



The Lion Lowdown June 11, 2021



Calendar

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 Peoples' Day

June 24 – Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony

June 29 – Last Day for Students. All students will be dismissed at 11:45am.

Sports Day!

We are hosting a slightly modified Sports Day on Friday, June 18th that will still comply with Public Health Orders but allow us to have some fun together apart. Students have been placed into colour teams for the half day of activities. We are encouraging everyone to dress up as their favourite superhero or get creative, making up your own superhero using clothing from home and show your school spirit!



We are in need of approximately 7 collapsible wagons (we will sanitize before and after use) to assist with each class/cohort having their own supplies. If you have one we are able to borrow, please contact the school office as soon as possible at 604-888-6444.

In past years, we have been able to have a concession stand, parent participation, a bike parade, and an overall much larger community event. Unfortunately, this year we have had to scale back and we will not be able to have parents onsite or a bike parade as we need to ensure physical distancing.

Thank you for your understanding but we are hopeful for the opportunity to gather as a larger community in the near future!

Are you moving?

Every year we welcome new families to our community and farewell to others. Goodbyes are never easy but we hope the moves are positive and that you connect and enjoy your new community! If you are planning on moving to a new community for September and will not be attending West Langley, please contact our Mrs. Horngren-Rhodes (chongrenrhodes@sd35.bc.ca) or Ms. Lambie

(clambiepottersmith@sd35.bc.ca) as soon as possible. Obtaining this information from everyone assist us plan effectively for the 2021-2022 school year. Thank you for your assistance.

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. **Library Books** – As part of our year end wrap up, we are asking all students to return their library books by Friday, June 18.
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. **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.



4. **Water Bottles: With the warmer weather upon us, 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.

Tea Towels

Tea Towels are still available for purchase! We will be sending purchased items on Monday. Each student's self portrait has been created and our entire school was silk-screened onto high quality 100% cotton tea towels. These one-of-a-kind keepsakes are beautiful reminders of a year gone by and make perfect gifts for family and friends for any occasion - Mother's Day, seasonal holidays, birthdays, even hostess gifts!

You have the opportunity to buy these priceless works of art and support our school community. All proceeds from these student tea towels will go towards enriching your child's school experience. Multiple orders can be accommodated.

We also have a limited supply of individual class towels – available while supplies last!

The cost is \$14 per towel. Please go to schoolcashionline to order your tea towels! <https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com/Home/SignIn>



School Supplies

2021-2022 School Supply Lists were emailed home to families earlier this month. Families can order supplies online via SchoolCashOnline or purchase their supplies independently. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 604-888-6444. School Supply lists will also be posted on our website for your reference at <https://westlangley.sd35.bc.ca/student-life/supplies/>



Grade 7 Year End Activities

While we couldn't do Camp Jubilee this year, we brought camp to us. Our past two days have been filled with team challenges, fun activities, a WLE Amazing Race, food trucks and water fun. Special thank you to our Grade 7 Parent Planning committee for their hard work and support! Thank you to Danika D., Joanna D., Melanie H., Carolyn T., Angela T., Ms. Russell and Ms. Silva. Additional thanks to Ms. McCall and Mr. Bedford who helped us throughout the past two days running events and setting up.

Stay tuned for more information on our upcoming Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony taking place on June 24.

PAC News!

- 1) Thank you to our parents who organized the Book Drive to support reading in our classrooms! The donations and support is greatly appreciated!
- 2) Our teachers appreciate Our last presentation for the year will be Body Science Online with Saleema Noon educator Julie Prodor.

Please join us for an informative **live Zoom Presentation for Parents** on **Monday June 14th, 2021 from 6:30-8pm**. In this session, Julie will give an overview of student presentations and, using humor and straight talk in an open, interactive environment, will show parents how easy it is to convey healthy, meaningful messages about sex and growing up to children. In addition, all parents can have access to Body Science Online for 30 days so watch what your children learned in the presentation. The link to register for Body Science Online is listed below and the deadline to register has been extended until Tuesday, June 15th at 3pm.

