



Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Dear Parents:

For those of you who have been part of this school community for several years you will remember our partnership with a school in Zimbabwe, Africa: Gandidzanwa Primary School. In 2010, Langley Fundamental Elementary started a coin drive fundraising event which continued until 2020 when COVID hit. It would have been our 10th and final year of supporting the school but unfortunately it was put on hold. If you would like to read about this project, here is a link to the newspaper coverage:

<https://www.langleyadvancetimes.com/community/lfes-students-shine-in-coin-drive-for-zimbabwe-school/>

Our staff has been discussing the desire to complete the final stage of this important project. Zimbabwe has now given permission to add kindergarten classes to the school so we would love to see this through to completion! HearAfrica is the organization that we have worked with and they reached out to the Gandidzanwa Principal who said that currently the kindergarten kids are learning in one of the old barn buildings which was left by the previous farmer. The cost of this project will be approximately \$18,000 Canadian. In previous years we have raised consistently 8-10,000 per year so this is definitely attainable. More information will be coming out soon.

We have 2 hockey nets that need to find a good home. These nets are perfect for individual or small group use, but unfortunately they are not sturdy enough for our grade 3, 4 and 5 hockey games. If you could use these please reach out to me (dpaton@sd35.bc.ca).

Reminders for Parents

[Resource for Families with Pre-K learners](#)

The District continue to improve early learning transitions for pre-K children. The District's early learning community partner, the BC Children's Kelty Centre runs a podcast called Where You Are. The latest podcast episode focuses on Social and Emotional Development in the Early Years which parents and caregivers may find

helpful. The District is sharing this resource with families with pre-K learners. See episode description and link below.

Benefits for Life: Social and Emotional Development in the Early Years

Between ages 0-6, a child's social and emotional health is every bit as important as their physical health. It affects how they express emotions, deal with stress, develop friendships, and more. Join podcast hosts Bryn and Michelle as they take a closer look at social and emotional development (SED) in the early years, including what it is, how you can support your child's SED, and how these skills will benefit them for life. In this episode you'll hear from Joelle, a busy mom to a five-year-old, and Dr. Angela Low, a researcher and educator whose work focuses on social and emotional competence in children. You'll even hear from some little ones who share their experiences too. Listen to the 26-minute episode [here](#). For all episodes [here](#).

Learning Commons News

Langley Book Of The Year

Congratulations to Katerina D., Benjamin S., and Ella S. for qualifying for our celebration lunch in May. So far, we have had 13 students who qualify, but there is still time!

Reading Link Challenge

We are continuing to meet weekly in preparation for the in-school challenge. Since we only have a limited supply of the books, we are encouraging students to also request copies from the Fraser Valley Regional Libraries. The in-school competition will likely take place in March.

Family Literacy Week

Thank you for participating in our reading bingo. We had 126 bingo sheets handed in and 10 students won Indigo gift cards.

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 11	District Pro-d. Students not in session
Monday, February 14	Red, white, pink spirit day
Friday, February 18	Design and Assessment/Report card prep
	Students not in session
Monday, February 21	Family Day. Schools closed
Tuesday Feb. 22 - 25	District Respect and Diversity Week
Friday, March 4	2nd term report cards issued/Crazy Hat spirit day
Wednesday, March 9	Early dismissal at 1:30 pm/Student-led conferences.
Thursday, March 10	Early dismissal at 1:30 pm/Student-led conferences.
Friday, March 11	Last day prior to Spring Break
Monday, March 28	Schools reopen

Home and School Working Together for Student Success

House Points

	Jersey Day	Total
Canucks	255	1732
Canadians	205	1732
Whitecaps	240	1843
BC Lions	295	1904

Our next spirit day is on February 14. Wear pink, white, red.

School Goals

Our three goals this year are: kindness/compassion - responsibility - perseverance/grit. Here is the next segment (website <https://www.psycom.net/build-resilience-children>) with many useful tips for building resilience (grit) in our kids.

Teach Problem-Solving Skills

The goal is not to promote rugged self-reliance. We all need help sometimes, and it's important for kids to know they have help. By brainstorming solutions with kids, parents engage in the process of solving problems. Encourage kids to come up with a list of ideas and weigh the pros and cons of each one.

Label Emotions

When stress kicks in, emotions run hot. Teach your kids that all feelings are important and that labeling their feelings can help them make sense of what they're experiencing. Tell them it's okay to feel anxious, sad, jealous, etc. and reassure them that bad feelings usually pass.

Mrs. Paton