



Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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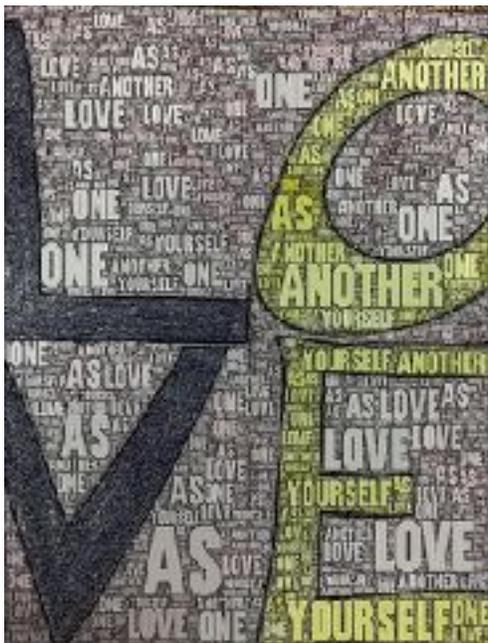
Principal: Mrs. Deah Paton
Vice-Principal: Mr. Casey Durnin
Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Tricia Mein
P.A.C. President: Mrs. Melynn Krausse

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020

Dear Parents:

Approximately 1/3 of our students have returned to in-class sessions at school. They have been placed in multi-aged groups according to primary or intermediate levels. These students have enjoyed a variety of teachers and made some new friends. Walking through the classrooms I have made some refreshing observations. First of all, just how resilient our children are. I am continually amazed at how they have adjusted to their new class and classmates and to see the joy in their faces.

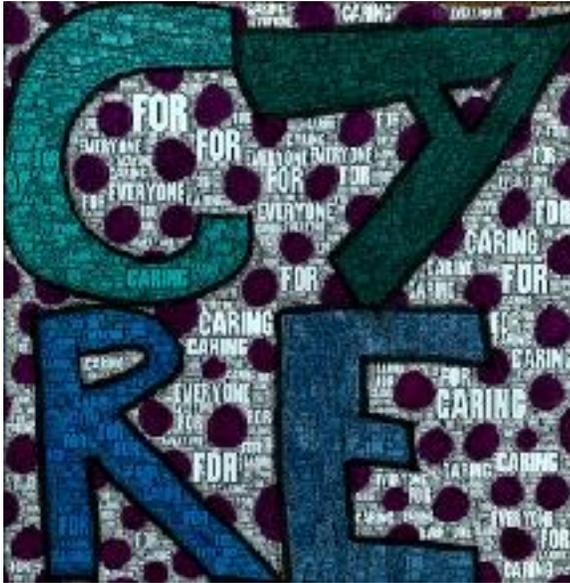
Mrs. Bartel led an activity in her classroom where students could choose one word that was their wish for the whole world and then created a statement of words to overly their word art. They were so beautifully done that I couldn't resist sharing them with you:



LOVE: Emilia



HOPE: Caleb



CARE: Lillia



PLAY: Frankie



SOUL: Hudson

It's that time of year where we need to say good-bye to some of our staff members. Below are the staff who will not be returning in the Fall:

Miss Dyck (retiring)
Mrs. Warriner (retiring)
Mrs. McGratten (retiring)
Mrs. Bartel (grade 4)
Mr. Ironmonger (grade 5)
Mrs. Knight (grade 1)
Mrs. Eddleston (Kindergarten)
Ms. Ramsey (special educational assistant)

Reminders for Parents

If your child is participating in the in-school instruction, here is the schedule for the last week of school:

- *Monday, June 22 all students who attend Monday/Tuesday come on this day.
- *Tuesday, June 23 all students who attend Thursday/Friday come on this day.
- *ESW children can attend Wednesday and Thursday as well.

Tuesday, June 23 is the last day for remote learning. If you borrowed any technology from the school we ask that you return it by Friday, June 26th. Thank you.

Your child will be receiving a class photo. A huge thanks to Jackie Xiao for printing all the photos at Staples and for Tricia Mein for composing the photos. Details to receive the photos will come through your classroom teacher.

