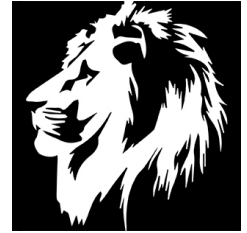




The Lion Lowdown April 16, 2021



Calendar

May 1 – Zoom Music Bingo PAC Fundraiser
May 3 – “You are a Lion” StoryWalk begins
May 4 – Grade 7 Parent Planning Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
May 12 – Kindergarten Welcome (more details to follow)
May 17-21 – Zumba Lessons
May 18 – PAC AGM Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
May 21 – Pro-D Day (school not in session)
May 24 – Victoria Day (schools closed)
June 2/3 – White Hatter Internet Safety Presentations
June 10/11 – Grade 7 Year End Activity Days
June 14 – Body Science Parent Evening with Saleema Noon Educators, 6:30pm
June 16/17 – Body Science Class Presentations with Saleema Noon Educators
June 18 – Sports Day
June 21 – National Indigenous People’s Day
June 24 – Grade 7 Leaving Activity
June 29 – Last Day for Students (students attend for the morning only)

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:

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck>

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](#).

What do I need to know?

1. Please see the attached Information Bulletin for April 30th from Gord Stewart, Superintendent of Schools.
2. **Please ensure you are conducting a health check with your children each day.** Please see the K-12 Health Check included in every newsletter for guidance. While most of the time, we simply have colds, Fraser Health is advising even minor colds symptoms be checked out right now. While symptoms are minor, they can lead to transmission of COVID-19 back to households and to more senior adults in our community or workplaces. We would also like to encourage everyone to wear masks and for adults to practice physical distancing from those outside their households when dropping off and picking up. Thank you to everyone for your support, kindness and cooperation.
3. **Playgrounds closed before and after school.** A friendly reminder that our playgrounds are closed before and after school. Students should arrive at school as close to their start time rather than

arriving early to play with friends. School staff will be outside to supervise and will request children and families to not use the playgrounds. Our onsite daycare will also be utilizing our playground facilities and need the outdoor space. As such, all families are asked to proceed directly home after dismissal.

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.



5. **Water Bottles: With the weather warming up, it is essential that students have a water bottle at school.** Students are asked to bring a water bottle each day with their name on it. 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. Students can fill up their water bottles at the water bottle filling station as needed throughout the day.

6. **Masks:** We have WLE Masks (black with adjustable ear elastics) available for students and families to purchase for \$8.00 through SchoolCashOnline. We do still have a limited number of free reusable masks in the office for students. If your child would like one, they can come to office to request one.
7. **SchoolMessenger:** We are regularly using SchoolMessenger via Text, Email and Phone. If you have not registered for texts, please visit [Parent-Info-Pkg-SchoolMessenger-2021Jan26.pdf](#)

Coming next week to West Langley – StoryWalk!

A StoryWalk® is an innovative and delightful way for children – and adults – to enjoy stories in the great outdoors. Pages from a children’s book are attached to yard signs along a path outdoors. As you stroll down the trail, you’ll go from page to page, enjoying the story along with a walk in nature.

Our first StoryWalk will be “You Are A Lion” – a book all about yoga. We hope this will be fun and interactive for children as they move through the story boards. The StoryWalk will be set up along the chainlink fence each morning and taken down at the end of the school day. Our story walk will be available May 3-14.

Thank you to Mrs. Rannie and her team for taking on this great literacy project for our school community!

BCCDC Survey – BC COVID-19 SPEAK

The BC Centre for Disease Control is inviting families to take part in a survey to examine how British Columbians have been affected and how their experiences may inform recovery and re-opening. The survey closes May 9. Please see details [here](#).

Outdoor Learning

As the weather is improving, we are being encouraged by Public Health and our District to take students outside as much as possible.

Please help us ensure your children are prepared to be outside. Please help your child apply sunscreen before the school day and ensure your child knows how to apply sunscreen on their face, neck and arms. (No aerosol or spray bottles please.)