<https://forms.gle/6p6itfScNwF2i5Rc6>

Julie will join students via Zoom in their classroom on **Wednesday & Thursday June 16th & 17th** Julie will show pre-recorded, animated videos of Saleema Noon's Body Science Online workshops for each grade followed by a live Q and A sessions. The content of the presentations is supported by current research as being age appropriate and we believe that it contributes to healthy child development. Some of the topics Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators cover in their workshops extend beyond the content of the BC Physical and Health Education curriculum. For this reason, parents may choose to have their children OPT OUT of the Body Science sessions with Sarah. If you

do not wish your child to attend, we ask that you notify our office no later than Monday morning, June 14th.

Julie Prodor is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting:

Topic: West Langley School - Parent Session - Mon June 14th - Talk Sex Today with Julie - 6:30-8pm

Time: Jun 14, 2021 06:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86396365455?pwd=a1hFM0RBdU11eTFORFhPTjU0dWZsZz09>

Meeting ID: 863 9636 5455

Passcode: 074171

Communicating with your school

From time to time, parents and guardians have questions about a variety of things within the school community. Staff in our schools are eager to address your questions or concerns. Please be sure to check out the link and information below to assist families in resolving concerns if they arise.

Resolving Issues and Concerns

- Arrange a phone appointment or in-person meeting so that your concerns can be heard without distraction (emailing to arrange a date and time works well).
- Organize your thoughts before the meeting. The BCCPAC Meeting Survival and Problem-Solving guides included in this pamphlet are provided by DPAC for your consideration.
- Keep focused on the issue. Remember, we are all here to ensure the success of your child.
- Treat others with dignity and respect, and expect that in return.
- Try to look at both sides of the issue and listen to everyone.
- Work with people at each step in the process to try and address your issue or concern before proceeding to the next step.

Parents and guardians are urged to contact the school if they are unsure of a message or have questions about an activity or issue. It is usually best to begin with the classroom or subject teacher. The vast majority of issues or concerns are resolved at this stage. If you are not satisfied, then you may wish to contact the principal or counsellor to request assistance in dealing with the matter. A child's problem is best solved when the people closest to the problem work together to find a solution.

Communicating With Your School: A Guide for Parents/Guardians and Students:

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/11/Communicating-With-Your-School-Brochure-Updated-for-November-2016.pdf>

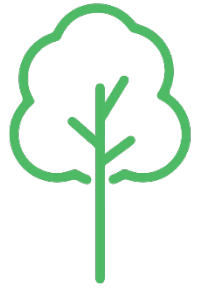
Communicating with your school information listed on the West Langley website:

<https://westlangley.sd35.bc.ca/parent-community/communicating-with-your-school/>

Community News

Kids in the Grove

PRESCHOOL & OUT OF SCHOOL CARE



Register Now!

Summer 3-5 Program at our Topham Elementary School Location

Our Preschoolers can continue their learning and playing with their friends over the summer!

We have daily, weekly, monthly attendance available, 7:30-5:30 or 9:00-3:00

Summer School Age Program at our West Langley Elementary School Location

Weekly Themes...Bring your bikes, scooters, and boards!

We also have daily, weekly, monthly attendance available, 7:30-5:30

September 2021

Preschool & Junior Kindergarten

Out of School Care

Check out our website for more information and to learn about our Kids in the Grove Family :-)

<http://kidsinthegrove.com>



May 12, 2021

Dear Walnut Grove School Community:

Re: New Parking Lot Gate

To help keep our school community healthy and safe, the District will be installing a new parking lot gate at the south entrance of our school driveway. This gate will be locked and unlocked daily by our staff beginning July 1, 2021. This includes all instructional days, as well as Summer, Winter, and Spring breaks.

Arrangements have been made with our community partner, the Township of Langley, to have access and usage of the new gated parking lot as needed and in accordance with bylaws. In general, the Township of Langley will be locking the gate at dusk on weekends and statutory holidays. This is a new change which may impact you and your family, residents living near the school, and community members who use the parking lot to access nearby parks and recreational spaces. To help the community adjust to this change, the District has posted signage around the parking lot alerting users of the installation of the parking lot gate which will be locked daily, in effect beginning July 1, 2021. These warning signs will be in place for nearly two months, giving the community time to adapt.

We kindly ask you to share with any members of our community who may benefit from this information. Thanks for your cooperation and support. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Sincerely,

J. Lyndon Principal