



# This Week at WLE – November 18

## Information

We hope that everyone had some time to connect with family and friends over the November long weekend.

Thank you to our parents and families who joined us in commemorating Remembrance Day. Every student and staff member participated by creating class peace wreaths and art work. We had many students directly involved as speakers, performing in choir with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Schmidt, creating and performing a dramatic representation of Flanders Fields, and singing all together to close our assembly.



Just a friendly reminder that Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> is a non-instructional day for students. While teachers will be working, students do not attend school.

Save the Date: December 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be presenting our Christmas Musical on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and 6:30pm. All students are participating and we need students to attend the evening show. Please consider having grandparents, family members and friends attend the 1pm show as seating is limited at our 6:30pm concert. We are looking for parent assistance with setting up our stage and stage lights afterschool on Monday, December 9. If you are available and willing, please let Ms. Potter-Smith know asap at [clambiepottersmith@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:clambiepottersmith@sd35.bc.ca)

## PAC Information



If you haven't heard already, West Langley PAC is hosting a **Christmas Market tomorrow**, November 16, 10am-3pm. Please consider coming by to support your PAC and West Langley.

Be sure to watch for more information about the next round of WLE PAC Hot lunches. Thank you to our PAC Hot Lunch committee for their work and efforts! Click on the link below to register or order.

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/WestLangley>



## Thought of the Week

Every school in Langley has an Action Plan for Learning to help focus professional discussions, facilitate literacy learning and monitor student success. One of our goals focuses on reading and supporting students to continue developing their reading and writing skills. Below are just a few ways families can help support literacy learning at home.

**Make books special.** Turn reading into something special. Take your kids to the library, help them get their own library card, read with them, and buy them books as gifts. Have a favorite place for books in your home or, even better, put books everywhere.

**Get them to read another one.** Find ways to encourage your child to pick up another book. Introduce him or her to a series like The Boxcar Children, The Magic Tree House, Harry Potter, and the Hunger Games (for older students) or to a second book by a favorite author, or ask the librarian for additional suggestions.

**Different strokes for different folks.** Read different types of books to expose your child to different types of writing. Some kids, especially boys, prefer nonfiction books

**Teach your child some “mind tricks”.** Show your child how to summarize a story in a few sentences or how to make predictions about what might happen next. Both strategies help a child comprehend and remember.

**“Are we there yet?”** Use the time spent in the car or bus for wordplay. Talk about how jam means something you put on toast as well as cars stuck in traffic. How many other homonyms can your child think of? When kids are highly familiar with the meaning of a word, they have less difficulty reading it.

\*suggestions from <https://www.readingrockets.org>



## Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 16 – PAC Christmas Market  
Tuesday, November 19 – 9am Ukulele Performance  
Tuesday, November 19-Friday, November 22 – Scholastic Book Fair in the Library, lunches and afterschool  
Monday, November 25 – Non-instructional Day, students do not attend  
Tuesday, November 26 – 6:30pm PAC Meeting  
Thursday, November 28 – Hot lunch

### Future Events:

Monday, Dec 1: 1:15pm DO Gibson Artstarts Performance  
Monday, Dec 9: Christmas Musical stage setup – Parent help needed!  
Thursday, Dec 12: PAC Hot Lunch  
Friday, Dec 13: Term One Report Cards  
Tuesday, Dec 17: Student-only Christmas Musical performance – all costumes needed!  
Wednesday, Dec 18: 1pm and 6:30pm Christmas Musical Performance  
Friday, Dec 20: Last day of Classes prior to Winter Break  
Monday, Jan 6: Schools reopen after Winter Break