

# LANGLEY FUNDAMENTAL

MIDDLE & SECONDARY SCHOOL

# The Titans' Tribune

#### Home and School Working Together

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## **Upcoming Dates**

Hello LFMSS Families:

# Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Leading up to Orange Shirt Day (on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>) and acknowledging our National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>), Staff and students coordinated several initiatives throughout last week. This year, we organized two separate gatherings (one for Grades 10-12 and the second for Grades 6-9) outside in the courtyard. During this gathering, Staff and students listened to some of their peers speak about the importance of Orange Shirt Day and then walked around our school path to take a moment to reflect. I would like to commend our students demonstration of respect throughout the gathering.

#### **Terry Fox Run and Events**

Ms. DelaMorandiere's Leadership students are coordinating some exciting events in support of the Terry Fox Foundation and cancer research! There has been a lot of promotion and buzz around the building as there are several incentives for our school community to raise at least \$1000! Students can bring twoonies to purchase a Kapow Pop and parents can donate through CashOnline. Our Terry Fox assemblies and run will take place on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Athletics**

All of our Fall Athletics are in full swing for our secondary grades. Volleyball for Grades 6-7 will be happening soon and our Middle School Athletic Director, Mr. James Johnson will be communicating information as needed. We are always in need of Community Coaches, so please let him know if you are interested in supporting our athletes!

Oct 7 Terry Fox Run Events

Oct 9 Grad Cruise 4:30pm

Oct 10 Grade 6/7 Hot Lunch

Oct 13 Thanksgiving Day Schools are closed

Oct 14 Photo Re-Takes

Oct 14 PAC AGM at 7:30pm

Oct 16 Great Canadian Shakeout

Please visit <u>www.lfmss.sd35.bc.ca</u> for the most up to ate calendar of events.



#### **Traffic and Pedestrian Safety**

This is a friendly reminder to both our LFMSS students and parents to be extra cautious during drop off and pick up times. Thank you to our Crosswalk SEA's for keeping our students safe as they travel through our intersection. We continue to remind our students about pedestrian and driving safety, as well as respecting our neighbours and their property.

On another note.... If there are no more delays,  $40^{th}$  avenue will be open to all traffic on October  $10^{th}$ . Fingers crossed!

#### **Informal Learning Updates**

The first Informal Learning Update will be communicated with students and families alike in the upcoming weeks.

Grades 8-12 During the week of Oct. 14-17 Grades 6-7 During the week of Oct. 27-30

The purpose of the Informal Learning Update is to communicate what your child is currently able to do and areas of improvement. This update will <u>not</u> include percentages, letter grades, or proficiency levels.

<u>Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences</u> will be on Wednesday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> and this will be an opportune time to discuss your child's learning progress. These dates are in our website community calendar. The online appointment system will be made available as of Tuesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Information and instructions will be communicated soon.

#### **Please Stay Connected!**

Please stay connected to our school through our Instagram account and our LFMSS website. Our PAC also has a Facebook page as it is a great way to connect and get involved with our parent community.

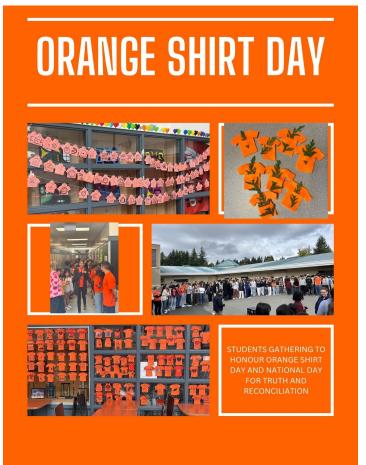
I wish all LFMSS families a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carla Clapton Principal

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# Terry Fox Run: ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS



TERRY FOX DAY - LUNCH TIME OCT 7. 2025

\$2 FOR EACH TICKET AT THE TICKET BOOTH



- ·Hang Challenge Competition
  - ·Ball Throw Competition
  - ·Grip Competition (151b plate, 251b plate)
  - ·Push Up Competition





PRIZE: A WINNERS PLAQUE
SAYING YOU'RE THE STRONGEST
IN THE SCHOOL!

# WHAT'S N





#### September 2025



# review

#### Kareem Between by Shifa Saltagi Safadi

This middle grade novel in verse tells the story of a 7th Grade Syrian-American named Kareem as he grapples with friendship, identity, and moral dilemmas amid the chaos of middle school and family upheaval. When his mother is stranded abroad due to a travel ban and his football dreams hang by a thread, Kareem must find the



courage to stand up for what's right and discover strength in the spaces between.

# **LBOY** 2025-2026

#### Langley Book of the Year

- · Across the Desert by Dusti Bowling
- A Strange Thing Happend in Cherry Hall by Jasmine Warga
- Eyes on the Ice by Anna Rosner
- Forever Twelve by Stacy McAnulty
- Game Face by Shari Green
- The Grave Thief by Dee Hahn
- Heroes by Alan Gratz
- Lion Dancers by Cai Tse
- Magnolia Woo Unfolds it All by Chanel Miller
- They Call Me No Sam by Drew Daywalt
- The Lost Year by Katherine Marsh
- Uprooted by Ruth Chan

What's a snake's favourite subject in school?

Hisssssssstory!

# upcoming **EVENTS**



1081 items were signed out of the library during September!

Grade 6s signed out 403 items Grade 7s signed out 310 items Grade 8s signed out 140 items Grade 9s signed out 134 items

Grade 10s signed out 25 items Grade 11s signed out 56 items

Grade 12s signed out 13 items

WEDNESDAYS Board Game Club

OCTOBER Women's History Month

COTOBER 27 Love Your School Library Day





### **Fundraising Information**

Fundy parents,

My name is Sunny Choung, and I am the Fundraising Coordinator at LFMSS.

