**This Week at WLE – May 25**

**Superintendent’s Message**

Please see the latest COVID-19 Information Bulletin from Gordon Stewart, Superintendent of Langley School District at <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/alerts/information-bulletin-may-22-2020/>

**General Information**

Thank you to everyone who picked up our calls these past few days to help us plan for our partial return to in-school on June 1. There will be more details emailed either Wednesday, May 27 or Thursday, May 28 to the families who have said yes to returning. Please be sure to review our Superintendent’s letter attached or found at the link listed above.

**Welcome to Kindergarten**

Thank you to the families that were able to join us this week for a brief meet and greet. It was great to see so many of you. If you were unable to join us or have not yet registered for Kindergarten, please contact the school office at 604-888-6444.

**Message of Care for Langley Seniors**

**Let's help bring some joy and a sense of community to our seniors. Ahead of Seniors Week June 1st to 8th, the Langley Human Dignity Coalition is encouraging our community to help raise spirits for some of our most vulnerable. The current pandemic has been difficult for everyone but it has been especially hard on seniors. The loneliness that our seniors are experiencing due to being isolated from family, friends, and community is devastating. The Coalition is asking children and youth to create paintings, drawings, or poems, for the seniors in our community. For info on how you can help: [https://bit.ly/2zq1fV1](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F2zq1fV1&data=02%7C01%7Cclambiepottersmith%40sd35.bc.ca%7C6498b684d5af4b13dd0f08d7fea94939%7Cfcabfaaef80a4f74b6a7ba15c2a4bb24%7C0%7C0%7C637257875354156255&sdata=XRzt%2FKhXLy0zIoYqeCvensuqVbTAubdqDQUP6TBeMX0%3D&reserved=0)

**Grade 7 Year End Activities**

Even with schools having a partial re-opening effective June 1, it is disappointing for students, families and staff that we will not be able to celebrate our Grade 7 students with typical West Langley traditional celebrations and events. As outlined in a previous letter from our superintendent, camps and large gatherings can not go ahead which includes our trips to Camp Jubilee and the Cultus Lake Water Slides as well as our Grade 7 large group, in-person celebrations. Staff have been having conversations about how to facilitate the tradition of painting ceiling tiles and how to have an alternate, yet hopefully meaningful digital Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony with families participating from their homes. We do still need time this week to gather information for our June 1 re-opening and Welcome to Kindergarten. After that, we will turn our attention to planning and communicating plans to celebrate our Grade 7 students. Several families prior to the break had expressed interest in planning and we will be in contact to consult. Please “save the date” for Wednesday, June 24 which has been set aside for Grade 7 Leaving activities.

**Family and Community Support Webpage**

District and school staff are continuing to provide support for our families during this challenging time. The District website has a new Family & Community Support page to help parents/guardians cope with the impacts of COVID-19. This page includes links to resources including a comprehensive guide developed by the Langley Children Committee, containing health, housing, and financial support information. On this page you will also find a new weekly blog launched by Gail Markin, who is our District Teacher for Social Emotional Learning. She will be covering a new health and wellness topic every time. Thank you to our community partners for their ongoing support. Visit this page:

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/news-events/district-board-news/ministry-updates-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/community-family-support/>

**Student Corner**

***Q:*** *What happened when the lion at the clown?*

***A:*** *He felt funny!*

Do you have a favourite joke? Send it to Ms. Potter-Smith and maybe it will be our joke of the week!