

NOEL BOOTH ELEMENTARY

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Hello Noel Booth Families!

September has been a month full of excitement, new beginnings, and positive energy. Thank you to all the parents who attended our Meet the Teacher Night and the Grade 7 Parent Meeting. It was a great opportunity to connect with teachers and discuss the upcoming year. Your involvement is crucial to our students' success.

The start of the school year has been filled with positive energy and enthusiasm. Our students have settled into their routines, and the classrooms are buzzing with learning and creativity. We're excited for all the wonderful experiences and achievements that lie ahead.

One of the most inspiring aspects of this September has been witnessing the resiliency of our students. They have embraced the challenges of a new school year with determination and a positive attitude. Kindness has also been a cornerstone of our school community. Students have been supporting one another, showing empathy, and creating a welcoming atmosphere for everyone. It's these acts of kindness that build a strong, inclusive community where every student feels valued.

We believe in the potential of every student at Noel Booth Elementary. Our dedicated staff is committed to nurturing their growth, encouraging their curiosity, and helping them achieve their best. Together, we can create an environment where students feel confident, supported, and ready to take on new challenges. Every child deserves to be cared about and supported. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Warm regards,

J. Malo



Office Staff:

Principal-

Mr. J. Malo

Vice Principal-

Mrs. S. Banjac

Admin Assistant-

Ms. C. Inglis

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.

Staffing Updates

We are excited to announce additional staff members joining the Noel Booth family. Our new teacher for the grade 6 classroom is Mr. Tulloch. Our new resource teacher (M,W, Th) is Ms. Bains. Our new PHE prep teacher is Ms. Hufsmith. Ms. Hufsmith will officially take over the position on October 14th.

CHEQ Kindergarten Survey

Parents with children in Kindergarten are strongly encouraged to complete the CHEQ survey. This survey is very important for our school as we develop educational supports for your children.

More Important News

Learn2Ride Grade 4/5 Cycle Programme

The learn to ride programme was extremely successful. It was amazing to see our grade 4's and 5's learning and applying bicycle safety skills.

Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox run was an amazing success. Thank you for your support. As a school we raised \$988. If you would still like to donate to the school to push us over the \$1000 mark, please donate at the link below. <https://schools.terryfox.ca/73514>

Student Photos: Message from MADE THE GRADE

Hey there Noel Booth Elementary families! Ryan here from Made the Grade Photography. I hope this message finds you all well. I have a little information about your child's school photos that I wanted to share. First, it came to my attention that there are a number of parents that might not have received their QR access forms after picture day. If you didn't receive your form or if you've misplaced it, please be sure to reach out to me using the below email address with your child's name and which school they attend so I can send you your access code without delay.

Parents that order before **October 7th** will be the first to get their child's school photos in hand. These images capture the joy and milestones of your child's early school years, preserving precious memories you'll cherish for years to come. Be sure not to miss out!



Upcoming Dates:

- Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)
- Oct 4 School Improvement Day (PD)
- Oct 5 (Saturday) World Teachers Day
- Oct 10 Late French Immersion recruitment night- TENTATIVE TBD
- Oct 14 Thanksgiving (no school)
- Oct 16 Cyber Safety Presentation (gr 7) at Brookwood Sec.
- Oct 17 Photo Retakes
- Oct 21-24 Informal Learning Updates sent home/call home

**If you'd like your child to take part in retake day (Thursday, October 17th), please be sure to email me and let me know as I'll be handling the retake list for the school.*

Thanks so much and I hope you all have a wonderful week! If you have any questions at all you know how to reach me 😊.

Ryan Ponte
ryan@madethegrade.ca
778 960 8394



The Beaver Math Challenge

If you have a child in grade 5 or 6 and you like math you may be interested in the Beaver Math Challenge. Interested families please reach out to the main office so we can gather interest. There is a cost for this event so enrollment may be limited to ten participants. For additional details please view the following link.
<https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/bcc>

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.

Meet The Teacher Night

Meet the Teacher Night was a huge success. Thank you to PAC for hosting the ice cream social.

Grade 6/7 Leadership

Grade 6/7 students interested in leadership are encouraged to sign up. Mr. Malo and Ms. Banjac are looking for students who want to leave the school through various initiatives. The first meeting is Tuesday at lunch.