Students should bring (all clearly labelled):

- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen (no aerosol or spray bottles please)
- Full, labelled water bottle every day as our water fountains are shut off with the exception of our water bottle filling fountain. Many families are already doing this, and we appreciate your ongoing support.
- Active Footwear and clothing as we will be spending more time being active outside, including gym activities and we want to ensure all students are able to participate.

Please remember to treat our outside space as an extension of our classroom and not approach classes while outside as we are learning. If you need to drop your child off late or pick up early, we ask everyone to continue to use the school office sign in/sign out process.

Dogs on School Grounds

First, as much as our whole staff and most of our community love dogs, there are some members for whom dogs bring on significant anxiety, and who can find it stressful to have dogs, no matter how friendly, waiting at their classroom doors at drop-off and pick-up. We have also had a few situations where students get over-excited when they approach a dog on the school grounds and end up causing that dog considerable stress, occasionally resulting in a negative interaction for both human and dog. We ask that, if your dog comes with you to pick up or drop off, you please wait *well away* from the building. Dogs should wait at the fence in the front, on the walkway to the South, beyond the playground to the North, and on the gravel field at the back of the school. Also, parents of children without dogs, please remind your children that they should always ask the owner's permission to pet a strange dog (or even a familiar one in a new situation) before reaching out. If we all work together, we can provide a safe, stress-free environment for all members of our community, human and canine.

Grade 7 Fundraising

We still have some space in our courses! *On the Go First Aid* and our Grade 7 Parent Fundraising Committee are hosting two online courses on May 8th. The babysitting course is for students aged 11-15 and the *Stay Safe!* course is for students aged 9-13. All proceeds will go to the Grade 7 Year End activities. Families can register for the course by going to <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>.

BABYSITTING COURSE

Ages 11 - 15

6-7 hours online

Students learn how to care for younger children and how to prevent and respond to emergencies each student receives a babysitters' manual, certificate and mini first aid kit. **\$65/student.**

STAY SAFE!

Ages 9-13

4-5 hours online

Helps prepare students to be on their own at home or in the community.

Each student receives a Stay Safe! workbook and a mini first aid kit **\$65/student.**

Updated Mask Protocols

On Monday, March 29, 2021, a new Provincial Health Order was issued specific to mask wearing for students in grades 4-12. Effective right away, all staff K-12 and students grades 4-12 are required to wear non-medical masks when indoors. If your child is in our grade 3/4 class, students in that grade 3 class only are also asked to wear a mask. Students in kindergarten to grade three are encouraged to wear a mask if possible. Please see the attached communication from Gord Stewart, Superintendent of Schools, which was sent out on March 31, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lambie at 604-888-6444.

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 [here](#).

International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia - Monday, May 17th.

Now is the time to start planning – and parents can be involved in your celebrations as well! One school community in Vanderhoof is working with the public library to create a display for students and parents. Another community group has offered to supply some new SOGI-inclusive books and they are drawing from two PFLAG books lists as recommended reading for parents: [this one](#) on coming out and [this one](#) on trans identities. For example, [Transgender Children and Youth: Cultivating Pride and Joy with Families in Transition](#) is a great resource for parents with trans children. [Find posters to use and share here!](#)

PAC News!

- 1) Our next PAC Meeting will be our Annual General Meeting and is scheduled for May 18th at 6:30pm. Please consider volunteering to be a member of our executive.
- 2) We have several events coming to West Langley sponsored by the WLE PAC:

White Hatter Internet Safety:

Weds June 2nd - Social Media Safety and Digital Literacy Gr 4/5	10:30am - 11:45am
Thurs June 3rd - Social Media Safety and Digital Literacy Gr 6/7	10:30am - 11:45am

Body Science Online with Saleema Noon Educators

Monday, June 14th – Parent Zoom Meeting at 6:30pm
Wed and Thurs, June 16th and 17th – Student workshops via Zoom in class

Zumba lessons

Students will learn a choreographed dance – coming May 17-21st.



