The Lion Lowdown March 5, 2021





<u>Calendar</u>

March 5 - Report Cards are sent home

- March 10-11 1:17pm Early Dismissal Student Led Conferences
- March 12 PJ and Dance Glow Party Day!
 - 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)

New Daily Health Check Form – Digital and Print Version



Thank you for continuing to conduct a daily health check with your child. It is an important measure to help keep our school community healthy and safe. To better assist families, the Ministry of Education has developed an online K to 12 Health Check which can be found here: <u>https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck</u>

A mobile phone app version can also be downloaded, called K to 12 Health Checker.

Print versions are available in multiple languages on our District website here.

<u>Report Cards</u>

Term 2 Report Cards have been sent home today. 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 MyEdBC account to review your child's report card. 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. **SchoolMessenger:** We have now completed tests by sending messages via Text, Email and Phone. For more information please visit <u>Parent-Info-Pkg-SchoolMessenger-2021Jan26.pdf</u>
- 5. **PJ and Glow Dance Party Day –** All students are encouraged to come to school in the PJs on Friday, March 12! We will also be hosting a Glow Dance Party to celebrate WLE's fundraising success with our recent Jump Rope for Heart campaign.

K-12 COVID-19 Rapid Response Team

This week the Ministry of Education provided an update on K-12 COVID-19 rapid response teams which are now deployed in each health authority to support students and staff. As the pandemic evolves, these teams will help the province respond quickly and adapt, where necessary, to keep schools safe. To read more about what the teams will be doing in our community, view the news release <u>here</u>.

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.

Mr. McAllister (music), Mr. Blevings (ELL) and our resource team are also available for conferences. If you would like to meet with them, please sign up for an additional time.

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 (<u>https://wle.schoolappointments.com</u>) 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 <u>https://wle.schoolappointments.com</u> and follow the <u>Quick Parent Instructions Form</u> and/or the <u>Parent Instruction Guide</u>.

Rainbow Crosswalk



The Langley Board of Education is pleased to announce it has successfully reached its fundraising goal to support the installation of a rainbow crosswalk in our community. The rainbow crosswalk will link the School Board Office to the Langley RCMP detachment. The Board believes the rainbow crosswalk is a symbol of diversity and inclusion which will ensure everyone in our community feels safe, seen,

represented, and that they belong. Thank you to all of our donors and supporters who have supported this initiative. You can learn more about the project on our District website <u>here</u>.

PAC News!

Meeting minutes are attached for your information.

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 <u>elisamcneill@gmail.com</u> or 604-377-0373 or Anna Saurette at <u>anninitaly@hotmail.com</u> 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!! ***



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.

<u>Sexual Health Workshops sponsored by the Langley</u> <u>Children Committee</u>

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=erelexpmlt

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