



This Week at WLE – February 3

Traffic and parking concerns

We have a continued and growing concern about traffic safety on the approach to West Langley Elementary and in our parking lot. Please review the following information carefully.

- 1) **Our school zones are 30 km/h and begin BEFORE 212th Street. Our school zones begin on 95 Ave and 93a Ave. These speed limits are in place from 8am until 5pm on all school days.**
- 2) When you turn into the Telegraph Trail Park and West Langley Elementary entrance, the speed limit is immediately 15km/h and all drivers are reminded to drop their speed to 10km/h or less when proceeding through our parking lot.
- 3) We understand mornings are a busy time for all families but speeding through school zones and the parking lot puts our most precious people in jeopardy. SLOW DOWN when approaching the school and our parking lot.
- 4) Unless you have an accessibility pass for your vehicle, refrain from parking in our accessibility parking stall. This spot is legally designated for our families and visitors who require mobility accommodations and you will be asked to immediately vacate the parking stall. If parking stalls are full proceed through the traffic circle and park in the north gravel field.
- 5) Our parking lot is one way. Please follow the traffic pattern. When exiting the north gravel field, proceed left through the staff parking lot closest to the school and then exit back out.
- 6) When dropping off students, please do not enter the parking lot and stop part way and turn around in the middle of the entrance. Please proceed through the circular traffic pattern and then park.
- 7) Please be kind and respectful to school staff directing traffic and students. Our focus is student safety and while we understand everyone may feel rushed, we will be asking everyone to comply with traffic expectations.



Thank you for your cooperation and helping us keep everyone safe as they travel to and from school.

Camp Jubilee – Grade 7 Camp Information Meeting

On Tuesday, February 4 at 6pm, there will a very important information meeting about our June Grade 7 Camp in the library. Camp Jubilee will be joining us with a short presentation, answer questions families may have and hand out all forms. It would be great if every grade 7 camp was represented at the meeting (students are welcome to attend) but families not present will have forms sent home on Wednesday, February 5. If you have further information, please contact Ms. Potter-Smith at clambiepottersmith@sd35.bc.ca or phone the school office at 604-888-6444.



PAC Information

WLE PAC is excited to announce we're hosting a Parents Night Out on Saturday February 29th at Jimy Mac's Pub!! EVERYONE is welcome and last year was a lot of fun so we hope to see you there!



Each \$20 ticket includes a burger, fries and a drink (beer, highball or wine). Tickets are on sale today in the office (please see Ms. Swerdan) or contact us at westlangleypac@outlook.com. There will also be a 50/50 Draw. Please consider joining us (bring your friends!) in support of the West Langley PAC and help us fundraise to support learning and activities for all our students.

Hot Lunch



The next hot lunch is February 13 and will be Pizza and Valentines Cookie Day. The February 27 event is Cobs Treat Day. Ordering for February 13 will be closing next week February 6. Be sure not to miss out and register today! Go to this website link to register and order: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/WestLangley>

Emergency Drills

On February 4, we will be practicing a Lock Down 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 is worried about the lock down 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. If you have any questions about our emergency drills, please contact Ms. Potter-Smith directly.

Calendar of Events

- February 3 – Green Thumb Theatre Presentation, 1:30pm
- February 4 – Lock Down Drill (please see Emergency Procedures attachment)
- February 4 – Grade 7 Camp Information Evening, 6pm, WLE Library
- February 6 – Order deadline for February 13 Hot Lunch



Upcoming Events:

- February 13 – Spirit Day: Red, White and Pink Day
- February 14 – Professional Development Day (Schools closed to students)
- February 17 – Family Day (Schools Closed)
- February 20 – Grade 7 Band at Walnut Grove Secondary (evening – more information to follow)
- February 24 – Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend
- February 26 – Kinderstarts: Literacy, Numeracy or Rhyme), 1:00-2:30pm

Kindergarten Registration

It's the time of year to get ready to register for Kindergarten! Kindergarten Registration begins on **Monday, January 20th 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, Welcome to Kindergarten 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) Kinderstarts – 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) Welcome to Kindergarten: Wednesday, May 6 (1:00-2:30pm)
- 5) RSL – Read to Me: Wednesday, May 13 (1:30-2:30pm)



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. 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.