



Langley Fundamental Elementary School

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Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022

Dear Parents:

Welcome back to another school year. Each year they seem to fly by faster! It's wonderful to begin our new school year in the same fashion we ended; families are able to come back into our building and our capacity limits have been lifted. We still need to be vigilant about keeping our staff and students safe and healthy though, so if your child is sick please keep them home. At the end of this newsletter is a COVID update.

At the beginning of each school year it's important to review some of our school/student safety protocols. If you need to pick up your child early from school, please let the classroom teacher know and pick them up at the office. We sign each child out so they are accounted for in the case of an emergency. Also, we ask that you do not pick your children up in the playground area during recess/lunch. They need to be dismissed from the office. If you need to be outside during our break times please check in at the office first and wear a visitor tag lanyard before entering the playground area. If a staff member stops you please understand that its for student safety that we know all adults that are on our playground areas during the day.

Next week, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher on our Back to School BBQ and Meet the Teacher evening (September 22). The event will begin at 5:00 with the BBQ and our teachers will be in their classrooms waiting to meet you anytime between 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Please keep in mind that this is just a time to meet and not to discuss how your child is doing academically. If you'd like to schedule a private meeting with the teacher please do so for these conversations. Thank you.

Here is our bell schedule for the year:

8:27 am	Supervision begins
8:42 am	warning bell
8:47 am	Second bell
10:15 am	Recess begins
10:30 am	Recess ends
11:57 am	Lunch play time begins
12:30 pm	Play time ends
2:30 pm	Dismissal bell
2:45 pm	End of supervision bell

Please note that students are not supervised outside before 8:27 am and after 2:45 pm.

Reminders for Parents

Our pick up can be a bit busy so here are some tips to avoid congestion and frustration on our street:

- *please only drop off and pick up children from the inside lane closest to the school.
- *pull forward as far as possible before stopping to drop off or pick up. If you stop as soon as you see your child or where it seems more accessible to their classroom you keep the traffic from moving through the lot and causes a back up on the street.
- *Kindergarten and Grade 1 parents can park in the church lot in the back gravel area. Please only use the gravel area and back into the stalls for the safety of our children.
- *the parking lot is for staff only. Please use the side streets for parking if you need to come into the school as some staff are not able to find parking stalls in the morning.
- *Try coming a few minutes past the bell for pick up when the lot has cleared out. At approximately 2:40 pm our lot is beginning to settle down.
- *Parking on the side streets and walking with your children also really helps.

If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten in the 2023/24 school year you will need follow the registration process to reserve a spot for your child. Siblings are given first priority and any remaining seats are given to other students on a lottery system. Here is the link for applications and more information:

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/programs-initiatives/programs-of-choice/>

The portal will open on Monday, October 3 at noon and close on Monday, October 17th at noon. .

Parent Consent Request

Each year, Langley schools asks families to complete a set of parent consent forms for their child. These consent forms are required by our schools to ensure the health, safety, and security of all students. Langley schools use a secure web form to collect this information. Beginning mid-September, please watch for an email request (subject Parent Consent Request) that contains one link for you to submit consents for all children in your family attending any Langley school. If your email address or contact information has changed, please call your school to correct it in our files. If you have not received an email regarding Parent Consent Request by the end of September or have any questions/concerns, please contact your school administrator.

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. As we welcome our new families to our schools, some parents/guardians may receive a text message notifying them about SchoolMessenger. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).

Schools and families continue to work together to ensure success for students. If you have an issue or concern but don't know who to speak with, the District encourages you to read these helpful Communicating with your School guidelines for parents/guardians

Home and School Working Together for Student Success

found on our District website [here](#). As an additional reference, review this one-page resource [here](#).

General Election 2022 – Advance Voting Opportunities

To support our community partners the City of Langley and the Township of Langley, we are sharing important information regarding Advance Voting opportunities for the upcoming local general election.

- Langley City residents can vote on October 4, 5, 6, and 12. To view locations, hours and more information visit this webpage [here](#)
- Township of Langley residents can vote in advance on Oct 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13. To view locations, hours and more information visit this webpage [here](#)
- All residents can vote by mail ballot or in-person on general voting day Saturday, October 15.

As in past elections, many of our school sites will be used as polling stations. Your Vote, Your Voice. Get out and vote!

Learning Commons News

All Together Now: Summer Reading Club 2022

If your children participated and completed the reading logs, please bring the logs to the library. We will display the reading logs on the bulletin board outside the library and students will be awarded a small prize. Students may also bring in their medal to show us if they no longer have the reading log.

Read Through The Seasons!

Our school wide home reading program will start October 1st.

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 16	Mixed up/backwards spirit day
Monday, September 19	School Closure for Queen's funeral
Thursday, September 22	Back to school BBQ 5:00-7:00 pm Meet the Teacher 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Friday, September 23	School improvement day/Students not in session
Thursday, September 29	Orange Shirt Day
Friday, September 30	National day for Truth and Reconciliation/School not in session

House Points

We have our first spirit day tomorrow. Dress backwards or mixed up. Our teams are reset to 0 and the race is on for spirit points. Go Canadians, Lions, Whitecaps and Canucks!

School Goals

More to come in our next newsletter.



COVID-19 Guidelines – September 2022

COVID-19 is still in our community. Our schools will continue to prioritize health and safety and follow protocols to prevent the spread of any communicable diseases. As always, we will be following the current COVID-19 guidelines in K-12 schools which are similar to how we ended the last school year. You can view the guidelines [here](#). We are sharing important reminders for students, staff, and families, to help keep our school community safe:

- Stay home when sick
- Be aware of your health daily
- Practice proper handwashing hygiene
- Practice proper coughing and sneezing etiquette

Below is an excerpt from the guidelines on What To Do When Sick:

What To Do When Sick

Staff, students, or other persons who are exhibiting new symptoms of illness (including symptoms of COVID-19 or gastrointestinal illness) should stay home and follow the BCCDC guidance outlined below:

If the person is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms

BCCDC Guidance

The [When to Get Tested for COVID-19](#) resource or the [B.C. Self-Assessment Tool](#) provides more information on whether you should get a test for COVID-19. Those unsure or concerned about their symptoms should connect with a health care provider or call 8-1-1.

Staff, children, or other persons in the school setting who test positive for COVID-19 should follow the guidance on the [BCCDC website](#) as to how long they should self-isolate. They can return to school when they no longer need to self-isolate as long as symptoms have improved, and they are well enough to participate in regular activities. Schools should not require a health care provider note (e.g., a doctor's note) to confirm the health status of any individual, beyond those required to support medical accommodation as per usual practice.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping maintain positive and safe learning environments. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

PLAY IS THE WAY Workshop – Willoughby Elementary School Provincial Pro-D Day -October 21st, 2022

The workshop is being hosted by Willoughby Elementary School at 20766 80th Avenue,
from 9:00am – 2:30pm.

Please register by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.playistheway.ca/open-pro-d-workshops.html>.

Cost is \$125 per person.

The Mental Health Commission of Canada states that Mental illness affects some 1.2 million of our children and youth. By age 25, that number rises to 7.5 million (about one in five Canadians). Play Is The Way is a program that tackles the mental health crisis head on.

After this workshop if you are asked what you are doing about mental health/social emotional well-being in your classroom or schools, you will be able to confidently explain exactly what you are doing!

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