



The Titans' Tribune

Home and School Working Together

September 27, 2024

Issue #2

Upcoming Dates

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Hello LFMSS Families:

We have now completed our first month of the school year. You will notice that this version of the Titan Tribune is full of many exciting and important things happening at LFMSS. I would like to highlight a few items within my Principal's message.

Welcome Mrs. Dlugan!

Congratulations to Mrs. Dlugan (our new Office Admin Staff member) for making it through her first two full weeks at LFMSS! She is doing a wonderful job and we are so pleased that she has joined our Fundy community.

Traffic

As we are all aware, traffic before and after school has increased as we have welcomed many new families to our school community. We have incredible Support Staff and one of their new roles is that of Crosswalk Duty after school. I thank our parent community for abiding by traffic rules and exercising patience and respect to ensure that all of our students remain safe as they cross busy streets. We also have our teaching staff who take their turn in supervising both parking lots before and after school.

Meet the Teacher Evening and Grade 12 Student and Parent Information Session

Thank you to everyone who joined us for one (or both) of these events. They were well attended and it was wonderful to re-connect with our LFMSS families and to meet so many of our new families!

Athletics

Grade 6-12 cross country, Grade 8-12 volleyball, and Grade 8-12 boys' soccer are all underway! Thank you to our Athletic Directors (Mr. Johnson, Mr. Stickney, Mr. Horita, and Mr. Ladefoged) for all of your hard work getting these teams going and thank you to our school and community coaches who work with and mentor our athletes.

Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation

Today during MTSS time, teachers engaged students in activities and/or discussions related to Truth and Reconciliation. We encouraged all Staff and students to take some time to listen, think, ask questions, and dialogue as to why these discussions are so important today and moving forward.

Sept. 27	Truth and Reconciliation Gathering
Sept. 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day (school closed)
Oct. 3	Terry Fox Run & Events
Oct. 4	School Improvement Day (Students not in attendance)
Oct. 10	Grad Cruise
Oct. 11	Golden Ears Field Trip with Liz Graham
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Day (school is closed)
Oct. 15	Photo Re-Takes
Oct. 15-18	Informal Learning-Updates Week (formerly known as "Interims")
Oct. 17	Great Canadian Shake Out and Practice Fire Drill
Oct. 23-24	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Oct. 29	Grade 7 Squeak and Squawk
Oct. 31	Halloween Festivities

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

Terry Fox Run and Events

Next week, Ms. DelaMorandiere's Leadership students are coordinating some exciting events in support of the Terry Fox Foundation and cancer research! If you are able to donate to the Terry Fox Cancer Foundation, please bring your toonies (for Terry) or you may choose to donate on School CashOnline. Tape the Teacher is happening on Tuesday at lunch and the school run will be happening just before lunch on Thursday.

I wish everyone a wonderful long weekend.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carla Clapton
Principal
LFMSS

Volunteer Approval and Training

There is a new District process for adults volunteering in Langley schools.

All volunteers who are more than just casual volunteers must complete a Criminal Record Check, the Refresher/Training video, and complete the Volunteer Application Form, all on the School District Website. The link is: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/our-district/volunteer-at-the-langley-school-district/>

The password to access the information is **SD35Volunteer**

Examples of Volunteer Roles:

Canteen service
Hot Lunch service
Drivers for field trips and athletics
Community coaches



Please contact the Principal, Ms. Clapton, if you have any questions.

Student in Distress and School Safety

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Our schools follow emergency procedures to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. Depending on the situation, communication to parents/caregivers is needed to keep families informed about incidents in our school, such as during lockdowns, hold & secures, and room clears. Sometimes these incidents may not be emergencies but are medical crises. It is important to note that the decision to send communications to families is dependent on a variety of factors including the nature of what happened, who has witnessed or was directly impacted by what happened, as well as student and staff privacy. Although communication is unique and dependent on the specific situation, there are times when a student is in distress and the incident may require a message or letter to families. In addition to communication to parents/caregivers, teachers and staff may debrief with students after an incident that may have upset them. In some cases, the school counsellor may offer support to students in need. As always, we want families to let us know if your child requires support. If you have any questions or concerns about communication related to emergencies or incidents, please reach out to the school.

School Fees

Every year, there are fees payable to the school for different items, including student fees, grad fees, donation items, any athletics related items, workbooks, etc. The Langley School District uses an online system to collect these fees as it is user friendly and saves students from having to carry cash.

Please go online at <https://schoolcashionline.com/> to register your child(ren). You will get an email notification any time a new “item” is available for purchase and the first item you will see are the student fees for the coming year.

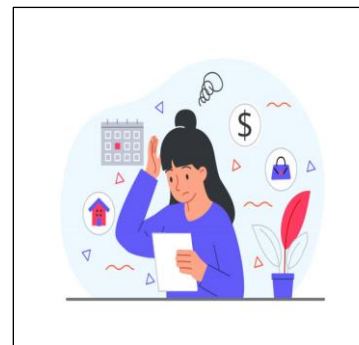
Please email Mrs. Dvorak at cdvorak@sd35.bc.ca if you have any questions regarding school cash online or school fees.

