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Upcoming Dates

Hello LFMSS Families:

This is an abbreviated Principal's message, however, many things have been happening over the past week. I have included some of the larger and/or ongoing events below.

Frozen, Jr.

Our Frozen, Jr. musical production has their final performances this weekend. Over the past ten days, we have welcomed hundreds of Langley elementary school students to enjoy our matinee performances. Thank you to everyone involved this school year who made this such a tremendous success.

This is truly a parent and school community collaboration and epitomizes 'Home and School Working Together'.

Athletics

Our Spring season sports are well underway and thank you to all of our dedicated school and community coaches!

Grad Events

This is the season for Grad events. Grads and their families can purchase ceremony and banquet tickets on school cash online.

Parent Information Evening (for new Grade 6-8 families) – Thursday, May 9th

We will be hosting a second Parent / Student Information Evening for our incoming Grade 6-8 students (please see information on next page).

I wish you a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carla Clapton Principal

May 9	Parent Information Evening for new Gr. 6-8 Families
May 10	Grad Breakfast
May 16	Gr. 8 - Vancouver Bandits Game a LEC
May 16	Aboriginal Achievement Awards a Church in the Valley
May 17	Pro-D (students not in attendance
May 20	Victoria Day (Schools Closed)
May 24	District Athletics Evening (5pm)
May 29	Gr. 6 Regular Immunizations (round 2)
May 29	Middle School Track Meet at MAP
May 30	LFES Fun Night

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



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LFMSS Podcast Club

The Podcast Club recently had a very interesting and informative podcast with students from Mrs. McKernan's class.



Youth Philanthropy Initiative

Ms. Vogt's CLE 10 class recently participated in the Canada-wide Youth Philanthropy Initiative, a program designed to encourage youth to connect with and serve their local communities.

Students researched four social issues of importance to them: poverty, domestic violence, mental health, and addiction. They chose four local charities that work to address these issues and who support people who may need help (Raphael House, Ishtar Women's Support Services, Kindred Community Farm Sanctuary, and VisionQuest Recovery Society).





Each group conducted a site visit, prepared a PPT, and presented their research on the social issue and their chosen charity to an audience of nearly 300 people, including representatives of each charity, students and staff. All groups represented their charities well, and the winning charity, Raphael House, selected by audience vote after the presentations, will receive a \$5000 grant to continue their work! Thank you to all students for their hard work in raising awareness of both these important issues and of these charities that support those in need. Well done!



LFMSS Lunch Club



Learning Commons Resources



Our Library Learning Commons has a vast array of reading material to further your knowledge of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit, Transgender, and Gender-Diverse+Peoples.

Mental Health Substance Use Resource Guide

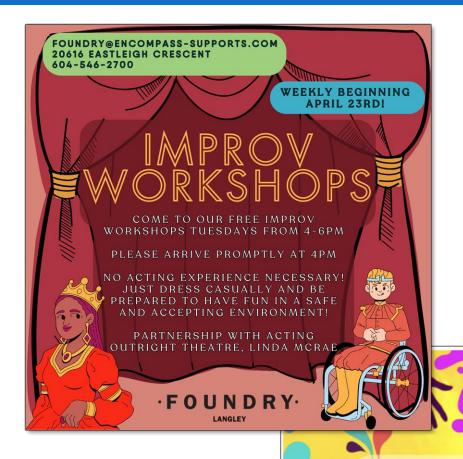
<u>Language Matters! An Introductory Guide for Understanding Mental Health and Substance Use: A</u>
<u>Resource for Educators and School Communities</u> is now officially available on the <u>mental health and</u>
<u>well-being</u> erase website.

Please find attached a promotional poster with a QR code that you may share with your school community to raise awareness of the resource.

A webinar will be hosted on May 8, 2024 (12:00-1:00 p.m. PT) during Canadian Mental Health Week, to provide an overview of how schools may use the guide. *Registration* to attend the webinar is required.

If you have any questions, please reach out to EDUC.MentalHealth@gov.bc.ca.

Foundry Events



I.O.A.D AMBASSADORS

We are looking for passionate youth leaders who have something to say and want to make a difference in this community

Is this you?
If yes, then we want to meet you!
May 9th at 3:30pm

Join us for a discussion on harm reduction, toxic substances, whole body health, and ways you can make a difference on Overdose Awareness Day 2024

Open to all students in grades 10-12



QUESTIONS?

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LANGUAGE |ATTERS!

An Introductory Guide for **Understanding Mental Health and Substance Use:** A Resource for Educators and School Communities

Language Matters is an introductory guide on mental health and substance use for educators, administrators, school support staff, and other personnel who work with children and youth in school communities.

The guide has been developed to help facilitate conversations, build common understandings, and support practice by defining and discussing key mental health and substance use terms and topics. Developing a common language and shared understanding of mental health and substance use terms and concepts can help to improve mental health literacy and

This resource was developed in partnership with the BC Children's Hospital's Health Promotion and Health Literacy team.

The Language Matters resource provides an overview of a number of key topics, including:

- · The importance of mental health for the overall health of the school community
- · Cultural conceptualizations of mental health and substance use
- · Defining mental health and the different states of mental health
- · Common mental disorders
- · Mental health promotion, risk, and protective factors
- · Self-harm and suicide
- Substance use
- · Trauma and trauma-informed practice
- · The school community's role in supporting student mental health and wellness
- · Creating safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environments for all students
- · Mental health professionals in the school, health care system, and community
- Educator well-being



Download the Language Matters guide with the QR code and share with your colleagues and school community partners.





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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/



