



The Lion Lowdown June 18, 2021

Calendar

June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples' Day (please wear orange)

June 24 – Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony

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

WLE Staff Farewells

It is never easy to say goodbye to members of our West Langley family. Each staff member is so important to our daily work and we value and appreciate their contributions to our school community. As our staff members move on to new adventures and opportunities, we want to wish them success and happiness. We will hope that our paths cross again! We say regretfully goodbye this year to:

Ms. Russell-Grade 6/7

Ms. Lazarowich – Grade 3/4

Mrs. Gorseth – Grade 4/5

Mrs. Yeung – Counselor

Mr. Mihalik – Resource

Mrs. Gaspar – SEA

Mrs. Jensen – SEA

Mr. McAllister – Music

Mrs. Horngren-Rhodes – Admin Assistant

Ms. DeBenedetto – Student Teacher

Mr. Bedford – Student Teacher

Mr. Blaquera – Custodian

Sports Day!

Thank you to the families who dropped off wagons for us to borrow for our Sports Day – it was an immense help in allowing us to do some fun activities together while maintaining physical distancing in our cohorts. We had a great day and we look forward to a larger community event in the future! Thanks to Mrs. McNeil and the Sports Day Team (Ms. Lazarowich, Mr. Bedford, Ms. DeBenedetto, Ms. McCall and the students of Division 3) for all their help.



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 (chorngrenrhodes@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.

What do I need to know?

1. **Library Books:** As part of our year end wrap up, we have been requesting students return their library book by today. If your child has library books at home, please have them returned as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.
2. **Lost and Found:** We will be placing our Lost and Found tables close to the drive thru round about each morning (at 8:25am) for the next week, starting Monday, June 21. Any unclaimed items will be donated Friday, June 25th.
3. **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.
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 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.

2021-2022 Bell Schedule

Our regular bell schedule will be as follows for next year:

8:32am: Warning Bell

8:37am: Start Time

10:10-10:25am: Recess

11:47am-12:20pm: Lunch Outside Playtime

2:20pm: Dismissal

*When we have an early dismissal, we will dismiss at 1:20pm

School Supplies

2021-2022 School Supply Lists were emailed home to families earlier this month. Families can order supplies online via www.schoolstart.ca 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 Leaving Ceremony

We will be holding a Leaving Ceremony on Thursday, June 24th for our Grade 7 students and teachers. While we understand the recent inquiries for parents to participate in the ceremony our we are unable to accommodate these requests. As of today, Friday, June 18th (despite the most recent announcement about “near-normal” return in September), our K-12 PHO School Guidelines have not changed.

We will be recording the ceremony in its entirety and will send the link out to families by 5pm on Thursday, June 24 (we will need a bit of time afterschool to format it correctly) in addition to the traditional Grade 7 Year end video. Each student will also have their photo taken and this will be email to each family prior to the school year ending.

Special thanks to our Grade 7 Parent Committee for their hard work and to Ms. Russell and Ms. Silva for making the Grade 7 Activities meaningful and special for our students.

Kindergarten 2021 Gradual Entry Schedule

Information and group specific information has been emailed home to each family. If you did not receive an email, please contact the school office so we can verify your email address. The September 2021 gradual entry schedule for incoming kindergarten students will be as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Labour Day-no school	7 8:45 -2:30 Scheduled Family Meetings	8 8:45 -2:30 Scheduled Family Meetings	9 8:45 -2:30 Scheduled Family Meetings	10 9:00-10:30 Group A 11:00-12:30 Group B
13 Group A 9:00-11:15 (bring snack) Group B 11:30-1:45 (bring snack)	14 Group A and Group B 9:00-11:15 Bring snack	15 Group A and Group B 9:00-12:15 Bring snack	16 Group A and Group B 9:00-1:45 Bring snack and lunch	17 Group A and Group B 9:00-1:45 Bring snack and lunch
20 First full day for Kindergarten students	21	22	23	24

PAC News!

1) Hello West Langley families from your Parent Advisory Council Executive for 2021-2022!

The draft PAC General Meeting schedule for next year is below. If you have any feedback regarding the schedule, please e-mail westlangleypac@outlook.com or message the West Langley PAC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WestLangleyPAC>.