Financial Hardship

The District is committed to ensuring that no student of school age will be denied an educational program due to financial hardship. Within the fiscal ability of each school and the District, no student is to be denied access to programs, events or field trips that are aligned to and enhance the BC curriculum.

If you have any questions or are in a situation of financial hardship, please contact the school counsellor or administrator.

Financial hardship may be a circumstance that is behind your control such as: Loss of employment, reduction of income, job transfer, divorce or separation, death of spouse, medical issues, etc.



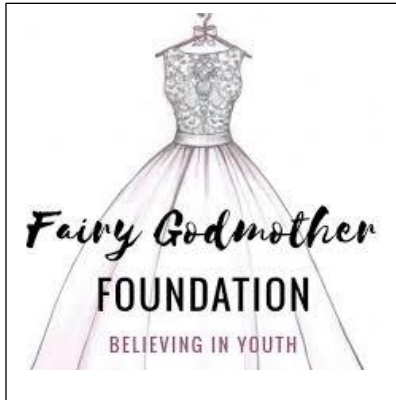
Grad Fees

With several events throughout the graduation year, families with a graduating student may have to budget accordingly to ensure their child can participate in them all.

Costs may include:

Grad Fee, Grad Cruise, Snowball Formal Dance, Grad Portraits, Grad Banquet, Dry Grad, etc.

If your family is in a position of financial hardship, please contact the school counsellor or administrator to access support.



FAIRY GODMOTHER FOUNDATION

This non-profit organization provides a service to young adults in Langley who have faced and overcome adversity by providing grad wear and accessories to those who may not be fortunate enough to afford them. Past LFMSS students have benefited from this program. Student information is kept confidential unless the student agrees to share it. See your school counsellor for more information.

Referral deadline February 21, 2025.

Breakfast Services at Fundy

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, several LFMSS students provide a breakfast service for any student who wishes to have something to eat. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, our Support Staff offer the same service. Grades 6 & 7 can access this service outside in the courtyard, while Grades 8-12 can get a snack from the canteen.

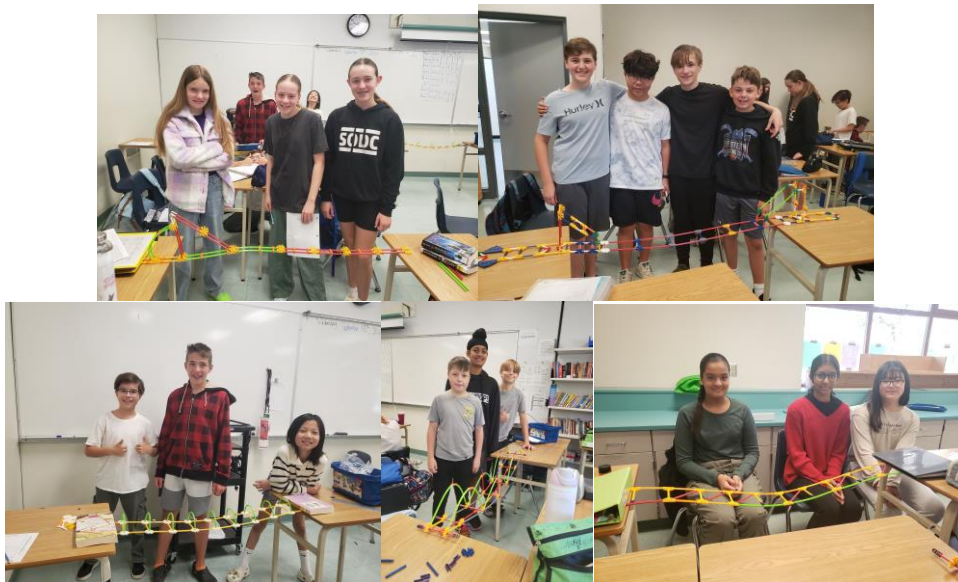


Leadership Announcement



Makerspace

In grade 7 Makerspace, the class is using their knowledge of structural forces, shape strength and different styles of bridges to create their very own 1-meter K'Nex bridge! Next challenge will be to improve their bridge to hold the weight of textbook(s).



In grade 7 Makerspace, the class has improved their initial bridge design to hold more weight. The bridges were tested to see how many textbooks they can hold. The record of the highest amount of textbooks before collapse was 25!



Drafting & Design 11/12

Students recently created several detailed designs that were cut, scored, and engraved on wood. Beautiful work!




Indigenous students and friends playing our new board game "Truth in Truth & Reconciliation" in the Indigenous student room.



Orange Shirt Day National Day for Truth & Reconciliation September 30, 2024


A DAY TO HONOUR SURVIVORS OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS,
THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES,
AND THE CHILDREN WHO NEVER CAME HOME



- 3:00 pm Truth-telling, dialogue and (un)learning led by community allies
- 6:00 pm honouring ceremony, drumming and speakers
- 7:22 pm walking vigil (dusk)

Derek Doubleday Arboretum
21177 Fraser Highway
ALL ARE WELCOME

for more information
please scan the QR code
or contact Shelley@lfvas.org



We acknowledge we do our work on the traditional unceded territories of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui, and Semiahmoo First Nations

Local allies together with an Indigenous Advisory seeking to learn and teach others the "true history" of Canada as an act of reconciliation.

