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February 26,
2021

Calendar

February 28- Last day for Grade 8 Course Selection
March 3 – PAC Meeting (special meeting – see below for more information)
March 5 – Report Cards are sent home
March 10-11 – 1:17pm Early Dismissal Student Led Conferences
March 12 – Last day of School prior to Spring Break & PAC Fundraising Orders Due
March 29 – First day of School after Spring Break
March 31 – Last Day for Kindergarten Registration
April 2 – Good Friday (School Closed)
April 5 – Easter Monday (School Closed)

Report Cards

Term 2 Report Cards will be sent home Friday, March 5th, 2021. Report cards are a key piece of communication between families and the school which inform how students are developing academically and social emotionally at school. We encourage families to login to your MyEd account in advance and review your child's report card next week. For login assistance instructions please review the attached document. Please remember accessing report cards through MyEdBC is not compatible with mobile devices.

What do I need to know?

1. **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.
2. **Water Bottles:** Students are asked to bring a water bottle each day with their name on it. While we do have disposable cups for students to use if they are thirsty, our regular water fountains are currently shut off as per COVID-19 protocols and each student having a water bottle would be very helpful throughout the day.
3. **Masks:** We have WLE Masks (black with adjustable ear elastics) available for students and families to purchase for \$8.00 through SchoolCashOnline. While masks are not mandatory at elementary school, we are strongly 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.

4. **Daily Health Check Reminder:** Health and safety remain our top priority. A reminder to please be sure to review the daily health check form at the following link. Click [here](#)
5. **SchoolMessenger:** We have now completed tests by sending messages via Text, Email and Phone. For more information please visit [Parent-Info-Pkg-SchoolMessenger-2021Jan26.pdf](#)

Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences are quickly approaching. Because students enjoy the opportunity to share their learning with their families, we have decided that the conferences will be held in person this term. There will be strict guidelines that will be followed for the safety of our staff, students and West Langley community. Please see the following for more information on how they will be held.

Wednesday, March 10th 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Thursday, March 11th 2:00pm – 7:30pm

Early Dismissal will take place at 1:17pm on both days.

Divisions 4 -10

Student Led Conferences will be held from a physical distance outside of the classroom doors. To help keep everyone safe, we are restricting meetings to one parent and one student only. All adults will be required to wear a mask and we encourage students to do so as well. They will be held outdoors, rain or shine; therefore, please plan accordingly. An appointment is required, so please book online using the below instructions. Meetings will be 10 minutes each.

Divisions 1-3

A Student Led Display will be set up in the gym for students to lead their parent through while maintaining a physical distance. There will be strict guidelines in place to ensure a one-way walkway, with a separate entrance and exit. Please enter through the North side of the school by the basketball courts. Do not enter until you are directed to do so. All adults must wear a mask inside the gym, sanitize their hands before entering and adhere to all physical distance guidelines. To help keep everyone safe, we are restricting meetings to one parent and one student only. An appointment is required, please book online using the below instructions. You will have 15 minutes to walk through the display.

Booking a Conference Time

Appointments are mandatory and we recommend you book as soon as possible to ensure you can get the timeslot of your choice. Please make your appointment using School Appointments Online (<https://wle.schoolappointments.com>) between Wednesday, February 24th at 3:00pm and Monday, March 8th at 9:00am.

If you have not registered for School Appointments in the past the following information may be helpful. Please register at <https://wle.schoolappointments.com> and follow the [Quick Parent Instructions Form](#) and/or the [Parent Instruction Guide](#).



Jump Rope for Heart

Jump for joy & join our movement!

Thank you for everyone for their fantastic support of this year's Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Together we raised \$2,321.00 and we will have an extended recess and Glow Dance Party before Spring Break! Congratulations to all the students who fundraised to contribute to this worthy cause and to our teachers, Mrs. Bentley, Ms. Silva, and Mrs. McCall for their organization and enthusiasm! The website is still open for donations if families would still like to contribute.

<http://support.heartandstroke.ca/goto/westlangley>



PAC Meeting Vote – March 3

There will be a special PAC meeting on Wednesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Prior to March 2020, our PAC was a Registered Charity. In March 2020, the Executive made the decision to dissolve the Charity and operate as a Non-Profit Organization. Most PACs in BC are Non-Profits, and our PAC was strongly advised by our DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) to make the change. Because the "Charity" was dissolved, we are now required to dissolve the funds currently in our PAC account. On March 3, we are having a special meeting to decide how to move forward.

Our choices are (1) move our funds to the Langley School District Foundation -- the money will still be ours, minus a 5% admin fee, and any funds collected from this point forward can stay in our West Langley PAC account or (2) re-register as a Charity. We hope many of you will join us for this important vote.

Also, our executive (President, Vice-President, and Treasurer) has given notice that they will be stepping down at the end of this school year. We are grateful for everything these ladies have done for the school over the past two years! Our PAC will need a new Executive for the 2021-2022 school year. Nominations will start in April, and the election will be in May. Stay tuned for more information but please consider whether you might be interested in taking on one of these important volunteer roles. The current executive will help with the transition, and there are opportunities for training and education through the DPAC.

Online Meeting Information:

Time: Mar 3, 2021 06:30 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71056554691?pwd=U0FaRFp4bTU2WnM3ai91ZXIBcTM1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 710 5655 4691

Passcode: w4PRj3

PAC Spring Fundraiser

PAC Spring Fundraiser news: students received a package this week with all the information about our four spring fundraisers: Cobs Hot Cross Buns, Purdy's Chocolates, Carrot Bottom Studios (reusable fabric snack bags), and Growing Smiles (plants, hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, etc.). If you have any questions about our Spring Fundraiser, please contact Elisa McNeill at elisamcneill@gmail.com or 604-377-0373 or Anna Saurette at anninality@hotmail.com or 604-916-1254.

