



Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Dear Parents:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Fundy families a Happy New Year! I trust that your Christmas Holiday was restful and perhaps gave you a chance to push the pause button and relax. This last year was certainly full of it's challenges and we are all looking forward to moving in a positive direction in the months to come.

The teacher that I am highlighting this week is Mrs. Leonard, a Grade 1 teacher. We are so thankful that she is part of our team!



I have been teaching for 26 years in both Abbotsford and Langley. I have always wanted to teach at LFES and have been here teaching Grade 1 for 6 years. Both my children attended LFES and LFMS. I love teaching Grade 1 because I love the growth we see in each student. My passion is teaching students to read and write. I work with a great Grade 1 team so this makes my job easy. I love hiking on the weekends at Buntzen lake and I loved going to the movies pre COVID. Fun Fact: I met my husband working at the movie theatre (I was a cashier and he was a

doorman). We have been married 27 years! I have 2 dogs and 2 cats. I hope to travel again soon.

Reminders for Parents

Our pick times continue to be problematic. If you are part of the 2:26 pm pick up please do not arrive before that time. We are finding that student in the early dismissal are unable to be picked up as cars cannot enter our parking lot and this creates a significant amount of congestion on the road. Also, it is unsafe to have your child meet you on the road so please ensure that you only pick up your child in the parking lot or park and walk to the school. Thank you so much for your attention to this important matter.

I feel it's time to reset some of our COVID protocols and expectations as we enter the new year. Please remember that our playgrounds are closed before and after school and **students need to line up by their classroom doors until the bell to prevent any mixing of groups or cohorts in the morning.** Also, please keep in mind that we have staggered times to allow for students to enter the building without congestion in the hallways and at the sinks in rooms. Please be mindful to not come before your time - 8:40 am and 8:50 am in the morning and 2:16pm and 2:26 pm after school. These protocols are set out by the health officials so we need to hold fast to them to ensure all students are in a safe environment. I realize that it is difficult for our little ones to understand this so your help in guiding them is very appreciated.

Some parents may choose to send hand sanitizer for their child to use at school rather than using the school district one. Please keep in mind that many children and adults have sensitivities around smells so be sure to send an unscented one. Thanks.

Health and safety continues to be our top priority. As we start this new year, we want to remind students and families to complete the Daily Health Check. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and doing your part to ensure our school community is healthy and safe. The form is available in multiple languages on the District website here: <https://bit.ly/2Mw0jo5>

Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or www.sd35.bc.ca. Updates are also posted to Twitter @LangleySchools and Facebook at www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict. If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

Learning Commons News

Langley Book Of The Year: Congratulations to Jasper I. for qualifying for our celebration in May. Students still have 4 months to read and qualify for the celebration.

Reading Link Challenge: Students will be meeting every other Thursday to work with Mrs. Aikema in preparation for the challenge. Students will spend about 20 minutes going over questions while working in a team within their division. Next week students will be given a set of practice questions to help prepare for the in-school challenge in March. It is expected that students will read all 6 of the books and that they will see library staff when they have completed reading each book. The names of students who have read all 6 books will be reported in upcoming newsletters.

Langley Picture Book Of The Year: Over the next 10 weeks the following books will be read aloud during class visits to the library. At the end of the 10 weeks students will vote for their favourite book and the book with the most votes will be announced as the Langley Picture Book Of The Year winner. A short summary of each book is listed below.

Salma the Syrian Chef - https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/48984781-salma-the-syrian-chef?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=sh4EibS1xm&rank=1

The Barnabus Project- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/49155319-the-barnabus-project?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=uFnFYeW1Dg&rank=1

If You Come to Earth- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/50930390-if-you-come-to-earth?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=fxd4AsWmMG&rank=1

I Am Every Good Thing- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/49024173-i-am-every-good-thing?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=7Aq8550wkF&rank=1

Ron's Big Mission- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/5955260-ron-s-big-mission?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=0wU8KenCZG&rank=1

We Are Water Protectors - https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/44581496-we-are-water-protectors?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=3mefT6Q549&rank=1

Once Upon a Goat- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/43538388-once-upon-a-goat?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=WHshuXdmzH&rank=1

Ray- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/52429878-ray?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=aOg3WGfZOQ&rank=1

Fauja Singh Keeps Going- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/49023847-fauja-singh-keeps-going?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=JRkaRjACVc&rank=1

Fry Bread- https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/42642044-fry-bread?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=ZBRiWB0fGS&rank=1

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 18	PAC meeting (zoom) at 7:00 pm
Friday, January 22	Spirit Day; half-way to summer
Friday, February 5	Treat Day
Thursday, February 11	Spirit Day; wear your Valentine's colours (red, white, pink)
Friday, February 12	Pro-d Day. School not in session for students
Monday, February 15	Family Day. School not in session
Friday, February 19	Hot Lunch
Monday, February 22	Report Card prep/Design & Assessment. School not in session for students
Friday, March 5	2nd Term report cards issued/hot lunch
Wednesday, March 10	1-hour Early dismissal for conferences
Thursday, March 11	1-hour Early dismissal for conferences
Friday, March 12	Spirit Day; mixed up and backwards day/last day prior to spring break
Monday, March 29	Schools reopen

House Points

	PJ Day	Total
Canucks: 776	270	1046
Canadians: 833	260	1093
Lions: 846	275	1121
Whitecaps: 751	258	1009

Our next Spirit Day is Friday, January 22. Half way to summer spirit day.

School Goals

Character: This second term of school we will be covering Optimism/Positivity.



Numeracy: Last year we had a numeracy board where students could look at the problem of the week and submit answers. I would draw a name and give a small prize to students who had the correct answer each Friday. In the next newsletter, I will include a problem for your family to work on at home. If you email your answers to me I will submit their name in the draw each month.

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PAC

We have a family who has a piano they would like to give to a good home. It's a upright one. If you are interested please contact the office for information.

Mrs. Paton