



## This Week at WLE – January 13

### Many Thanks

Thank you to all our WLE families for your contributions to our Christmas Hamper and SHARE family donations. Everyone's kindness truly made a difference for other families.

Many thanks as well to those who helped us with taking down our stage from the Christmas Concert, to the our PAC for a fabulous Pancake Breakfast and to all the families who gave teachers and staff lovely gifts and treats. We are truly grateful to be part of a generous and thoughtful community.



### Kindergarten Registration

It's the time of year to get ready to register for Kindergarten! Kindergarten Registration begins on **Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> until March 31**. The office will be open from 7:30am-3:00pm for registrations. When you come to register (even if siblings already attend WLE) please be sure to bring the following documents:

#### **Student's Proof of Age (one of the following):**

Birth certificate  Certificate of citizenship (must have both sides)  Court Order  Driver's Licence  Immigration Canada documents (if refugee paperwork, please send a copy to Office Services, SBO).  Passport  Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS), also known as Status Card.

**Parents' Citizenship – (Canadian Citizens)**  Canadian Birth certificate  Canadian passport  Canadian citizenship card  Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS), also known as Status Card.

**Parents' Citizenship – (Permanent Residents / Refugees)**  Landed permanent residents card  Refugee documents from Immigration Canada (with a copy of the Student's documents, see above)

**Residency:** The custodial parent/guardian must be resident in BC  BC Drivers license  Subject free Purchase Agreement (move in date within 6 months)  Municipal tax bill  Mortgage statement  Utility bill

If you have any questions about registration, please call our school office at 604-888-6444.

## Kinderstarts and Ready, Set Learn (RSL)

We have four upcoming sessions at West Langley! Please click on the link below to register.

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/programs-initiatives/early-learning-birth-5-yrs/>

- 1) Kinder Starts – Literacy, Numeracy or Rhyme: Wednesday, February 26 (1-2:30pm)
- 2) RSL – Movement, Music and Me: Wednesday, April 1 (1:30-2:30pm)
- 3) RSL – Early Literacy: Wednesday, April 22 (1:30-2:30pm)
- 4) RSL – Read to Me: Wednesday, May 13 (1:30-2:30pm)

## Walnut Grove Secondary Grade 7 Open House

Parent/Guardians and their grade 7 students are invited to attend the WGSS Grade 7 Open House on January 30 from 6:00-7:30pm. More information will be sent home with students next week.



## Inclement Weather Information

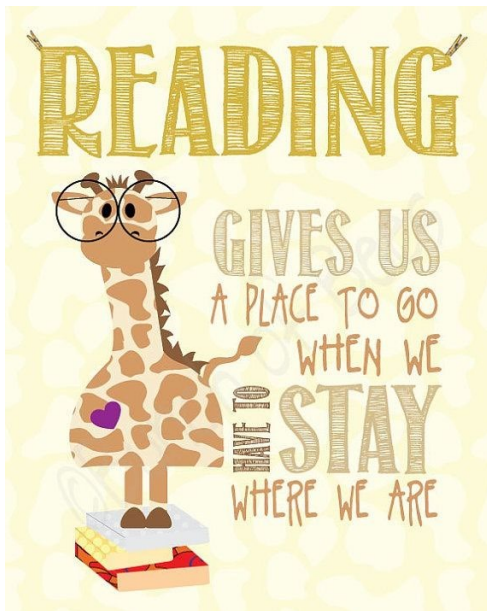
Information About School Status During Inclement Weather/Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or [www.sd35.bc.ca](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). Updates are also posted to Twitter @LangleySchools and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](http://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.

## Emergency Drills

On January 15, we will be practicing a Hold and Secure Drill so we are sending some information help you get familiar with our emergency procedures. Each year, schools across British Columbia practice emergency drills to learn routines and expectations that can be used in a variety of situations. Routines and practiced expectations help to keep everyone calm and orderly allowing adults to respond appropriately. Some of these drills include fire, earthquake (drop, cover and hold), evacuate, shelter in place, room clear, hold and secure and lockdown. We will typically do 9-10 emergency drills a year, most of them being fire and earthquake drills. Please see the attached emergency drill poster which is also located in every classroom. If a school was to go into a hold and secure or into lockdown, families would receive communication from the school after consultation with the School Board Office.

If your child might become anxious about the hold and secure drill, you can help us by reviewing with your child/children that it is only a drill and that they are safe. Their teachers are present to help them and give them reassurance – it is a quiet emergency drill and we remain inside. If you think giving us a heads up to provide additional support to your child is warranted, please do not hesitate to let Ms. Potter-Smith know at [clambiepottersmith@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:clambiepottersmith@sd35.bc.ca). If you have any questions about our emergency drills, please contact Ms. Potter-Smith.



## Reading

We are working on strengthening our reading skills at West Langley which is the focus of daily instruction in each of our classrooms. We would like to encourage everyone to:

- Read out loud together
- Encouraging your older student to read every day
- Talk about what they have read
- Visit the local library together and borrow books to read

“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you’ll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss

## Reminders

We have been working with students to demonstrate kind, respectful behaviours. As you know, most of the time, students make great choices and are great citizens of West Langley Elementary. Occasionally, students do make mistakes and reminding students of the following expectations would help us ensure a safe, caring and comfortable environment.

- Students are expected to display respectful behaviour towards all staff, volunteer parents, and each other both verbally and physically. These expectations extend to before and afterschool as well.
- We have supervision outside from 8:15am-8:30am in the morning. Students should be arriving after 8:15am unless there is a pre-arranged, teacher supervised activity.
- Once students arrive on school grounds in the morning, they are expected to remain on campus. If they need to leave for some reason, please come to the office for support and to obtain parent permission to leave. Students should not be playing in the forest.

Thank you for your support. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Potter-Smith.

## PAC Information

- 1) A friendly reminder that our Hot Lunch ordering for the rest of the winter/spring session is still open for ordering. Ordering for our Popcorn treat day on January 23 will be closing next week, Thursday, January 16.

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



- 2) Watch for more information to come on the WLE PAC's Pub Fundraiser on February 29<sup>th</sup> at Jimmy Mac's.

## Calendar of Events

January 17: Spirit Day – Tacky Tourist Day

January 30

- PAC Meeting, 6:30pm
- 9am: Jump Rope for Heart Campaign Kick Off Assembly
- 1pm: BC Sports Hall of Fame Presentation for Gr. 4-7
- 6-7:30pm: Grade 7 Open House at Walnut Grove Secondary



### Upcoming Events:

February 3 – Green Thumb Theatre Presentation, 1:30pm

February 13 – Spirit Day: Red, White and Pink Day

February 14 – Professional Development Day (Schools closed to students)

February 17 – Family Day (Schools Closed)