

The Lion Lowdown - December 4



Calendar

December 4 – Festive Friday
December 7 – 11 – Holiday Headwear Week
December 11 – Report Cards go home
December 14 – Merry Monday
December 15 – Reindeer Reading
December 16 – Winter Wonderland
December 17 – Christmas Sweater Day
December 18 – A Long Winter's Nap
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
 - b. **Overdue Items for purchase:**
 - i. Student Planner and school supplies
2. **Christmas Concert:** Students were 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. If your child still needs to bring these items to school, please have them here for Monday. More information about how families can view this year's concert at home will be coming out soon!
3. **Report Cards:** Report Cards will be published on the MyEd Portal December 11th. Please be sure to log-in in advance using the attached instructions. If you need additional assistance contact Nicole Rinke in the office at (nrinke@sd35.bc.ca) or 604-888-6444. Report Cards are only available for a limited time; therefore, we recommend saving the Report Card for future reference.
4. **Christmas Food Drive:** West Langley families have been very generous with their donations. The students have already earned an extra recess and glow dance party. Keep it up so we can get Ms. Russell dye her hair pink! We are collecting food and gift card donations until December 16th. For more information, be sure to read the information included in this newsletter. All needed health and safety protocols will be followed.



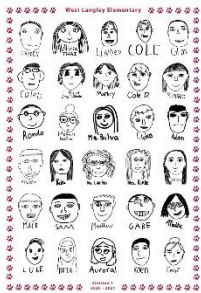


5. **Our gym is being painted!** Over the next two to three weeks the interior of our gym is being painted and classes will be going outside for Physical and Health Education wherever possible. **PLEASE be prepared to go outside in any weather.** The rainy cold weather has arrived and most of the time, 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.

6. **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.

7. **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.

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

Thank you very much to the families that took part in the Tea Towel Fundraiser. The Tea Towels should be arriving soon and will be sent home before Winter Break.

December Spirit Days



▲ Dec. 4 – Festive Friday!

Kick off the holiday season and wear your favourite festive gear

▲ Dec. 7 – 11 – Holiday Headwear Week

Come to school wearing your Santa hats, elf hats, reindeer antlers ...
be creative!



▲ Dec. 14 – Merry Monday!

Come to school decked out in Christmas colours

▲ Dec. 15 – Reindeer Reading

Bring a flashlight and wear your reindeer antlers for some cozy reading

▲ Dec. 16 – Winter Wonderland

Wear white or blue and bundle up in your warmest toques, scarves and mittens!

▲ Dec. 17 – Christmas Sweater Day

Wear a nice and cozy, or a fun and festive Christmas sweater!

▲ Dec. 18 – A Long Winter's Nap...

Wear your comfiest PJ's, slippers and housecoats!





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!



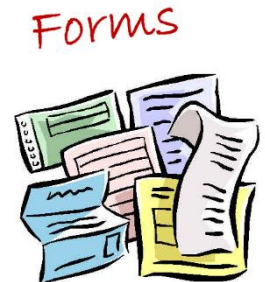
Information About School Status During Inclement Weather?

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.