Website

The school website continues to be developed and refined. PAC minutes, latest events, calendar, and the Principal's newsletters can be found there. <https://noelbooth.sd35.bc.ca/>

- ☐ Oct 1-18 PAC Trunk or Treat Candy Donations
- ☐ OCT 24 PAC Pumpkin Patch
- ☐ Oct 24 PAC "TRUNK OR TREAT" (PM)
- ☐ Oct 25 Provincial PD Day (no school)
- ☐ Oct 31 Pumpkin Carving
- ☐ Oct 31 Halloween
- ☐ Nov 8 National Aboriginal Veterans Day
- ☐ Nov 8 Design & Assessment Day (no school)
- ☐ Nov 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- ☐ Nov 11 Remembrance Day- NO SCHOOL

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Assembly

Our staff and students went above and beyond for our assembly. The learning displayed by the students was nothing less than exceptional. Thank you to all the staff and students involved. The commitment of our staff and students is commendable.

Student in Distress and School Safety

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Our schools follow emergency 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. Sometimes these incidents may not be emergencies but are medical crises. 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. Although communication is unique and dependent on the specific situation, there are times when a student is in distress and the incident may require a message or letter to families. In addition to communication to 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 emergencies or incidents, please reach out to the school.

Programs of Choice – Deadline to Register is Monday, October 21st

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 U-Connect. Registration for Kindergarten entry (for most programs) begins on Monday, October 7th at 12 noon, and closes on Monday, October 21st at 12 noon. For U-Connect, 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](#).

Community Volunteers in Emergencies

Emergencies can happen unexpectedly due to weather events (e.g. earthquake or flooding) or unforeseen situations in the community. The health and safety of students, staff, and families is the District's priority. The District together with schools follow emergency procedures to respond to incidents as well as prevent them from happening. As stated in the provincial [Emergency](#)

[Management Planning Guide for Schools, Districts and Authorities](#), staff have a legal “duty of care,” meaning that they “must ensure that students are cared for until such time as they can be safely reunited with their parents.” Depending on the situation, the school may be caring for students for many days.

In these circumstances, schools may rely on members of the community to assist with emergency responses. Administrators may send a request to parents/guardians to help volunteer with first aid, facilities and maintenance, safety and security, and general labour. Adults with special skills in health care, policing, and engineering would be an asset in an emergency. No action is needed from families at this time as the purpose is to keep families informed.

U-Connect – Kindergarten to Grade 3 Spaces Available: Elementary

Is your child in need of an education program that offers more flexibility and continues to meet their educational needs? U-Connect may be a great fit for your child. The blended learning program has students in class two days a week with an optional third day offered for additional student support and fun community field trips. Students will be at home two to three days per week, which enables them to discover their own extra-curricular passions and allows for caregivers to support students at home in partnership with school. Students will build on their own personal learning style with the support of caring and dedicated teachers. Interested students and their families are encouraged to call the school to get more information or learn more [here](#).

Fraser Health

The District's community partner Fraser Health is sharing important information with families regarding Vaccination Status Reporting and Regulation (VSRR). Families are encouraged to review the following newsletter to help keep our community health and safe:

[Keep Immunizations Up to Date - Elementary](#)

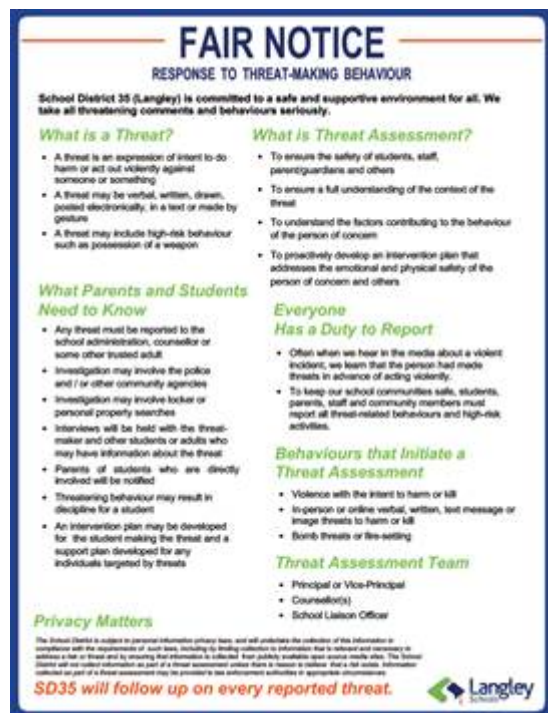
For other languages read [here](#).