Monday, September 13, 2021, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 14, 2021, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Monday, November 8, 2021, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 13, 2022, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Monday, February 7, 2022, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Monday, April 11, 2022, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 12, 2022, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Monday, June 6, 2022 (AGM), 7:30-9:00 p.m.



The PAC Executive for next year (elected at the AGM last month) is:

President: **vacant**
Vice-President: **vacant**
Treasurer: Leanne MacGillivray
Secretary: Sharli Rowland
DPAC Rep: Pam Esplen
Member at Large: Jennifer Rannie
Member at Large: Chelsey Faichuk
Member at Large: **vacant**

As you can see, we are still looking to fill some important Executive roles (President, Vice- President, and Member at Large). We are also looking for volunteers for next year for our Fundraising Committee, Hot Lunch Committee, and some parents interested in helping with social media. If you are interested in helping out, or have any questions or comments, please e-mail westlangleypac@outlook.com or message the West Langley PAC Facebook page.

The PAC Executive manages the affairs of the Council between General Meetings, but *we are not the Council*; **every parent and guardian at West Langley is a voting member of the PAC.** The role of the PAC Executive is to “consult with, take direction from and represent all parents/families of the school.” We are all volunteers, and most of us are new to our roles this year, so please have patience as we learn!

We are excited for next year and look forward to working with you!

- 2) West Langley has received a significant playground grant from the Ministry of Education to help us replace some of our aging playground equipment and improve accessibility and inclusion for all students. Stay tuned for further information in the fall!

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/>

2021-2022 School Calendar

School District #35 (Langley) 2021-2022 School Calendar Elementary/Middle Schools

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sept 6 (M)	Labour Day (School Closed)
	Sept 7 (T)	School Opens
	Sept 24 (F)	School Improvement Day (students not in attendance)
October	Oct 11 (M)	Thanksgiving (School Closed)
	Oct 20 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 21 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 22 (F)	Professional Development Day (Provincial)
November	Nov 11 (Th)	Remembrance Day (School Closed)
	Nov 12 (F)	Report Card Prep/Design and Assessment Day (students not in attendance)
December	Dec 10 (F)	Report Cards Issued
	Dec 17 (F)	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
January	Jan 4 (T)	School Re-Opens After Winter Break
February	Feb 11 (F)	Professional Development Day (District)
	Feb 18 (F)	Report Card Prep/Design and Assessment Day (students not in attendance)
	Feb 21 (M)	Family Day (School Closed)
March	Mar 4 (F)	Report Cards Issued
	Mar 9 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Mar 10 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Mar 11 (F)	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
	March 28 (M)	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
April	Apr 15 (F)	Good Friday (School Closed)
	Apr 18 (M)	Easter Monday (School Closed)
May	May 13 (F)	Professional Development Day (RC Garnett only)
	May 20 (F)	Professional Development Day (District)
	May 23 (M)	Victoria Day (School Closed)
June	Jun 29 (W)	Final Report Card & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 30 (Th)	Administrative Day (students not in attendance)
July / August		Summer Session

SD35 Board of Education Meeting
APPROVED April 20,2021

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>

Is your student...



Intrinsically
motivated / Self-
directed



Disciplined



Collaborative



Creative



Critical thinkers



Resilient

**U-Connect is an option to consider
if you want more flexibility in their learning!**

Kindergarten to Grade 7 Blended Learning Program

Meet 2-days per week Mondays and Tuesdays, or Thursdays and Fridays

- Our Kindergarten to Grade 7 Program is based around a blended learning model.
- Students in K to Grade 7 are part of one of two 2-day cohorts. This means students attend classes on site as part of a cohort on either Mondays and Tuesdays or Thursdays and Fridays (from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) as well as complete some of their learning at home.
- Learning plans are created in meetings between the teacher, parents and students in September outlining work to be completed throughout the term.
- Student work is submitted each week. Parents and students also meet with teachers during each reporting period to discuss student progress and set directions for the following term.

Optional Wednesday Learning (OWL). On Wednesdays throughout the year we will have optional activities for students such as field trips, tutorials, science labs, and workshops for parents. A schedule of the upcoming activities will be developed and posted in advance.



Grade 8 and 9 Blended Learning Program

Students in Grade 8 and 9 will **meet 2-day per week** on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**.

