of Choice (APOC)!

Please read the information below so that you are familiar with the process.



IMPORTANT: The lottery is only for students who will be turning 5 by the end of the year they enter Kindergarten. If your child will not be turning 5 years old by December 31st 2024, the application will be removed from the lottery.

Langley Schools are proud to offer several Programs of Choice located in various sites throughout the District. Entry into these programs is by application and must be done online. These programs include:

- *Early French Immersion (Kindergarten – Belmont, James Kennedy)*
- *Late French Immersion (Grade 6 – Alex Hope, Noel Booth)*
- *Montessori (Kindergarten - Uplands)*
- *Fine Arts (Kindergarten – Langley Fine Arts)*
- *Coghlan Fundamental (Kindergarten - Coghlan)*
- *Langley Fundamental (Kindergarten – Langley Fundamental)*
- *Langley Environmental Awareness Program ((L.E.A.P) Kindergarten - Fort Langley)*
- *U-Connect (Registration for U-Connect is not done online; rather, the process is to contact the school directly, attend an information session, then complete an application package. Please see their webpage: <https://simonds-uconnect.sd35.bc.ca/u-connect/u-connect-application/> for more information.)*

The online application for 1st year of entry into most Choice Programs (Kindergarten for most programs) for the **2024/25 School Year** will **open on Monday, October 2nd 2023 at 12pm noon.**

As of **12:00 pm on October 16, 2023**, you will not be able to add or change your application, however you will be able to view your information. This application process applies to the first year entry of all of the above programs (Kindergarten or Grade 6 for Late Immersion). Families are allowed to apply for a **maximum of 2 (two) Programs of Choice**. Families who submit more than one application per child (i.e. more than one account) will have the duplicate application removed.

Once the lottery is completed in early November, families will receive a notification telling them to log in to view their results. Once families receive the notification emails, they will have 48 hours to accept/decline an offered seat. If families do not accept/decline or log in at all in those 48 hours, their seat will be offered to the next student on the wait list. Families that are offered a seat for their 2nd Choice, and accept that seat, will have their name removed from their 1st Choice wait list in accordance with Choice Programs Admin Procedures.

Please note that you are applying for a **lottery draw** for your child, therefore this is not a "first come, first served" system. As such, no documents are required at this point.

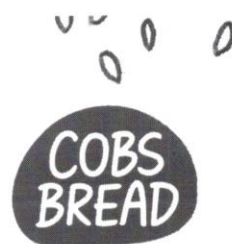
If your child has a sibling already in the same program, it is important that you indicate this in your application. You will need to provide the sibling's 9 digit P.E.N. (Personal Education Number). If you are unsure of this number, please contact the sibling's school directly to obtain this information. **Please note: the sibling priority only counts towards those who have siblings in the exact same Choice Program/School.** For example, if you are applying for your child to attend Langley Fundamental Elementary and your older child is currently attending there, the younger sibling gets that priority in the lottery draw. However, if the older sibling is attending a different school than what you are applying for your younger child, there is no priority given. This is detailed in the Choice Programs Admin Procedures.

In order to apply, you will be able to register at 12:00 pm (noon) on Monday, October 2, 2023; in the upper right corner of this screen click the "**REGISTER TO ACCESS**" tab above to make an application. If you have already created an account in the past, you will only need to "**SIGN IN**" by clicking in the upper right corner of the screen. You will **NOT** be able to create an account or complete the application prior to 12:00 pm (noon) on Monday, October 2, 2023.

Once you have registered and confirmed your account, you will need to "**SIGN IN**" and click on the "**ENROLL**" tab at the top of the page to complete your child's application.

If you require assistance or have any further questions about the application process, please contact the School Board Office at **604-534-7891**.

This Fundraiser Is Ongoing ☺ Support our Grade 7's and receive a free scone with ANY purchase!!



Dear Coghlan Fundamental Families,

We are Robyn and Mark Perrin, owners of the new COBS Bread at Willowbrook Park. As part of our commitment to the local community we are working with the Coghlan Fundamental PAC to help raise funds for your school.

Fundraising is easy! Simply mention your school at our bakery when you make a purchase, and we'll donate 5% back to your school. The donation to your school will be presented at the conclusion of the year.

Additional promotions may also be conducted throughout the year.

We are extremely excited about supporting your school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us directly at (604) 427-0388 or contact your school.