Learning Commons News

Please return all remaining library books by June 15th since we are starting our yearly inventory next week. There is a mail slot to the left of the front door that books may be slid through. Thank you for helping us to maintain our wonderful collection of books.

Reading Is My Super Power! Students will be receiving home reading certificates this month and the top 3 readers per grade along with the students who have read to the second bonus level for all 7 months will be announced in the final newsletter of the year.

Join the Fraser Valley "Explore Our Universe" summer reading program as described in the letter to parents as advertised here.

Upcoming Events

PANDEMIC OF KINDNESS **By Susan Cairns**

There's a Pandemic of Kindness sweeping throughout the Langley School District and Community. Its reach is far and wide and perhaps more contagious than CO-

VID 19. Symptoms to look for include feverish generosity, a rash of benevolence and heart-warming flutters of activity.

Let's explore the evidence. The first percolations of the pandemic erupted on March 17 when the Langley School District Foundation realized that students would be without a source of regular meals. So, with the help of dozens of businesses, corporations, associations and individuals, the Foundation made a commitment to continue on with their Food for Thought Programs, even during the suspension of in-class instruction.

The Pandemic of Kindness manifested itself in a series of unprecedented donations. Infinity Properties immediately sent out a challenge to all their vendors and suppliers, and they responded with an ensuing donation of more than \$25,000. Then Spake Media threw down the gauntlet and dozens were there to match the \$10,000 challenge.

And it didn't stop there. The Foundation received grants from Vancouver Sun Adopt-a-School, Breakfast Club of Canada, Loblaws and Save-On Foods, amounting to more than \$150,000. At the same time donations kept coming in from a never-ending list: VWR Capital, Shewan Foundation, Western Water Farms, Premium Brands, Horizon Landscape, Envision Financial, Darnell & Co. Law, Valley Traffic, Mitsubishi, Langley Advance/Times, Viaduct Sheet Metal, CHP Architects, Township of Langley, United Churches of Langley, Township of Langley Firefighters Charity, Langley Rotary Sunrise, Aldergrove Rotary, Tzu Chi Foundation, Beatniks Restaurant, Sudden Impact, BIZ Canada, Freshco, Super Save Group, Re/Max, Fred Welsh Industries, Jewish Foundation, Langley Advance/Times and the Langley Principal Vice-Principal Association (LPVPA).

The Foundation is profoundly grateful to all its donors, but we still need help. We started the program on April 6, 2020 and are now into our 11th week. We are spending more the \$32,500 every week with a commitment to continue on with our program until September or October of next year and maybe beyond. Please donate if you can to www.langleyschoolsdistrictfoundation.com.

To see the Student Success section in Langley Advance/Times <https://bit.ly/3eyuNi1>

For more information: contact Susan Cairns, Executive Director, Langley School District Foundation at scairns@sd35.bc.ca.

Mrs. Paton



June 3, 2020

Statement from the Langley School District – Supporting our Community

Dear Langley School District Students, Staff and Families:

As you may have heard in the media, there are tensions and protests all over the world in regards to race relations. In this current climate, I want to acknowledge how difficult this may be for some of our students, staff and their families. Our District's vision is an innovative, inspiring and unified learning community. As guided by our vision, our schools foster an inclusive and accepting culture.

I want you to know that as a District we have no tolerance for hate, and we continue to do our best in creating a healthy and safe environment for all. During this difficult time, the District is asking for everyone's support in caring for one another. As educators, we must respond to fear and work together to create a community that makes all people feel healthy and safe and enables them to succeed and thrive. We need your help too.

Individuals may wish to talk about their thoughts and feelings. As always, counselling and support services are available through the District to further support your child's emotional needs upon request.

If you or your child require ongoing supports outside of school, the following agencies are recommended resources:

START Team/Fraser Health (urgent mental health support) – 1-888-782-7811

Crisis Line – <https://crisiscentre.bc.ca>

Additional resources may be found here: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/student-support-services/counselling-mental-health-support/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gord Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Gord Stewart
Superintendent of Schools