



The Lion Lowdown - November 13

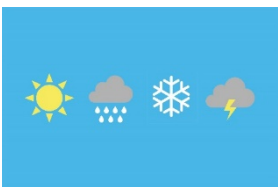


Calendar

- November 16 – Immunizations have been cancelled at this time
- November 17 – PAC Meeting, 6:30pm (watch for further meeting details!)
- November 20 – PAC Fundraising Orders due
- November 23 – Design and Assessment Day – Langley Schools not in session
- November 24 – Food Drive Begins
- November 27 – Spirit Day: Backwards Day!
- December 11 – Report Cards go home

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. **Items for purchase:**
 1. Remembrance Day Poppies (closes today)
 2. Christmas Hamper Donations
 - b. **Overdue Items for purchase:**
 1. Student Planner and school supplies
2. **Christmas Food Drive:** Beginning November 24, West Langley will be collecting food and gift card donations (families can also donate online with 100% of all proceeds will be donated to assist local charities with food and toiletry donations). Be sure to read the information included in this newsletter. All needed health and safety protocols will be followed.



3. **Be prepared to go outside in any weather.** The rainy cold weather has arrived and most of the time, we will be going outside, rain or shine. Students should have coats, boots and umbrellas if raining as we will be spending more time outside this year.

4. **When parents/guardians need to come to the building:** If you need to visit us in person, we ask that all parents/guardians wait outside at the front door – please do not enter the building. If we miss you, please call us at 604-888-6444 and we will come to help you. Thank you for your cooperation.



Remembrance Day

On November 10, the staff and students of West Langley took some time to remember and pay tribute to the men and women who serve and have served our country in various wars and conflicts around the world. We took time to acknowledge the service of our veterans and also

learned about Canadian Indigenous Veterans and their service. Thank you to our student hosts Karis, Keira and Rilyn, our dramatic team of Liam, Danica, Megan, Alicia, and Luke and Division five for their contributions to the ceremony. Thank you to Mrs. Gorseth, Ms. Fownes, Ms. Silva, Mr. McCallister and Mrs. McNeil for their assistance as well.



Parent Advisory Council

Next Meeting:

Our next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:30pm. Stay tuned for more information about our next meeting and its format.

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

Fundraising:

1. Fall Fundraisers

Packages were sent home this week with information about our PAC's 4 fall Fundraisers: Purdy's, Neufeld Farms, Save On Foods gift cards, and Meridian/Ralph's Farm Market gift cards. Please return orders by Friday, November 20th. Any questions please



contact Anna Saurette or Elisa McNeill – annainitaly@hotmail.com or elisamcneill@gmail.com.

2. Year-Round Fundraising

We are also excited to tell you about some **year-round** opportunities to support the PAC and our school. Please share with friends/family/neighbours!!



Return-It

West Langley PAC now has a Return-It Express Account. Collect your empties in clear plastic bags, and drop them off at the Bottle Depot using the Return-It Express program. No counting or sorting required. Print your label at the Bottle Depot using the phone number **555-666-7777** to support our PAC.



Cobs Bread

When you shop at Cobs Bread in Walnut Grove, mention West Langley Elementary and we will receive 5% commission on anything you spend. Spread the word! Anyone can support our school in this easy (and delicious) way.



We're Fundraising with Mabel's Labels!

mabel's labels FUNDRAISING

Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and choose our organization from the list! Then shop and your labels will ship directly to you with FREE shipping!

Mabel's Labels

We have a new fundraising account with Mabel's Labels. If you need labels for kids' stuff, household items, clothing, etc. check them out. They also make address and holiday labels and self-inking stamps! We will receive a 20% commission on any purchases made when you order at **campaigns.mabelslabels.com** and select West Langley Elementary! Free shipping to your home.



WEST LANGLEY FOOD DRIVE

This holiday season, our school community will be supporting the Langley Food Bank and gathering healthy, non-perishable food items, cash online donations and grocery store gift cards for families in need.

We will be collecting donations from **NOVEMBER 24TH TO DECEMBER 16TH**. Students can bring items to their classrooms, or donations can be dropped off outside the front office from 8am – 2:30pm Monday to Friday.

Our school goal is to collect 3,500 food items! To encourage school spirit, we have some fun incentives to earn along the way.

- If we collect **500 FOOD ITEMS** (approx. 2 items per student), each cohort will get an extra 15 minutes of recess!
- If we collect **1000 FOOD ITEMS** (approx. 4 items per student), each cohort will get a Glow Dance Party in the gym!
- If we reach our ultimate goal and collect **3,500 FOOD ITEMS** (approx. 14 items per student), Ms. Russell will dye her hair PINK!

While all non-perishable donations are appreciated, here are some items on the Langley Food Bank's Christmas Wishlist:

Money donated through School Cash Online
Grocery store gift cards
Canned Fruits and Vegetables
Sandwich Spreads (jam, jelly, Nutella)
Coffee (No Keurig type cups please)
Baby food & Formula
Diapers (especially size 4,5,6 & Pull Ups)

Thank you for helping us support our community this holiday season!



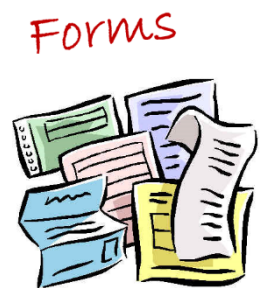
Information About School Status During Inclement Weather?

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.

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.



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.