The TITANS' Tribune

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Hello LFMSS Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

This Titan Tribune includes many events that have either wrapped up, are continuing, or have just begun.

Our Frozen, Jr. rehearsals are well underway and we have sold out our five matinee performances for elementary schools! Thank you to staff and parents who are working tirelessly to ensure our students are well prepared for the shows in the Spring of 2024.

Our Athletics' programs are still going strong as we have several volleyball teams still competing and other teams that have just finished their season. Our soccer teams have achieved much success and our Senior Boys' team has qualified for Provincials (end of November). Our middle school volleyball began this week. Thank you to the parents and staff who are taking on the role as a coach or a teacher sponsor.

An abundance of gratitude to all of the staff and students who made this week's Remembrance Day Assembly so meaningful and impactful. We had student participation from Grade 6-12 and this is one of the reasons why our school is so unique – having middle and secondary students working together towards common initiatives and goals.

I wish you a wonderful long weekend.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carla Clapton Principal Issue #5

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 13Remembrance Day (School Closed)Nov. 18Frozen Jr. Rehearsal (9am-3pm)Nov. 24Report Cards Issued (Semester)
– Gr 8-12Nov. 29Gr. 6 Regular Immunizations
(round 1)Dec. 4Report Cards Issued (Linear)
– Gr 6/7Dec. 8Gr. 6/7 Hot Lunch

Please visit <u>www.lfmss.sd35.bc.ca</u> for the most up to ate calendar of events.



Remembrance Day



In Flanders fields the poppies blow hat mark our place; and in the sky









LFMSS Lunch Club

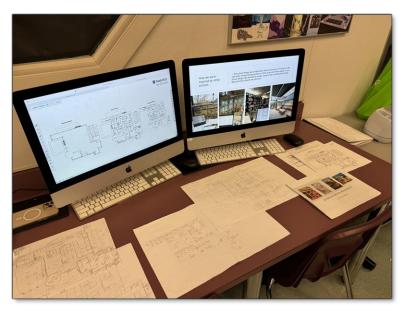
At our recent Grade 8 and Grade 9 Lunch Club, everyone had a super time playing guess the candy in a jar and Headbands games. Many students new to the Club received a welcoming tea cup and saucer and all students enjoyed their hot chocolate and cookie.



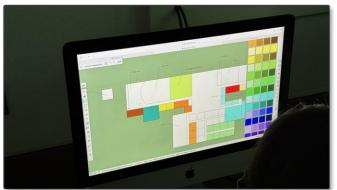


Drafting 11

Students spent the last few weeks planning and creating detailed plans for their School Redesign Projects. They were challenged to consider how aspects such as space, experiences, and needs shape design choices.







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Students recently used augmented reality to walk through their 3D house designs.



Remembrance Day – Learning Commons Library

Our Library Learning Commons Committee did a wonderful job of recycling old apple packing material and turning them into beautiful displays for Remembrance Day. Ms. Hewitt would like to thank our very talented and dedicated LLCC members for their hard work.



Golden Ears Hike: What makes places sacred?

Ethan P.

Water is considered an important piece of life in any aspect; it's basically our lifeblood. Therefore, it makes total sense that water is held in such high regard in Indigenous cultures, especially local ones with such a connection the West Coast. The river that we saw on our hike was a perfect example of a feature of the trail we hiked that felt as though it was a sacred environment. Considering it was our destination and stopping point before we turned back, it felt almost as though it was a pilgrimage of sorts to an important site. The rushing water and constant crashing sound of the waterfall we reached was calming and felt important, like something everybody who lives on this land should feel and experience. The untamed water is powerful, and you can feel it in the air as you stand beside the falls, but in a way it contains itself through centuries of erosion and time spent digging and carving its own way through the land. In a way, it feels representative of the people who lived on this land.



The river simply came to be one day, but it did not force its way with nature, and instead worked with it for millennia, slowly crafting and creating the flow it now takes.

The river isn't always aggressive and powerful though. As we saw it earlier in the hike, it was much calmer and tranquil, even allowing us some time to stop and skim rocks across its smooth surface. The path we walked followed the river for quite some time, and it was never far from our side, so in a way it felt as though we were following the sacred path it had produced, but never did we intrude on it. Like observers, we were permitted to stand by its side and experience it, but never disrupting it.



Siena B.

"Shapes"

I have walked this trail a couple of times before, but on this walk I saw things a lot differently. I looked at the whole picture, not just the path in front of me. I got to see the way the trees had grown with all the different shaped branches. I admired the view of the mountains from the river. On the walk, I noticed the shapes that the pine needles made on the pathway. It reminded me of the ripples on the river leading up to the waterfall at the end of the walk. It was like the pathway was part of the river, leading to something beautiful.

Austin J.

The feature that was so prominent to me during this walk was the fog in the mountains that you could occasionally see in a clearing. Along with that fog you'd glance up to notice just how small and isolated we were during this walk. It was extremely atmospheric and immersive from the high walls of the valley with the fog cover to the low and clear rivers and rocky beaches. Even every single mushroom that Jeff pointed out was important because it was all new to us. The park felt isolated and preserved. You had to work to get out there...because of how deep into the valley it was.

Jefferson H.

What differs in the feeling of walking around as compared to walking into a sacred space is all dependent on the mindset you bring with you. When entering the park, I kept mindful of the question: What makes this place sacred? As I journeyed deeper into the forest, I observed the cedar boughs that lined the banks of the river, the fungus that grew from the roots of trees as well as the wildlife that flew overtop the canopy. All these things are integrated both into the ecosystem that sustains us as well as the rituals of different cultures. Being mindful is what brought me to realize the sacredness of this space.



Yearbook and Alpine Sports Program Update



LFMSS PHE Department Call for Donations



The PHE dept is looking for adult hockey helmets for our senior PE field trips to ice rinks. If you have any extra helmets that you are willing to donate OR sell, we are interested.

Please email Christian Stickney, PHE Dept head at <u>cstickney@sd35.bc.ca</u>. Thank you for your unwavering support for our students and school!

Community News

Here are a few items from the Langley School District's Community Bulletin Board. For more community events please visit <u>https://www.sd35.bc.ca/news-events/community-bulletin-board/</u>





