

THIS WEEK @ DOROTHY PEACOCK



October Dates	
9	Turkey Trot
12	Thanksgiving (Students not in attendance)
15	Great BC Shake Out
16	Resilient Rhythms Drumming Presentation
20	PAC Halloween Dance
23	Provincial Pro-D Day (Students not in attendance)
27	Cross Country Championship
28	PAC Meeting 3 pm
30	Halloween Festivities

Mrs. K. Cline (Principal)

Mrs. F. Choboter (Vice Principal)

Mrs. L. Lipp (Administrative Assistant)

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DPE's Backstage Buzz

October 8, 2026

Happy Thursday,

On behalf of the staff, we would like to wish families a safe and happy Thanksgiving weekend! We hope you enjoy time with loved ones, create lasting memories, and have the opportunity to relax and reflect on the many things we are grateful for. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. Happy Thanksgiving!

Turkey Trot - is tomorrow. Once again, we honour Chuck the Chicken and the opportunity to spend an extra day with loved ones. Our run begins at 1 pm with a short warm up, the Chicken Dance followed by our trot around the field. We will be giving away some Thanksgiving dinner

themed prizes. The day will end with Freezies in the afternoon. We can't wait to see those fabulous, decorated turkey hats!

The Great BC Shake Out - This is the day when over 60 million people worldwide will participate in the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills. In the morning, teachers will review the steps "drop, cover and hold on." We will then calmly and quietly marshal on the field. For more information, click [ShakeOut](#).

News from the PAC:

Halloween Dance is Fast Approaching – Presale ticket cut-off for the Halloween Dance is October 16! The dance is planned for October 20, and we'd love to see as many students as possible there. Purchase your tickets on [Munchalunch!](#)



We also need volunteers to make this event happen! We need parents to help with set-up, activities, food, and clean-up. Even if you can only spare a little bit of time, every volunteer makes a huge difference.

Please click [Halloween Dance Volunteers 2026](#) to sign up.

Hot Lunch is open: Hello DPE parents! Hot lunch ordering for term one is now open! This term's vendors include student favourites such as Boston Pizza, Subway, Popeyes, A&W, Dominos, Booster Juice, Bar Down Bakery and Little Ooties. We are also excited to introduce our new vendors, Chopped Leaf and Triple O's!

Please remember that all orders must include full payment in order to be processed. If you have any questions, please reach out to our hot lunch coordinator at dpehotlunchco@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting our hot lunch fundraising program!

Link to order lunches: <https://munchalunch.com/login>

Stay up to date with the DPE PAC at www.dpepac.com

Grade 7 Committee:

Grade 7 Farewell Committee Fundraiser: Thank you for your apple purchases. The Sunokafruit delivery will be on October 19.



Grade 7 Bottle Drive Fundraiser. You can support the grade 7 farewell event by donating your cans and bottles. Simply drop off your recyclables at the nearest **Return It** location and use the following information. Jensantos623@gmail.com 604-928-8049

News From the District:

Parent Consent Forms on MyEDBC Ready for Families – Parent consent forms can now be received on MyEDBC. Families are asked to please log in to the [MyEDBC parent portal](#) and complete the process. A set of consent forms will need to be completed for each child attending a Langley school. It is advised to access MyEDBC and complete the parent consent forms using a desktop or laptop as the process requires the full site version (which is not mobile-friendly). For step-by-step instructions, please read [here](#). More information can be found on the District website [here](#).

Student in Distress and School Safety – Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Our schools follow procedures to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. Depending on the situation, communication to parents/caregivers is needed to keep families informed about incidents in our

school, such as during lockdowns, hold & secures, and room clears, or in the event of a student in distress. Sometimes these situations may not be emergencies but events that require a school response. It is important to note that the decision to send communications to families is dependent on a variety of factors including the nature of what happened, who has witnessed or was directly impacted by what happened, as well as student and staff privacy. Communication is unique and dependent on the specific situation; there are times when a student is in distress, yet the situation may or may not require a message or letter to families. In addition to communication with parents/caregivers, teachers and staff may debrief with students after an incident that may have upset them. In some cases, the school counsellor may offer support to students in need. As always, we want families to let us know if your child requires support. If you have any questions or concerns about communication related to situations or emergencies, please reach out to the school.

Election Day – Use of School Sites (October 17 & October 24)- On Saturday, October 17th (local election) and Saturday, October 24th (provincial election), many school gyms across the District will be used as election polling stations. As guided by Section 81 of the Election Act “accommodation in a school that is the property of a Board of School Trustees under the School Act must be made available by the Board for use as a voting place.”

Please take note of extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area of these sites on these days. The District appreciates the support and cooperation from families and members of our community. The District is encouraging everyone who is eligible to do their civic duty and vote. For a list of school sites being used, visit the District website [here](#).

Programs of Choice – Deadline to Register is Monday, October 26th

Langley School District offers a rich diversity of programs that are designed to meet the specific needs and interests of students. Programs include Fine Arts, French Immersion, Fundamental, Langley Environmental Awareness Program (outdoor education), Montessori, and UConnect. Registration for Kindergarten entry (for most programs) begins on Monday, October 5th at 12 noon, and closes on Monday, October 26th at 12 noon. For UConnect, please contact the school directly. For more information and instructions to register your child, visit our District website [here](#) and review our FAQ choice programs resource [here](#).

October Health Messaging – 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 how to stay healthy this winter. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Keep Your Children Free From Respiratory Illnesses This Winter

As the weather gets colder and more time is spent indoors, we are more likely to get sick with things like colds, flu or COVID-19 because these illnesses spread more easily in enclosed spaces.

Everyone should take these steps to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Get vaccinated against flu and COVID-19.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have flu-like symptoms, stay home and away from people at higher risk of serious illness. If you are sick and cannot stay away from others, wear a mask. Learn more about masks [here](#).

Vaccinations for Respiratory Illness

Vaccinations prepare our immune system to recognize and respond to viruses. When children get immunized, they are less likely to get sick or pass along illness to others. When children remain healthy, they are better able to focus on learning, playing and doing the activities they love. Their parents and caregivers also have less disruptions in their personal and work routines.

Register your children with the [Get Vaccinated](#) system so you can be reminded to get flu or COVID-19 vaccinations when they are due. Seasonal respiratory vaccinations are available from pharmacies, public health units and some primary care providers.

School-aged Immunizations

Getting your child [vaccinated on schedule](#) is one of the best ways to protect their health. To set young people up for long-term health and well-being, vaccines are offered routinely in kindergarten, grade 6 and grade 9 with catch-up opportunities in other grades.

Protection is long lasting for most vaccines, except for whooping cough. This vaccine is one of the [infant immunizations](#) that can wear off and needs to be given again around Kindergarten and Grade 9 to provide protection. All routine school-aged immunizations are free in British Columbia. If your child is not

up to date with their vaccines, please make an appointment with a public health unit, family doctor, nurse practitioner or pharmacy.

If your child's record shows their vaccines are not current, but they did get vaccines from a health care provider outside of public health:

- Contact the health care provider who immunized your child and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
- Provide these immunization records to Public Health online at: <http://www.fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform>

Learn more about school-aged immunizations, including how to access your child's records, here: [*Children and youth immunizations – Fraser Health Authority*](#)