I am currently working on organizing our first LFMSS Golf Tournament Fundraiser Event to raise funds in support of our school programs.

To help us plan effectively, we would greatly appreciate your input through a short survey. Your participation will provide valuable insights and help us gauge interest and support for this event.

Would you be willing to participate in the survey?

Thank you for your time and support!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8Z828JL

#### **Titans Music**

Please see important information below for how you can not only get tickets for a Vancouver Giants game but support our music program in the process!

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We're excited to once again partner with <u>Thank You for the Music Society</u>, for a fun, local fundraising opportunity to support the LFMSS Music Department and it couldn't be easier!!

Thank You for the Music Society has been chosen as the fundraiser beneficiary for the Vancouver Giants game on October 24th. The Society will receive 50% of the 50/50 draw proceeds from the game and they've generously committed to sharing a portion of those funds with LFMSS. Our school will also receive a percentage of every ticket we sell, **so the more tickets we sell, the more we raise!** 

IT GETS BETTER!! The Vancouver Giants have given TYFTM the special responsibility of selecting singers for the National Anthems and we're proud to announce that two SD35 secondary students were chosen, including our very own Annika Nicolle from LFMSS!

Let's show our support for Annika and the entire LFMSS music program with a great turnout at the game!

#### Instructions:

#### 1) Register for Tickets

Click the link below to request your tickets for the October 24th Vancouver Giants game:

Click Here for all the details and to request your tickets October 24th

#### 2) Choose LFMSS as Your School

In the **School Affiliation** dropdown (option 1), be sure to select:

Langley Fundamental Middle and Secondary School - (LFMSS)

This ensures our school receives credit toward a portion of the fundraiser proceeds!

#### 3) Spread the Word

Encourage your friends and family to register too and remind them to select LFMSS as well!

#### 4) Submit the Form

After completing the form, you'll receive a confirmation email from Thank You for the Music Society.

**Be sure to check your spam/junk folder** just in case.

#### 5) Send Your Payment

E-transfer your payment to:

tyftmsociety@gmail.com



#### **School District News**

#### **Emergency Procedures in Schools**

Schools follow emergency procedures and practice drills throughout the year to ensure students, staff, and any visitors at our sites are safe when unexpected incidents happen. The District encourages families to become familiar with emergency procedures to help you and your child be prepared. You will find the District's Emergency Procedures poster in schools and on the website **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.

#### **Choice Program Applications Open Soon for French Immersion**

Did you know there are two options for families looking for French Immersion for their students? Early Immersion starts in Kindergarten and goes to grade 12; the Late Immersion program begins in grade 6. The online registration window **opens October 6 and closes October 20, 2025**. To learn about French Immersion, there is an online information meeting on **October 1**<sup>st</sup> **at 6 pm**. This features a short presentation about the program and the benefits of learning an additional language, with time for questions.

Here is the link for the online meeting:

#### Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 248 048 850 522 9

Passcode: P9rc9J9X

More information can also found on the District website:

https://www.sd35.bc.ca/programs-initiatives/programs-of-choice/immersion-programs/

All inquiries can be emailed to <a href="mailto:languages@sd35.bc.ca">languages@sd35.bc.ca</a>.

## **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 toparents/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.

#### **Careers**

#### Class of 2026

For more information on scholarships and post-secondary information, please check out the Grads 2026 TEAMS or contact Ms. Brown.

#### **Grief and Loss Training Program**

This is an excellent training program for someone who wants work in a job that involves helping people. i.e.: Teacher, Nurse, Social worker, Physician, Counsellor, Emergency services worker, and other For more information and application, please contact Ms. Brown Application deadline Wednesday Sep 24, 2025

#### Does the College You Go to Matter?

It's only natural that as you weigh the pros and cons of one institution over another, you begin to wonder, Does the college you go to matter?

While some schools can be appealing because of their name recognition and high standards, others may offer promising salaries and unique opportunities after graduation. There is no guarantee that attending a prestigious institution will result in earning a high salary.

An exceptional student will be exceptional regardless of where they did their schooling. You might have to work harder to make connections, but you can absolutely do well from a smaller school in any field. It matters in a very small number of fields, but probably less than people think Ultimately, it's about proving that regardless of where you have studied, you have what it takes to excel in the position.

Contact info: FBrown@SD35.BC.CA

#### **Community News**

**Find a Program** - The Langley School District offers a variety of programs to students, from pre-Kindergarten learners to adult learners.

https://www.sd35.bc.ca/page/5988/find-a-program

The Career Discoveries Program works with students from all around the Langley School District in grades 10, 11, and 12. The goal of the Career Discoveries Program is to place diverse learners in real workplace environments so they can learn and practice employability skills. Employability skills help a student get and keep a job while helping them to be as independent as possible. https://www.sd35.bc.ca/page/6016/career-discoveries

#### **Project Resiliency Program**

Project Resiliency is a three-day counselling-based program (for Grades 8-12) that offers young people the opportunity to address whatever might be preventing them from achieving their full potential For more info <a href="https://www.sd35.bc.ca/page/5993/project-resiliency">https://www.sd35.bc.ca/page/5993/project-resiliency</a>

#### Alternate programs

Alternate programs in Langley are designed to address educational, social, and emotional needs of students whose needs are not met in traditional school settings

#### Public Health Nurse - supporting the Langley School District

Fraser Health's healthy schools nurses support school districts and identified (Focus) schools to promote the physical, emotional and social well-being of students.

For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:publicnurse@sd35.bc.ca">publicnurse@sd35.bc.ca</a> <a href="https://www.sd35.bc.ca/page/2018/healthy-schools">https://www.sd35.bc.ca/page/2018/healthy-schools</a>



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