Yours sincerely,

Robyn and Mark Perrin
COBS Bread Willowbrook Park
Franchisees





FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, October 19th

Doors open 5:45pm Movie starts 6:15 pm

Wear a costume or come in PJs

Tickets: \$3.50 - ORDER ON MUNCH A LUNCH


****\$4 at the door****

**Whole pizzas can be ordered on Munch A Lunch
Concession, popcorn and LIMITED amounts of sliced pizza
will be available**



Bring your water bottles - no pop or juice

****NO DROP OFFS - PARENTS MUST STAY****

Kids Helping Kids Clothing Drive On October 27th Langley Firefighters will be picking up clothing donations from participating Langley schools to help fund the School Snack Program, one of their charitable causes. In partnership with the Langley School District Foundation, the Kids Helping Kids Clothing Drive is helping to support much needed food programs for students in Langley. Our school is participating in the event to help support school food programs AND in hopes that we will win a school-wide BBQ served by firefighters! Please bring your bagged donations to the front of the school on Oct 27th between 7-10am. Sorry, no household items, **only soft clothing, linens and shoes.**





Oct 27, 2023



TOWNSHIP
OF LANGLEY
FIREFIGHTERS'
CHARITIES

Kids Helping Kids Clothing Drive


Funds raised will support the Firefighters School Snack Program benefiting Langley students. The School Snack Program is available to any school in Langley.



How it works:

- #1 - Bring clean, gently used clothing to your school on **Oct 27th between 7am-10am**
- #2 - Firefighters will pick up your school's clothing donation and have it weighed
- #3 - The school that collects the most on a pounds-per-student basis will be treated to a BBQ lunch served by firefighters

Help our School win a free BBQ lunch for students, served by Langley firefighters!



Langley
SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOUNDATION



COGHLAN FUNDRAISER

VANCOUVER GIANTS VS. CALGARY HITMEN

**SIGNED QUINN HUGHES HOCKEY
STICK FOR THE FAMILY THAT
SELLS THE MOST TICKETS!**

**WED, JAN 3RD @ 7PM
LANGLEY EVENT CENTER**

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

**ORDER NOW ON
MUNCHALUNCH
\$20**

**PROCEEDS FROM
50/50 SOLD AT THE
GAME COME BACK
TO THE SCHOOL!**

**WE MUST SELL 300 TICKETS TO
THE GAME IN ORDER TO
QUALIFY FOR THE 50/50**

**INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY,
CO-WORKERS - ANYONE!**

**GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS
AND/OR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**

QUESTIONS? EMAIL COGHLANFUNDRAISING@GMAIL.COM

Coghlan Christmas Craft Fair ~~~ NOVEMBER 18, 2023 10AM - 3PM

Hope everyone's summer was wonderful and everything you needed it to be. The school year is upon us and we would like to take this time to share with you that Coghlan will be hosting another Christmas Craft Fair!

We are very excited, as this event brings our school together and opens our doors for the community. This event is a big fundraiser for our school and we look forward to it every year. Plans have started and tables are now filled except tables for Coghlan students. There will be food trucks, photography, bake table, vendors, and more. We would like to take this time to offer the last few tables to our families at Coghlan. Just a friendly reminder that this is a handcrafted-only event. This year we will be offering free kids' tables again! These will be half tables for full days (possibly full tables depending on the demand). We would like to take this time to remind parents that these tables are for current Coghlan students only. Tables are limited and can be reserved by contacting Jennifer Bradley at coghlanfundraising@gmail.com. Please feel free to contact Jennifer for any questions or concerns about the tables and vendors.

Keep Saturday, November 18th open for your opportunity to not only check out the event but to help and volunteer for positions. This is a big event and it takes lots of hands not only the day of but many weeks before.

Please contact Kirsten Pryor at coghlanfundraising@gmail.com for all other areas of the craft fair. We are currently looking for 1-2 people to help now with Advertising. This is for making large signs to hang in major intersections soon as well as signs for the day of. Please contact: coghlanfundraising@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

Follow this link to share our event and keep up on what's going on
<https://www.facebook.com/events/3488009534793706>

Jennifer Bradley
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Coghlan Fundamental Elementary

Christmas CRAFT FAIR

4452 256 ST ALDERGROVE, BC

November 18

10AM - 3PM

**ENTRY BY DONATION or
ITEM TO FOOD BANK**

Food Trucks
and
Professional
Photography

Come & Shop for:

Homemade Crafts
Christmas Gifts
Giants Hockey Tickets
Bake Sale
50/50
Basket Raffle