FUNDRAISER
ZOOM MUSIC BINGO
IN SUPPORT OF
**West Langley
Elementary P.A.C.**

SATURDAY, MAY 1ST
6:30 PM PST
(ZOOM OPENS AT 6:00PM)
FAMILY-ORIENTED EVENT

CARD PRICE: \$10 EA

MUSIC BINGO
CORY CASSEL
Productions

We're bringing the magic of everyone's favourite California theme park to West Langley! So put on your Mouse Ears and souvenir t-shirts and join us for a night of fun and entertainment playing Music Bingo and raising money for West Langley!

Chances to win great prizes all night including a one-hour Lifestyle Family Photo Session by Krysta Shore Photography (retail value \$400), one night in an Executive King Suite at the Sandman Signature Hotel with Moxie's gift card (value \$250+), and Vancouver Giants Memorabilia (priceless!!).

Get dressed up and ready to have some fun!! We'd love to see your Cinderella and Aladdin costumes, your Little Mermaids and Tarzans! Crazy hats, wigs, glasses, boas, fairy wings, superhero costumes etc. are encouraged!! The sillier the better!!

Card Price: \$10 each (family members can share cards or play with one card each totally up to you!). Invite your friends and family everyone is welcome!!

Purchase your card(s) here: <https://online.musicbingo.com/shop/upcoming-games/may-1st-zoom-music-bingo-fundraiser-in-support-of-west-langley-elementary/>

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Zoom Room opens at 6:00 pm

Music Bingo starts at 6:30 pm

Cards will be sent out by e-mail one day before the event with instructions to access the Zoom Room.

Questions? Please contact Andrea 604-868-9399/canucks1fan@shaw.ca or Anna 604-916-1254/annainitaly@hotmail.com

Homeschooling Procedures and Guidelines Manual and District Webpage

Our District and school administrators regularly respond to questions from parents/guardians about homeschooling. We do our best to share information related to alternatives outside of public education. The District has a dedicated page with basic information about homeschooling for families [here](#). This page includes a link to the Ministry of Education's homeschooling page as well as the province's new consultation draft document Homeschooling Procedures and Guidelines Manual. The purpose of the manual is to provide clear information to home educators, homeschoolers, education sector administrators and others who work with homeschoolers.

The Ministry is inviting families to provide feedback on this consultation draft found here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/classroom-alternatives/homeschooling-manual.pdf>

Please send your questions, comments or suggestions by April 2, 2021 to EDUC.Homeschooling.Guidelines@gov.bc.ca

<p>Cette notification est importante. S'il vous plaît demandez à quelqu'un pour la traduire afin d'être bien informé(e) à propos de l'école.</p> <p>هذه الرسالة مهمة، الرجاء أن تطلب من أحد الأشخاص ترجمتها لك لأنها تحتوي على معلومات مهمة من المدرسة.</p> <p>这是一个很重要的通知。请找人翻译它的内容，这样你就可以及时知道学校的情况。</p> <p>ਇਹ ਇੱਕ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹੈ। ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਕਰੋ ਕਿ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਰ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਇਸਦੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਕਰਵਾ ਸਕੇ।</p> <p>이것은 중요한 공지사항입니다. 이것을 번역할 수 있는 분에게 부탁해서 여러분이 학교에서 공지하는 것에 대하여 정확하게 인지할 수 있기 바랍니다.</p> <p>Đây là một thông báo quan trọng. Xin vui lòng nhờ người dịch để bạn có thể biết thêm những thông tin về trường học.</p> <p>Este es un aviso importante. Por favor consiga que alguien se lo traduzca para que usted pueda mantenerse bien informado sobre la información de su escuela.</p> <p>Ito ay isang mahalagang notisya. Mangyari po lamang ay magkaroon ng taong tagasalin ng wika upang ikaw ay maging batid tungkol sa impormasyon ng paaralan.</p>