Child Day Event at Church in the Valley – October 4, 2024

A free one-day expo that aims to connect families of pre-K learners with important resources is planned for next month. Child Day will be held on Friday October 4 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Church in the Valley, and will feature community agencies, a marketplace, door prizes and more. See attached poster for details and ticket information or learn more here:

<https://buytickets.at/inclusionlanglesociety/1302946>

Fair Notice Resource for Students/Families



FAIR NOTICE
RESPONSE TO THREAT-MAKING BEHAVIOUR

School District 35 (Langley) is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. We take all threatening comments and behaviours seriously.

What is a Threat?

- A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something
- A threat may be verbal, written, drawn, posted electronically, in a text or made by gesture
- A threat may include high-risk behaviour such as possession of a weapon

What is Threat Assessment?

- To ensure the safety of students, staff, paraprofessionals and others
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
- To understand the factors contributing to the behaviour of the person of concern
- To proactively develop an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the person of concern and others

What Parents and Students Need to Know

- Any threat must be reported to the school administration, counsellor or some other trusted adult
- Investigation may involve the police and / or other community agencies
- Investigation may involve locker or personal property searches
- Interviews will be held with the threat-maker and other students or adults who may have information about the threat
- Parents of students who are directly involved will be notified
- Threatening behaviour may result in discipline for a student
- An intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats

Everyone Has a Duty to Report

- Often when we hear in the media about a violent incident, we learn that the person had made threats in advance of acting violently.
- To keep our school communities safe, students, parents, staff and community members must report all threat-related behaviours and high-risk activities.

Behaviours that Initiate a Threat Assessment

- Violence with the intent to harm or kill
- In-person or online verbal, written, text message or image threats to harm or kill
- Bomb threats or fire-setting


Threat Assessment Team

- Principal or Vice-Principal
- Counsellor(s)
- School Liaison Officer

Privacy Matters

The School District is subject to personal information privacy laws and will undertake the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including to limiting collection to information that is relevant and necessary to address a threat or threat and to ensuring that information is collected from publicly available open sources only when the School District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a risk exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to law enforcement authorities in appropriate circumstances.

SD35 will follow up on every reported threat.

 Langley

The Langley School District is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. Our schools take all threatening comments and behaviours seriously. Our schools follow procedures when responding to threat-making behaviour to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. The following resource [here](#) outlines what information students and families need to know in relation to how the District responds to threat-making behaviour in our schools. Everyone has a role in helping keep our students safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school administrator.

Orange Shirt Day

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

September 30, 2024

A DAY TO HONOUR SURVIVORS OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS,
THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES,
AND THE CHILDREN WHO NEVER CAME HOME



3:00 pm Truth-telling,
dialogue and
(un)learning led by
community allies

6:00 pm honouring ceremony,
drumming and
speakers

7:22 pm walking vigil
(dusk)

Derek Doubleday Arboretum
21177 Fraser Highway
ALL ARE WELCOME

for more information
please scan the QR code
or contact Shelley@lfvas.org



We acknowledge we do our work on the traditional unceded territories
of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui, and Semiahmoo First Nations

**Local allies together with an Indigenous Advisory seeking to learn and teach others
the "true history" of Canada as an act of reconciliation.**

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A black rectangular poster with a white border, set against a background of candy corn. The poster features the title 'TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY DRIVE' in large, yellow, hand-drawn letters. Below the title is the date 'October 1-18' in white. A paragraph of white text explains the donation process. At the bottom, it says 'Prizes for top 3 contributing classrooms!'. The poster is decorated with white spider webs in the corners and several colorful candy illustrations: a purple and orange striped candy, a yellow and orange striped candy, a yellow and orange striped candy, and a yellow and orange striped candy.

TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY DRIVE

October 1-18

Donate to this years Trunk or Treat by
bringing in candy donations with your
child's division & teachers' name listed
on the box/bag.

Prizes for top 3 contributing classrooms!