



The Lion Lowdown October 2



Calendar

- October 9 – Individual Photo Day
- October 12 – Thanksgiving Day
- October 15 – BC Great Shakeout Earthquake Drill (10:35am)
- October 20 – PAC Meeting, 6:30pm (no childcare provided)
- October 22 – Pumpkin Patch (see below for more information)
- October 23 – Pro-D Day
- October 27 – Parent Teacher Interviews, 1:17pm Early Dismissal
- October 28 – Parent Teacher Interviews, 1:17pm Early Dismissal
- October 30 – Wear your Halloween costume to school!

What do I need to know?

1. **Schoolcashonline:** This is the payment system we use at West Langley Elementary. It allows you to pay either with credit card or e-cheque. If you have never used School Cash Online we encourage you to sign up using the attached instruction sheet.
 - a. **Current Items for purchase:**
 - i. Student Planner and school supplies
 - ii. Pumpkin for our upcoming Pumpkin Patch
2. **Dogs on School Grounds:** First, as much as our whole staff and most of our community love dogs, there are some members for whom dogs bring on significant anxiety, and who can find it stressful to have dogs, no matter how friendly, waiting at their classroom doors at drop-off and pick-up. We have also had a few situations where students get over-excited when they approach a dog on the school grounds and end up causing that dog considerable stress, occasionally resulting in a negative interaction for both human and dog. We ask that, if your dog comes with you to pick up or drop off, you please wait *well away* from the building. Dogs should wait at the fence in the front, on the walkway to the south, beyond the playground to the north, and on the gravel field at the back of the school. Also, parents of children without dogs, please remind your children that they should always ask the owner's permission to pet a strange dog (or even a familiar one in a new situation) before reaching out. If we all work together, we can provide a safe, stress-free environment for all members of our community, human and canine.
3. **Drop off and Pick Up:** When needing to get out of your car for pick up and drop off, please park in the gravel field if there are no other spots available. To assist with visibility, please avoid parking at the entrance to the school.

4. **U-Turns** – making a U-turn at any point on the road leading up to the school or in our school parking lot is unsafe and disrupts the flow of traffic. Please drive in and follow the traffic loop and refrain from making U-turns. Thank you for your cooperation.
5. **Accessibility Parking spot** – we have one designated accessibility parking spot. It is marked with a blue sign and a painted box on the pavement. If you do not have an accessibility pass, do not park in this spot as we have families who require the space. If you park in this spot without a pass visible on the rearview mirror, you will be asked to move your vehicle right away. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring an inclusive and safe community for everyone.
6. **Be prepared to go outside** in any weather. Students should have coats, boots and umbrellas if raining as we will be spending more time outside this year.
7. **Students needing to leave the school:** If your child needs to leave part way through the day, please note that we are asking parents or designate to physically sign their child out with the office. Our Admin Assistant will meet parents/designate at the front door. Thank you for help.



WLE Pumpkin Patch!

West Langley Elem. is proud to host our first ever pumpkin patch! All students will be invited to roam the patch (in their cohorts) and choose a pumpkin for the season.

When: October 22, 2020

Where: West Langley Grass Field

Who: All West Langley students

Cost: Small pumpkin (9") \$4

Medium pumpkin (12") \$6

On School Cash Online until Oct 19

Ask any questions to your teachers!

HAPPY
Fall YALL



Orange Shirt Day

On Wednesday, September 30, we took time to acknowledge the impact Residential Schools has had on indigenous children and their families. While we could not meet as an entire school for an assembly, students gathered together in their classes to participate in this important assembly taking place in the gym that was then streamed into classes via TEAMS. Thank you to Danica and Liam for their leadership and to our teachers who assisted to make it possible.

School Forms

Thank you to everyone who have returned their forms. Please return forms to the school as soon as possible. If you have lost your forms, please contact the school office and we will send new forms home. Thank you for your assistance.

FORMS



Parent Advisory Council

Our next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 6:30pm in the school gym.

Elections for the 2020-2021 School Year will take place at this meeting. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to nominate someone, please email westlangleypac@outlook.com. Please see the attachment to this email for more information. A paper notice of the attachment was also sent home with students.

Please note, at this time we will not be providing childcare for our monthly meetings at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Translated Daily Health Check Form

The new daily health check is translated into multiple languages. Please use these as a reference when completing the daily health check with your child. Thank you for doing your part in following our procedure and keeping the community health and safe. Click [here](#) to access the online form to use as a reference at home.