

The Lion Lowdown - November 20



Calendar

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!

November 30 – Tea Towel Fundraiser Orders Due

December 11 – Report Cards go home

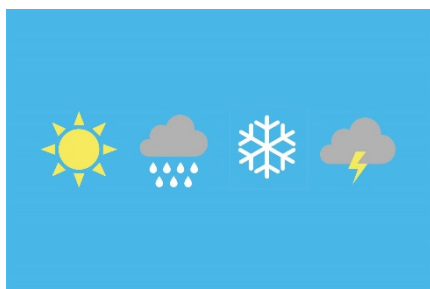
December 14 – Christmas Spirit Week – more information to come!

December 18 – Last day of school before Winter Break

What do I need to know?



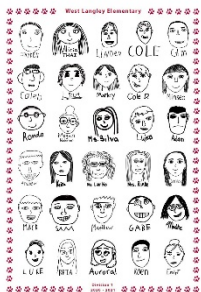
- 1. Schoolcashonline:** This is the payment system we use at West Langley Elementary. It allows you to pay either with credit card or e-cheque. If you have never used School Cash Online we encourage you to sign up using the attached instruction sheet.
 - a. Items for purchase:**
 - i. Christmas Hamper Donations
 - ii. Tea Towel fundraiser (see below for more information)
 - b. Overdue Items for purchase:**
 - i. Student Planner and school supplies
- 2. Christmas Concert Recording:** Students are asked to have a red, white, or green shirt and reindeer antlers (either home made or purchased at the loonie store) to school in a bag no later than December 3. More information about how families can view this year's concert at home will be coming out soon!
- 3. 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.



- 4. Our gym is being painted!** Over the next two to three weeks the interior of our gym is being painted and classes will be going outside for Physical and Health Education wherever possible. **PLEASE 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 (students love to play in puddles!) and umbrellas if raining as we will be spending more time outside this year.

5. **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.
6. **Hands to self, please!** As students become more comfortable with each other, we sometimes see more hands on, rough and tumble type interactions. Conversations at home about keeping hands to ourselves and kind, respectful play would help support our daily conversations at school. Thank you for your help.
7. **Water Bottles:** Please be sure to send your Child(ren) with a water bottle every day. The water bottle filler is available to re-fill; however, the drinking fountains are not available.
8. **Masks:** While masks are not mandatory at elementary school, we are encouraging our older students to please wear masks in common spaces such as hallways and washrooms. We do still have a limited number of reusable masks in the office for students. If your child would like one, they can come to office to request one. Thank you to everyone for doing a great job following our health and safety protocols.



Tea Towels

This year we are introducing a new fundraising idea in the form of class-designed custom tea towels. All students have been asked to draw a self-portrait, which the entire class will then be silk-screened onto high quality 100% cotton tea towels. These one-of-a-kind keepsakes are beautiful reminders of a year gone by and make perfect gifts for family and friends for any occasion - Mother's Day, seasonal holidays, birthdays, even hostess gifts!

Not just beautiful, these tea towels are also practical. Machine washable and highly absorbent, they can stand up to the wear and tear of everyday use without affecting the quality of your child's artwork.

You now have the opportunity to buy these priceless works of art and support the upcoming school year. All proceeds from these student tea towels will go towards enriching your child's school experience. Multiple orders can be accommodated.

The cost is \$14 per towel. Please go to schoolcashionline to order your tea towels! <https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com/Home/SignIn>

We have attached a sample from one of our classes. Each student and staff member worked hard to draw their self-portrait. We hope you will enjoy these for years to come!

Orders need to be received **by November 30, 2020.**

Parent Advisory Council

Thank you to everyone who have sent orders in for our most recent fundraising drive. Orders were due into the PAC today. If you have any questions, please email westlingleypac@outlook.com.

Immunizations

The District has been advised by Fraser Health that school immunizations are expected to take place in January. As in previous years, students in grades 6 will have the opportunity to be vaccinated. Fraser Health will also provide catch up immunizations to students who did not complete their immunizations last year or over the summer. If you have any questions, please contact the Langley Health Unit 604-539-2900.



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.

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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.