



# The Lion Lowdown April 9, 2021



## Calendar

- April 13 – Grade 7 Planning Meeting, 6:45pm
- April 22 – PAC Meeting, 6:30pm
- May 1 – Zoom
- May 18 – PAC Meeting, 6:30pm
- May 21 – Pro-D Day (school not in session)
- May 24 – Victoria Day (schools closed)
- June 18 – Sports Day
- June 21 – National Indigenous People's Day
- June 24 – Grade 7 Leaving (more information after spring break!)
- 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. **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: 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.

3. **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.
4. **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](#)

## Grade 7 Fundraising

We still have some space on our courses! On the Go First Aid and our Grade 7 Parent Fundraising Committee are hosting two online courses on May 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.schoolcashonline.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](#).



## Have you registered for Kindergarten 2021-2022?

Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-2022 school year will begin on January 18 and continued through to March 31, 2021. If you have not registered, please contact our school office as soon as possible. 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. Horngren-Rhodes at [chorngrenrhodes@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:chorngrenrhodes@sd35.bc.ca).

## 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](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)

## PAC News!

1) Our next General PAC Meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2021 at 6:30pm.

At the next General PAC meeting, there will be a vote to amend the existing bylaws. Notification this motion was sent home to WLE families earlier this week. The motion being presented is:

I motion that WLE PAC makes an amendment to our Bylaws.

Our current Bylaws state:

"5.4. No member of the executive shall be an employee or an elected official of any school district or of the Ministry of Education."

I suggest we change to the following language:

"A parent seeking a position on the Executive who is an employee or elected official of any school district or of the Ministry of Education shall disclose their relationship immediately and will not take part in any conversation or vote which presents and conflict of interest. If there is debate on whether a matter presents a conflict of interest, the President must call for a vote to determine if the subject matter presents a conflict. If the conflict of interest pertains to the President, the President will step aside and a VP will call for the vote."

This is the language that the Langley DPAC recently approved for their Bylaws, and will allow more of our parents the opportunity to take on an Executive position on the WLE PAC.

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# ZOOM MUSIC BINGO

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## 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**



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

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](mailto:604-868-9399/canucks1fan@shaw.ca) or Anna [604-916-1254/annainitaly@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:EDUC.Homeschooling.Guidelines@gov.bc.ca)

## Immunizations for Kindergarten and Grade 6

The immunization programs for kindergarten, Grade 6 and 9 students from the 2020-2021 school year are currently under development. Further details will be provided once our plans are finalized.

# Calling parents and youth in BC!



## COVID-19 and Youth Mental Health

Since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic, many public health responses have been implemented including social distancing measures and school closures.

**These measures may have an impact on the mental health of children and teens, and we need to adjust the type and amount of resources being offered to our children.**

The MyHEARTSMAP team needs your help to measure how much and in what ways the changes in our lives during the pandemic have affected the social and psychological wellness of our children and youth.

Using the MyHEARTSMAP online psychosocial self-screening tool, children, youth, and (or) their parents, can learn about which aspects of their mental health may be of concern and might benefit from support resources, and where to find them in BC.

Learning about our children's needs will **help guide our provincial mental health resource planning.**

### Who can participate in this study?

- Children and youth aged 10-17 in BC
- Parents with a child aged 6-17 in BC

### What is involved?

- Answer questions about how COVID-19 has affected you
- Complete the MyHEARTSMAP Self-Screening Tool after enrolling, and again in 3 months

*If you are interested in learning more and participating, please visit our website at:*

***[MyHEARTSMAP-Pandemic.bcchr.ca](https://MyHEARTSMAP-Pandemic.bcchr.ca)***