***** If you are placing an online Purdy's order PLEASE write your child's name and division/teacher in the field for "Additional Info" -- this way we know whom to send the chocolates home with!! *****

Daily Pick up and Drop Off Reminders

A few friendly reminders for families during our pick up and drop off times:

- 1) We are respectfully asking all adults to follow physical distancing guidelines when interacting with other adults on school grounds by maintaining a 2 meter distance with anyone outside of your household and please consider wearing a mask at all times when on school grounds.
- 2) Please refrain from pulling any U-turns when driving into or on the school grounds. Making U-turns causes safety concerns and traffic congestion. Please drive all the way in and use the drive-thru to change directions. Thank you for your help.
- 3) Please observe the 30 km/h School Zone speed limits that begin BEFORE you drive onto 212 Street. Upon turning into the school entrance, please limit your speed to 10 km/h.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in keeping our school welcoming and safe.

Enhanced Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines

The District appreciates all the hard work from students, staff, and families in helping keep our community safe. We continue to work closely with the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Office. This week the province announced changes to COVID-19 health and safety guidelines for schools. Mask requirements for middle and secondary school students and K-12 staff have been amended. Guidelines have also been strengthened for physical education and music classes.

It is important to note, our schools will need some time to implement these new changes; all changes will be in effect as of February 26, 2021. Your continued patience and support are appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Please read below and full details found in the province's news release located on the District website [here](#).

Changes to Mask Wearing

All middle and secondary students and K-12 staff will now be required to wear non-medical masks in all indoor areas, including when they are with their learning groups. The only exceptions are when:

- sitting or standing at their seat or workstation in a classroom;
- there is a barrier in place; or

- they are eating or drinking.

For elementary students, wearing masks indoors remain a personal choice. It is important to note, as advised by the province, these changes above do not apply to grade 6 and 7 students attending an elementary school.

Changes to Physical Education and Music Classes

High-intensity physical activities are to be held outside as much as possible. Shared equipment or items, such as weight machines, treadmills or musical instruments, can be used only if they are cleaned between use, according to strict school sanitization guidelines. Students using equipment or playing instruments should also be spaced at least two meters apart and masks are to be used when singing.



Have you registered for Kindergarten 2021-2022?

Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-2022 school year will begin on January 18 and continue through to March 31, 2021. All children who will be five years old by December 31, 2021 are eligible to register for Kindergarten classes that will

begin in September 2021. This year you will be able to register either online OR in person.

Online registrations can be sent to Mrs. Rinke at nrinke@sd35.bc.ca.

If you are interested in registering in-person, please call the office at (604) 888-6444 and speak with Mrs. Rinke to set up an appointment time.

Please check our school website for specific information about how to register. **YOU MUST REGISTER AT YOUR CATCHMENT SCHOOL.**

Proper documentation is required at the time of registration. **YOUR CHILD'S REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.**

Following is a list of required documents:

- Proof of Age (Birth Certificate, Passport).
- Proof of Citizenship or Permanent Resident Status for both child and parent (Canadian Birth Certificate, Canadian Citizenship Card, Canadian Passport, Landed Immigrant documentation, Permanent Resident documentation/cards)
- Proof of residence (Driver's License, utility bill mortgage statement, subject-free purchase agreement, municipal tax bill).
- Immunization Records (if available – school does not retain a copy)

Although your child's Care Card is not a required document, it is an important piece of information for the school to have. Please make sure that you have indicated any medical concerns or information that the school should be aware of (i.e. asthma, allergies, etc.). If you have copies of any medical documents or diagnostic reports for learning or physical needs, please also have a copy or the original (a copy can be made at the school). Please also have a copy of any court orders regarding custody so the school can have a copy on file.

Sexual Health Workshops sponsored by the Langley Children Committee

Talk Sex Today: Body Science Workshop with Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators, bootcamp for parents

Monday March 8, 2021

6:30 - 8 pm

Registration link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/talk-sex-today-bootcamp-for-parents-tickets-133389596875?aff=erelexpmit>

Student Learning Surveys

Students in grade 4 and 7 have completed the Student Learning Surveys. Parents may access the survey by the Direct Access from the website listed below. Surveys can be completed by parents with children in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12. A parent may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades. The parent survey is available in English, French and 16 other languages.

Parents can complete surveys on their own time.

Please go to this link to access the survey and go to the parent box. Parents do not need specific codes to complete the survey.

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm



Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA) – Change of Administration Dates

The BC Ministry of Education has adjusted the administration dates for this year's Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA). All Langley students in grades 4 and 7 will now complete the FSA in the new administration window between February 16 and March 12, 2021. Information on the exact dates students will write their FSA's will be provided by your child's classroom teacher in the coming weeks. Parents of students in grade 4 and 7 would have received a letter in September from Gord Stewart, Superintendent of Langley Schools, regarding the annual Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) for the 2020/2021 school year. The letter indicated that this year's FSA would be administered between October 5 and November 13, 2020. The remainder of the information outlined in the letter still applies and if parents have any questions regarding the FSA, they should contact their school's Principal.



Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)

THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY!

The Langley School District has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 5,6 and 8 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between: February 5th and March 5th, 2021.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>

Parent FAQs:

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/parent-guardian-resources/>

Families of students in grade 5 and 6 should have received a consent letter sent home and by email. If you did not, please contact the school office. If you don't want your child to participate please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca. The withdrawal form should be returned to the classroom teacher by February 19, 2021