

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 16, 2026

Happy Friday,

We finished the week with a fantastic presentation with Daniel from Resilient Rhythms Percussion. Students took a rhythmic journey around the world where they were introduced to the Afro-Peruvian Cajon drum and Brazilian Samba drums and many other percussion instruments. Using the percussion techniques and instruments students created rhythms using phrases about resilience.

The message was: There's resilience is in everyone. Resilience is a choice. Everyone can choose to be resilient, and everyone can grow in resilience.

The Great BC Shake Out – We had an excellent drill on Thursday. Students were cooperative, quiet and efficient as they drop-covered-and held. We followed the Earthquake drill with a fire drill and marshalled outside on the field. Well done, Peacock nation!

News from the PAC:

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

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 between 2 pm and 3 pm.



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:

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](#).

Information About School Status During Inclement Weather Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in 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 CKNW 730AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7FM, CBC 690AM or CBC 88.1FM for updates.

In the event of inclement weather, the District may implement a delayed start or early dismissal at school sites. This information will be communicated to families via one or more of these methods:

SchoolMessenger, email and/or text and on the District website. For District bus riders, schedules may change depending on the school status. Bus riders will be notified of changes via one or more of these methods: My Ride K-12 App, email, phone, and/or District website.

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.

Student Safety in Schools (Elementary Schools)

The Langley School District is committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility, and support optimal learning. Trauma Informed Practices and Procedures promote the creation and maintenance of safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, and nurturing school environments. The District expects all students to follow the Student Code of Conduct [AP 350](#). This expectation is also in line with the new [Provincial Firearm Violence Prevention Act \(FVPA\)](#).

The District is sharing a reminder that no one can have “any weapon for any purpose” on school property. This means that weapons are not allowed to be used as part of an educational project, drama production,

or themed costume. Examples of weapons include but are not limited to knives, bb guns, and toy guns. Failure to follow these expectations may result in confiscation, intervention, and consequences.

October Health Messaging – Fraser Health

[Daylight Saving Time Information for Families: Fraser Health](#) - Earlier this year, British Columbia adopted permanent daylight saving time, with the final clock change taking place on March 8, 2026. As a result, the province now observes Pacific Time (PCT) year-round, eliminating the twice-yearly switch between Pacific Standard Time (PST) and Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).

During parts of the winter, particularly between late November and early February, many children will travel to school before sunrise. Fraser Health is sharing this information to support families as they adapt to year-round Pacific Time and maintain healthy sleep habits and safe travel to and from school.

What Families Can Do:

Support healthy sleep and well-being by:

- Spending time outdoors during morning daylight hours whenever possible.
- Encouraging physical activity and social connection through after-school programs and activities.
- Maintaining consistent bedtimes and wake-up times.
- Turning off screens at least one hour before bedtime, as evening screen use can make it harder to fall asleep.

Support safe travel to and from school by:

- Helping children choose well-lit routes with sidewalks and designated crossings.
- Encouraging children to wear reflective or high-visibility clothing and use a flashlight when travelling during darker morning hours.
- Reminding children to use designated crossings, scan traffic, and make sure vehicles have stopped before crossing.

If driving:

- Use extra caution when driving near schools, crosswalks, intersections and shared pathways.
- Be aware of one's surroundings and refraining from cell phone use, make eye contact, and shoulder check before turning or changing direction.
- Travel at slow speeds and stop completely at stop signs and crosswalks.

Additional school health resources can be found on our website at fraserhealth.ca/schoolhealth.