



# Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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**Principal: Mrs. Deah Paton**  
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**Date: Thursday, October 15, 2020**

## Dear Parents:

This week's newsletter is highlighting two of our kindergarten teachers; Ms. Rogers and Mrs. Wright. Each newsletter this year will feature one or two teachers. I look forward to sharing our amazing staff with all of you!



Miss Rogers grew up in Langley and attending Otter Elementary, Wix-Brown Elementary, and graduated from DW Poppy. She worked at Coast Capital (used to be called Surrey Credit Union) while attending Fraser Valley College and SFU to get her teaching degree. She has lived and worked in Langley for most of her life - she did spend two years teaching grades 4 and 5 in Mexico, where she learned to speak a little bit of Spanish. She lives in Langley with her husband, BenJ, and their two pups, Charlie and Oscar. She has been a teacher for over 25 years and truly loves teaching Kindergarten.



Mrs. Wright grew up in three different regions of British Columbia but has spent the longest stretch of time living in Langley. Mrs. Wright loves living in Langley with her husband and their son who currently attends Langley Fundamental Elementary. The Wright family enjoys mountain biking among other sports, but they also love a good movie night together at home. Mrs. Wright has been teaching in Langley for nearly 25 years with 17 of those years being in her favourite grade; Kindergarten.

Both Miss Rogers and Mrs. Wright love teaching Kindergarten because of the enthusiasm that Kindergarten aged children bring with them to school. As well, Miss Rogers and Mrs. Wright love witnessing all the new discoveries, amazing growth, and lots of firsts that come with Kindergarten. They both enjoy watching our youngest students develop independence, confidence, and a joy of learning!

The upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 27 (2:00 - 7:30 pm) and Wednesday, October 28 (2:00 - 4:30 pm). Conference booking will be open on Wednesday, October 21 at 9:00 am until Monday, October 26th at 2:00 pm. To sign up for an interview time please use this link and password:

[lfees.parentteacherconferences.net](https://lfees.parentteacherconferences.net)

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For our face to face conferences, we ask that parents enter through your child's entrance door and not the front foyer. Also, please wear a mask during your interview time. Thanks.

Thanks to many of you who donated food items for our partner school in need. We have a bin in the front entrance of the school and the items are collected each Friday. Here is a list of the needs this week:

Dried lentils and dried chickpeas  
Peanut butter and jam  
Teas and **instant** coffee  
Honey  
Sugar/flour  
Pasta sauce  
Plain rice  
Kraft dinner  
Snacks - fruit cups, granola bars, juice boxes  
Baby wipes  
Diapers - 4/5/6

We are also in need of some grocery store gift cards. Please drop those off with Mrs. Mein. Thanks for your generosity!

## The Fundy Pumpkin Patch Experience!



On Thursday, October 22, all students will be participating in an onsite field trip. We are thrilled to announce the Aldor Acre Pumpkin Patch and Petting Zoo will be coming to us!

This event is rain or shine so please make sure your child is dressed for the weather! Please also send a plastic bag for their pumpkin. All pumpkins are "school sized" so your child should be able to carry it.

All students will remain with their cohorts and the field trip will follow all necessary COVID safety protocols.

### **Reminders for Parents**

Our staggered dismissal times have been running much smoother. Thanks for not coming early for your child if they are in the late pick up (M-Z). We are experiencing some morning drop off issues though. Please remember to pull through as far as you can in the drop off lane to drop off your child. If you stop with space ahead of you it backs up traffic on the main street. Your help with this is much appreciated.

This September a student reunification form was sent home to be filled out and returned. This form would be used to ensure that students are released to the appropriate family emergency contact person in an evacuation type event such as an earthquake. It is important that all these forms are returned to the school asap.

Kindergarten registration for our upcoming 2021/22 school year opened on Monday, October 5, 2020 and will be closing on Monday, October 19th, 2020 at noon. Siblings and grandfathered children are given priority and the remaining seats are selected through a lottery system governed by the school district. To put your child on the list go to the SD35 website, at the top bar select "Programs & Initiatives" then "Programs of Choice" to register your child. If you have any questions please call our office. If an older child attends this school (or LFMSS) you still need to apply during this two week window to secure a spot for your child.

## Learning Commons News

Nuts About Reading! We are now halfway through our first month of home reading. Have you started to establish the daily habit of reading with your children? If not, there is still lots of time to make reading a daily routine. Please remember to record minutes read on the October calendar.

## Upcoming Events

Friday, October 16

Individual Photo Day

Thursday, October 22

Pumpkin Patch event

Friday, October 23

Professional Development Day - students not in session

Friday, October 30

Hallowe'en Spirit Day

## House Points

Our first spirit day, Hallowe'en, is fast approaching.

## School Goals

**Character:** Perseverance



**Academic:** Writing and Numeracy

Mrs. Paton



October 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Testing of Drinking Water in Schools

The Langley School District is responsible for testing drinking water in its district facilities, in particular, for the presence of lead. The District is compliant in its testing requirements and approved response plan with all governing bodies including Fraser Health and the Ministry of Education. Under the testing plan, districts are required to test one-third of the schools considered at-risk (built pre-1990) every year.

In year four of testing, the District has completed testing for the latest group of elementary schools including Glenwood, Uplands, Blacklock, Nicomekl, Langley Fundamental, Douglas Park, Alice Brown, West Langley, Peterson Road, Langley Meadows, and Wix-Brown.

Results were found to be within acceptable limits except for the following six elementary schools: Glenwood, Uplands, Blacklock, Nicomekl, Langley Fundamental and Douglas Park. Water samples were taken from sinks at each site. As per the District's response plan, these sinks remain in place throughout the six schools but have signage installed clearly outlining the station is used for 'handwashing only.'

It is important to note, all water fountains in classrooms have been removed across the District and each school has a lead filtered water bottle filling station. For more information and a list of water testing results, please visit the District website page [here](#).

If you have any concerns or questions, please email [feedback@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:feedback@sd35.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gord Stewart".

Gord Stewart  
Superintendent of Schools