
Simonds Elementary / U-Connect K-12

January 12, 2024



Welcome Back!

Welcome to 2024! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. January is a busy month at our school. Make sure to check the website regularly. Please be advised Mr. Stare will be leave for at least the next five weeks. As such Mr. Malo will continue as the Acting Principal and U-Connect teacher, Mr. Steven Latham will move into the role of teacher-in-charge to provide administrative support.



Winter Weather

Winter weather has finally arrived. We have experienced colder than usually temperatures this week. With cold temperatures expected to stick around awhile please make sure to send your children to school with proper clothing (jackets, gloves, toques/hats, and boots).



Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Results for Grades 4 & 7

In the next two weeks FSA booklets will be returned for students in grade 4 and grade 7. FSA results will include the data response booklet and the individual student report. Proficiency scales for FSA results in literacy and numeracy are categorized as “Emerging,” “On-Track,” and “Extending.”

Parent Surveys

SIMONDS: STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY- PARENT VERSION

- Parents of children currently in GRADE 4 can complete the parent version of the student learning survey (use the direct access option- no logon required)
- The survey is currently open and runs until May 3rd
- <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

U-CONNECT: ONLINE SCHOOLS- PARENT SURVEY

- This survey is open to parents who have children in grade 4,7,10 & 12th
- The survey officially opens on January 15th and closes on February 12th
- <https://www.awinfosys.com/survey3/dlsurvey/main/>

Simonds PAC

The Simonds PAC meeting for January has been moved to January 24th at 7pm. All are welcome.

SIMONDS ELEMENTARY

Sports Jersey Day & Hot Lunch (January 19th)

Kindergarten Registration 2024

The Langley School District is launching a new online process for Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year. Kindergarten registration across the Langley School District runs **January 15, 2024 – March 1, 2024**. If your child will be five years old by December 31, 2024, you will be able to register your child online. We will not be accepting walk in registrations. *Applications will be approved after the registration period has closed on March 1, 2024. Families can expect notification regarding their child's application status beginning the week of March 4, 2024, and before the end of April 2024.*



Monday, January 15, 2024

All children who will be five years old by December 31, 2024 (children born in 2019) are eligible for the Kindergarten program beginning September 3, 2024. Registration opens Monday, January 15, 2024 and will be open until Friday, March 1, 2024. All Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year takes place online.

For more information and instructions, please use the QR code above to visit the District website.

The following documents are required at the time of registration:

Proof of Age One of: Birth Certificate, Certificate of Citizenship, Secure Certificate of Indian Status, Court Order, Canada Immigration Documents, Passport, Permanent Resident Card, other government-issued document

Proof of Citizenship Status One of: Birth Certificate, Certificate of Citizenship, Secure Certificate of Indian Status, Court Order, Canada Immigration Documents, Passport, Permanent Resident Card or Confirmation of Permanent Residency, Nexus card with citizenship listed as Canadian

Proof of Residence One of: Subject-Free Home Purchase Contract, Mortgage Statement, Municipal Tax Bill, Rental Agreement or letter from landlord

One of: British Columbia Driver's License, British Columbia Services Card, British Columbia Vehicle Registration, BCID, Canadian Bank Account or Credit Card Statement, Insurance Statements or Policies, Income Tax Statement, Utility Bill, Employment Pay Slip, other legal or government-issued documents indicating B.C. residence

Proof of Guardianship One of: Birth Certificate with parent name, Income Tax Statement – children are declared, Immigration Documents, Court Order, Child in Care documentation



U-CONNECT K-12

Upcoming OWL Bulletin –

The OWL Bulletin was sent out separately to the Grade 8-12 families on January 11, 2024 but as a reminder, we have a couple of fun OWLs coming up! Please remember to sign up if you are interested in attending.



OWL Bulletin – High School Program January / February, 2024

Date	Event	Time	Location
Jan 17	Planet Lazer – Combine hide and seek with high tech, heart-pounding fun in a state-of-the-art arena. Registration Link: https://forms.office.com/r/rwL2eTFQYH	9:30 – 11:45	Planet Lazer – 19033 54 Ave Surrey
Jan 24	Open Tutorial – Come get help with those tricky assignments, work on group projects or enjoy the quiet while you are completing your assignments for the week! Teachers will be there to help if needed!	9:00 – 12:00	U-Connect HUB
Jan 31	No OWL		
Feb 7	Open Tutorial – Come get help with those tricky assignments, work on group projects or enjoy the quiet while you are completing your assignments for the week! Teachers will be there to help if needed!	9:00 – 12:00	U-Connect HUB
Feb 14	Bill Reid Workshop – What are the contemporary challenges facing BC First Nations today? Using the art of Bill Reid and other contemporary Indigenous artists, we will (1) Explore more complex conversations around Indigenous art, cultural appropriation, repatriation, and reconciliation (2) Learn about the role of oral traditions (3) start to think about “How can we move forward as a country in partnership with First Nations” Registration link: https://forms.office.com/r/KNW6vzs46w ** There will be seats reserved for the grade 11 class due to the curriculum connections. Please register anyway to show your intent to attend.	9:30 – 1:30	Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art
Feb 21	Open Tutorial – Come get help with those tricky assignments, work on group projects or enjoy the quiet while you are completing your assignments for the week! Teachers will be there to help if needed!	9:00 – 12:00	U-Connect HUB
Feb 28	No OWL		

Literacy Assessments

Ms. Statham has sent out a couple of “Save the Date” emails about the Literacy Assessments to those who are writing it this year. A follow-up email will come out with more details next week. As a reminder – the Literacy 10 assessment is on Thursday, January 25th from 9:00 – 12:00 and the Literacy 12 assessment is on Thursday, January 25th from 12:30 – 3:30.

End of semester

A reminder to all High School students and parents of important dates coming up as the semester ends.

January 16, 2024 – Students will receive their semester 2 timetables during morning class.

January 17, 2024 – OWL – Planet Lazer – Information and registration link in the OWL Bulletin!

January 19, 2024 – Grade 12 Capstone Sharing Day (for those sharing in January)

January 24, 2024 – OWL – Open Tutorial – 9:00 – 12:00 in the HUB

January 24, 2024 – Grad Photo Day – Sign up coming soon

January 25, 2024 – Literacy 10 Assessment – 9:00 – 12:00

January 25, 2024 – Literacy 12 Assessment – 12:30 – 3:30

January 25, 2024 – U-Connect Information Session – if you know anyone interested in attending the program, please have them call Ms. Dobbs Cox in the office to register for the Information session.

January 29, 2024 – **Early Dismissal** – Students attend until lunch (12:15) – no afternoon classes

January 30, 2024 – **Early Dismissal** – Students attend until lunch (12:15) – no afternoon classes except if asked to stay by one or more teachers (student support time).

January 30, 2024 - Semester 1 Ends

February 5, 2024 – Report Cards Published

February 5, 2024 – Semester 2 Begins

School Contact Information

Office Phone: 604-530-2361

Website: <https://simonds-uconnect.sd35.bc.ca/>

Mr. Ron Stare – Principal (on leave)

Mrs. Goss Klecker – Administrative Assistant

Mr. Jason Malo – Acting Principal

Mrs. Dobbs Cox – ESSC

Mr. Steven Latham- Teacher-in-Charge