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Upcoming Dates

Hello LFMSS Families:

Our final three months of the school year are well underway with our current athletic programs (soccer, ice hockey, badminton, and track & field), our Frozen, Jr. musical (set up is beginning next week), and Formal Learning Updates will also be issued at the end of April for those students enrolled in a Semester 2 course.

There are important reminders and updates included in this Titan Tribune as it relates to the SafeArrival absence reporting system and the solar eclipse event that will be happening on Monday.

I wish you and your family a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carla Clapton
Principal



Apr. 8	PAC Meeting (7:30pm)
Apr. 15-19	Provincial Graduation Assessments
Apr. 22	Report Card Prep/Design and Assessment Day (Gr. 8-12 students not in attendance - Gr. 6/7 in attendance)
Apr. 29	Report Cards Issued
May 3	Gr. 6/7 Hot Lunch
May 17	Pro-D (students not in attendance)
May 29	Gr. 6 Regular Immunizations (round 2)

Please visit www.lfmss.sd35.bc.ca for the most up to date calendar of events.

Solar Eclipse Awareness

A partial solar eclipse will take place on Monday, April 8, from 10:43 am until approximately 12:20 pm. This is a relatively rare event, with people likely curious and wanting to witness the event first hand. Looking at the sun directly during an eclipse can cause severe eye injury, as some of the protective mechanisms that would make us turn away from the sun may be less effective due to low light levels, according to Vancouver Coastal Health. While the forecast is for clouds and light showers in the morning on Monday, the possibility exists that we will be able to witness this event. Please ensure that children and youth are aware of the dangers of looking directly at the sun. **If skies clear on Monday morning, Vancouver Coastal Health is recommending that students, especially young children, are kept inside during this time.** For those who would like to witness this event, NASA is offering an opportunity to watch the solar eclipse live [online](#).

LFMSS Admin will determine the morning of the event if students will be asked to stay indoors (weather dependant) during that time period.

Track and Field time!

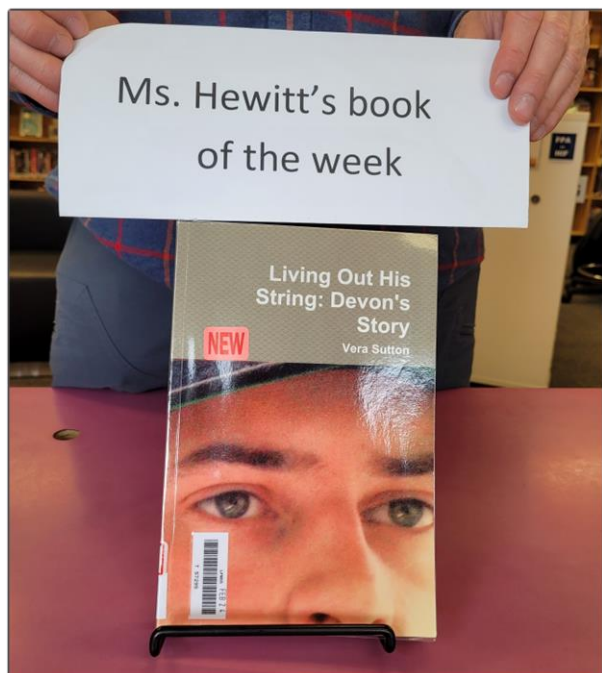
Have fun while breaking your personal bests in Running, Jumping, Throwing or a combination!

At the beginning of the lunch block on Wednesday, April 3rd at 11:55 am, we will have the first meeting of our Fundy Grade 8 to 12 Track and Field season in room E7 (Mr. Bresette's room). All grade 8 to 12 students are invited!

Please give your completed permission forms to Mr. Suriya (room S2).



LFMSS Library Learning Commons Book of the Week



Now in our Library Learning Commons, a true story authored by Ms. Vera Sutton, last semester's English teacher, about her son's brave battle with cancer.

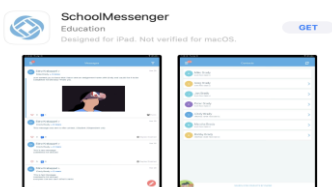
Transition to SafeArrival Student Absence Reporting System Update

LFMSS will be transitioning to the new SafeArrival student absence reporting system over the next two weeks. Families will be able to use the old method of reporting absences as well as trying out the new method during this period of time. **As a reminder, this system will be used at LFMSS for Grades 9-12 only. We will continue the same absence reporting process for our Grade 6-8 students.** For some families, this means that there will be two methods of submitting an absence at LFMSS.

Beginning on **April 15, 2024**, LFMSS will be officially using the new SafeArrival system for **Grades 9-12 only** and will be expected to use one of the three following methods:

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store or go.schoolmessenger.ca. The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. You must use the same email address and phone number that is on file at the school. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.



