



Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Dear Parents:

What a joy it is to have our students return to school. We have missed them so much over the last 6 months and we look forward to supporting their learning journey this year. As our school is a closed campus for now, our *Meet the Teacher* will look very different this year as we cannot hold our traditional event in the school. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to you with an alternate Meet the Teacher connection. This might be an individual phone call to each family, a very small group outside meeting time, a video from the teacher, or perhaps even a Teams meeting to re-orientate you to the Teams platform. Our teachers are so creative! Remember that this is a time to meet your child's teacher and not ask specific questions about your child's progress at school or learning needs. If you have more specific questions then feel free to make an appointment to talk with the teacher. Thanks.

This is our amazing SEA (special education assistant) team and their "kindness Crew" attire. They support many of our students throughout the day and their work is so appreciated.



Mrs. Abernethy, Ms. Soriano, Ms. Power, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Zandbergen, Mrs. Giesbrecht, Ms. DeCoffe, Mrs. Van De Bon

Health and Safety continues to be our top priority. Thank you for completing daily health checks with your child and doing your part to ensure our school community is healthy and safe. If you have not submitted your form to the school, please do so as soon as possible.

The BCCDC and BC Ministry of Health has changed guidelines around daily health check procedures. Notably, they have reduced the number of symptoms and included recommendations on what families should be doing in the event of an illness. Please read the new daily health check form and use it as a reference when completing the daily health check with your child. You are not required to complete or submit a new daily health check form to the school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school. I have attached the new form to this email for you to

Some key points on the new form:

If you answered "YES" to one of the "Symptoms of Illness" questions (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment. The symptoms listed were: *fever, chills, cough or worsening of chronic cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell or taste, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. This also includes new mild symptoms of illness like a sore throat.*

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the "Symptoms of Illness" questions or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

Reminders for Parents

One of the reasons for the staggered start and end times is to ensure that our school grounds are not crowded and we have the room to safely get the children to their proper line-up areas. **Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes ahead of your time** (A-L 8:40 am and 2:16 pm and M-Z 8:50 am and 2:26 pm) and please remember to leave as soon as you are able to after drop off and pick up.

*If you need to pick up your child early please come to the office first so arrangements can be made. If your child is late they will need to stop at the office first for a late slip.

Our parking lot continues to be a difficult area to navigate with so many parents using it especially for staggered times. Here are some things to consider when using the drive thru:

*the drive thru lane is only for drop off/pick up. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended to get your children.

*Arriving on time will help this area flow smoothly. Please ensure that you are arriving at 2:26 for the last pick up.

*Parking on a side street is very helpful to limit the congestion in our lot. If you can, please park and walk to pick up or drop off your child. A reminder that the school lot is for staff members.

*Always drive through as far as possible in the lane before stopping to pick up your children. This will help the traffic flow quickly so we do not have line ups on the street.

*Kindergarten and Grade 1 parents can use the gravel lot behind our neighbouring church. Please back in to park and try to conserve as much space as possible when parking. Remember the paved parking lot is NOT ours to use.

Learning Commons News

If your child joined the Fraser Valley Regional Library's "Explore Our Universe" summer reading program please send in your child's reading log to his or her classroom teacher. The reading logs will be displayed on the bulletin board outside the library and your child will be able to choose a small prize from the library for reading this summer. Thank you for maintaining the love of reading!

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 25	School Improvement Day - students not in attendance
Monday, September 28	Kindergarten students attending full days
Wednesday, September 30	Orange Shirt Day
Friday, October 16	Individual Photo Day

House Points

Stay tuned for upcoming Spirit Days.

School Goals

This year we will continue with our Character goals. Due to COVID we were unable to complete our focus on perseverance so we will be beginning our school year with this character trait.

PAC News

Don't forget to sign up on the hot lunches site - fes.hotlunches.net This is the site that all the newsletters from the school get sent home through (as well as where ordering for hot lunch which will occur hopefully soon) so it's really important that you sign up. **Everyone, both new and old families, has to register again.** Here's how: on the right side of the page, click "click here to register" and then enter your info. The access code is Fundy2021 (case sensitive). Once you've registered add you child(red) by going to Profile and add students.

Mrs. Paton