- Our Grade 8/9 program is a blended learning model.
- Students will learn their course content through both online courses and face-to-face classes that will happen on site on Monday and Tuesdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm.
- Classes are semester based: September to January and February to June.
- Students take all subjects like Math, Science, Socials, English along with other subjects – such as French, Physical Health Education, Careers, Art and ADST classes.
- These classes may take the form of tutorials, labs, lessons, etc. Students will continue to work on their online courses from home during the week. Assignments can be submitted online. Students will have teacher-support during the week via email and course messaging.

Optional Wednesday Learning (OWL). There will be an optional day for Grade 8 & 9 on Wednesdays. On Wednesdays throughout the year we will have optional activities for students such as field trips, tutorials, science labs, and workshops for parents. A schedule of the upcoming activities will be developed and posted in advance.

Grade 10, 11 and 12 Program

We are happy to offer three options for Grade 10-12:

GRADE 10-12 BLENDED Cohort (Courses delivered online and face-to-face)

- Students will learn their course content through both online courses and face-to-face classes.
- 2 Semesters: September to January and February to June
- Students will attend school on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.
 - Mornings: students will have face-to-face classes. Courses will also have an online component. Students will continue to work on their online courses from home during the week. Assignments can be submitted online. Students will have teacher-support during the week via email or course messaging.
 - Afternoons: students will choose a Pathway. Each pathway is the equivalent of 2 courses (8 credits) one per semester.
- Pathways: Students will choose one pathway for the year:
 - Art OR
 - Inquiry OR
 - Technology
- Minimum of 4 courses per semester (including Pathways)
- There will be an optional day for the Blended 10-12 Program on Wednesdays. On Wednesdays throughout the year we will have optional activities for students such as field trips, tutorials, science labs, and workshops for parents. A schedule of the upcoming activities will be made available.
- All students are loaned a Dell Laptop to use for their learning while they are students of U-Connect.

GRADE 10-12 BLENDED MORNING Cohort (Courses delivered online and face-to-face)

- Students will learn their course content through both online courses and face-to-face classes.
- 2 Semesters: September to January and February to June
- Students will attend school on Monday and Tuesday mornings only from 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM
 - Students will have face-to-face classes each morning. Courses will also have an online component. Students will continue to work on their online courses from home during the week. Assignments can be submitted online. Students will have teacher-support during the week via email.
- Minimum of 3 courses per semester.
- There will be an optional day for the Blended 10-12 Program on Wednesdays. On Wednesdays throughout the year we will have optional activities for students such as field trips, tutorials, science labs, and workshops for parents. A schedule of the upcoming activities will be available.
- All students are loaned a Dell Laptop to use for their learning while they are students of U-Connect.

GRADE 10-12 ONLINE Cohort (Courses delivered online)

- All courses taught online – no required days in school (except to write exams). Flexible and self-paced. Full or part-time options.
- Online students are welcome to attend tutorials on Wednesday mornings which are scheduled about twice a month.

Grade 10-12 BLENDED Cohort	Grade 10-12 BLENDED MORNING Cohort	Grade 10-12 ONLINE Cohort
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time students (8 U-Connect Courses) • Online Courses • Face to Face classes on Mondays & Tuesdays • Blended Pathways (Monday/Tuesday PM): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inquiry ○ Art ○ Technology • Optional activities on Wednesdays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Field Trips, Tutorials, Workshops • 1:1 technology access for Grade 8-12: Dell Laptop Loaned for Student use (in Gr 8 until end of Gr 12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part-time students • Online Courses • Face to Face classes on Mondays & Tuesday mornings • Inquiry Projects (Monday/Tuesday PM) • Optional activities on Wednesdays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Field Trips, Tutorials, Workshops • 1:1 technology access for Grade 8-12: Dell Laptop loaned out for student use (in Gr 8 until end of Gr 12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time or part-time students • Online Courses • No F2F (except to write exams) • Self-paced courses • Students “Active” in 4+ courses get access to optional Wednesday tutorials.

For more information about our program, please call the school office at **604-530-2361**,
or fill in an online request for information at:

<https://simonds-uconnect.sd35.bc.ca/u-connect/u-connect-application/>



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