2. Use the SafeArrival website go.schoolmessenger.ca. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. You must use the same email address and phone number that is on file at the school. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-833-294-4837 to report an absence using the automated phone system. If you are calling the toll-free number, you must call from the parent/guardian phone number on file with the school.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. We ask that daily absences are reported as soon as possible and before 3:00pm on the day of the absence. This includes late arrivals and early departures. Future absences can be reported at any time. If absences are not reported before the cut-off time of 3:00pm, the parent/guardian may still receive an automatic notification in the evening to inform them of an absence. Absences are only to be reported by parents/guardians on file with the school. Students are NOT to report their own absences.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the **SafeArrival** toll-free number, website, or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

Please report absences using SafeArrival instead of sending notes, calling, or emailing the school. In the morning, the school may receive a high volume of calls. Please use the three options above to report absences. The school office will no longer accept calls regarding attendance. Parents/guardians will need to report via the app, website, or toll-free number in a timely manner.

If families have children attending other schools, please continue to report absences using the existing procedures for those schools. For more information, here is a link to a [Safe Arrival FAQ for Families](#) resource to help parents/guardians and students with this transition. Thank you for your patience and support as we implement this new system.

LFMSS Frozen Production

Langley Fundamental Middle Secondary
Proudly presents

Disney
FROZEN JR.

for tickets and info visit
lfmssfrozen.com

Friday	April 26	7pm
Saturday	April 27	2pm
Saturday	April 27	7pm
Friday	May 3	7pm
Saturday	May 4	2pm
Saturday	May 4	7pm

Homestay Families Needed

SCHOOL DISTRICT
Langley
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

\$1050 per MONTH
effective SEPTEMBER 2023

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Have a life changing experience and welcome an international student into your home!
Homestay families are provided **\$1050/month** to offset costs!

Visit our International Student Program website (Homestay section):
www.studyinlangley.com
and complete the online Homestay Application.



Community News

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

LANGLEY RCMP YOUTH VOLUNTEER PROGRAM 2024

Open to Langley School District students in Grades 10-12. Preference given to Grade 11 and 12 students due to graduation requirements.

Requirements:

- Grades 10-12 student at Langley School
- Desire to learn more about policing as a future career
- Good academic record
- Good character
- Good communication skills
- Willing to accept and follow the regulations of the Langley RCMP's Volunteer Program
- No arrests, convictions or record of repeated negative interactions with police
- No affiliation with gangs or other criminal groups
- Availability to attend learning sessions

What to expect:

- Free military cadet program
- Training
- Community service
- Physical fitness
- Communication skills

Cadets will get an inside look at policing with the RCMP including the Ship Rider Program, Air 1, Public Dog Section, Tactical Teams, and General Duty Policing and more!

Skills learned through the program will be utilized with volunteer shifts at local community events such as Canada Day, The Midprogram Fair, The Langley Good Times Cruise-In and more!

How to Join:

If you meet the above requirements, contact with your Langley School District Career Counsellor for an application package.

The schedule will be released once participants have been selected. During the school year there will be information sessions on various Fri-Sat Days. The schedule is subject to change due to operational requirements of the specialized sections. There is no cost associated to joining the Langley RCMP Youth Volunteer Program.

If you have questions about the Langley RCMP Youth Volunteer Program, please email us at langley_volunteers@rcmp-gc.ca

Langley RCMP Detachment
2288 46A Ave.
Langley, BC V3A 9B7
Non-emergency: 604-532-3309

LCSS Langley Community Services Society AND THE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION PRESENTS

TAMING THE WORRY DRAGONS

Thought Storming Relaxation
Coping Skills Mindful Breathing

REGISTRATION AND PARENT PARTICIPATION REQUIRED!

What: FREE 8 Session Psycho-Educational Group for kids who struggle with anxiety
Who: Children ages 8-12 accompanied by caregiver
When: Every Tuesday 6-6:30 pm April 16- June 4, 2024
Where: University Hall 1, The McKee Center 8470 201 St, Langley

E-mail: brinkidson@gmail.com
Contact Facilitator: Megan Zarak for questions related to group
P: 604-532-7920 ext. 2368 E: m.zarak@lcss.ca

Earth Day
Saturday, April 20
Douglas Park, 30550 Douglas Crescent
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

FREE secure bike valet available!

Join us in celebration of Earth Day in Langley City for our free family friendly event!

Learn, explore, and have fun while participating in educational and environmentally-friendly activities, including:

- Free secure Bike Valet available on site.
- Upcycle Challenge - bring your finished upcycle product between 9:00 am - 10:00 am to Douglas Sport Square Stage area. Winners to be announced at 1:45 pm.
- Foraging for native edible foods in an urban environment with Mrs. Lockbore at 12:00 pm.
- Container Gardening workshop at 1:00 pm.
- Upcycle Challenge winners will be announced at 1:45 pm.
- Hands-on workshops, garden tours, Earth Day bingo, scavenger hunts, and other kid games will take place throughout the day.
- Free supplies to help keep our neighbourhood parks and trails clean with 'Pick-Up Canada'.
- Indigenous plant and seed giveaways, gift card and gardening prizes, and more!

In partnership with:
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