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Alpine Sports LFMSS



Alpine Sports at LFMSS

We will be running a 4 day program at Cypress on Fridays in January (10,17,24,31) with a one day optional extension to Whistler on Feb. 7th

All details and sign up information will be available soon at:
<https://lfmss.sd35.bc.ca/extra-curricular/alpine-sports-program/>

Registrations must be completed by October 11.
Contact Mr. Bresett cbresett@sd35.bc.ca if you have any questions.

Space is limited!

University of Fraser Valley – Engineering Programs Information

The Physics and Engineering Department at the University of the Fraser Valley is hosting an **Engineering Programs Information Session Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 7:00pm in Evered Hall at the UFV Abbotsford Campus.**

We would greatly appreciate your help in getting the word out to your students regarding this event. This session is open to all but will be of particular relevance to grade 11 and 12 students who are considering post-secondary education in engineering and/or physics.

Open to all prospective students and their families as well as school counsellors, career advisors and teachers, the info session will provide an overview of our two engineering programs here at UFV:

[Engineering Common Core Certificate](#)

[Engineering Physics Diploma in Mechatronics](#)

Topics will include:

- Overview of both programs
- What to expect in each program and how to succeed
- Timelines, deadlines, admissions and registration process, fees and costs
- Career and educational opportunities
- Q & A session

I have included an electronic poster for this event that includes additional details, including information on [how to register for the event](#). Printed copies of the poster are also available. If you have an area to display a poster, please let me know and I will mail those out to you. Details are also on our website at www.ufv.ca/engineering.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Engineering Programs Chair:

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Presented by: UFV Physics & Engineering



Engineering Programs Info Session

Thursday, November 14, 2024
7:00pm, Evered Hall, UFV Abbotsford

Please join us for a comprehensive session open to prospective students and families as well as school counsellors/advisors. Topics will include:

- Program options: **Engineering Common Core Certificate** and **Engineering Physics Diploma in Mechatronics**
- Admissions and registration processes, deadlines, fees and costs
- Career and educational opportunities
- Q & A session
- Meet Physics & Engineering faculty members, UFV Student Recruiters and current program students.

Please register at
ufv.ca/engineering

Panel members include:

- **Dr. Peter Mulhern**, Engineering Program Chair and Associate Professor
- **Dr. Jeff Chizma**, Physics Department Head
- **Trevor Beugeling & Dr. Elmer Magsino**, UFV Engineering Faculty
- UFV Future Students Office
- Current program students

Refreshments will be available

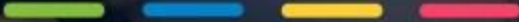
Questions? Call 604-864-4698 or email karli.menagh@ufv.ca

Learn more at ufv.ca/engineering

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TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY FIRE HALL WAVE PLACEMENTS



Work and Volunteer Opportunities (WAVE)

Township of Langley Fire Hall WAVE placements

We are excited to present an opportunity for students in grades 11 and 12 to participate in work experience placements with Township of Langley firefighters. (As spots are limited, preference will be given to graduating students.)

Application due on Wednesday October 02, 2024

Please pick up an application at the Career Center or
Download it from LFMSS Grads 2025 or 2026 Microsoft TEAMS

For more information, please check out the posting on LFMSS Grads 2025 or 2026 Microsoft TEAMS or stop by the Career Center.

Career Exploration:
TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY FIRE HALL

TUESDAYS OR WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Considering firefighting as an occupation?

Selected students will experience job shadowing Township of Langley Fire Hall personnel. Students will spend ten 3-hour shifts at an assigned Fire Hall. Apply for this District Work And Volunteer Experience opportunity now!
Open to students in grade 11 and 12!

Two sessions offered:
Session #1
Oct 15 - Dec 17, 2024 (Tuesdays) **OR** Oct 16 - Dec 18, 2024 (Wednesdays)
Session #2
April 8 - June 10, 2025 (Tuesdays) **OR** April 9 - June 11, 2025 (Wednesdays)

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See your Career Advisor for more info &
an application!

Applications Due Oct 2, 2024!

Apply Now!
Limited seats!

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Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder, Depression, Anxiety Disorders, PTSD, Concurrent Disorders and Others

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From the District News

Programs of Choice – Deadline to Register is Monday, October 21st

Langley School District offers a rich diversity of programs that are designed to meet the specific needs and interests of students. Programs include Fine Arts, French Immersion, Fundamental, Langley Environmental Awareness Program (outdoor education), Montessori, and U-Connect. Registration for Kindergarten entry (for most programs) begins on **Monday, October 7th at 12 noon**, and closes on **Monday, October 21st at 12 noon**. For U-Connect, please contact the school directly. For more information and instructions to register your child, visit our District website [here](#) and review our FAQ choice programs resource [here](#).

Orange Shirt Day/ National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Community Event

Attached is the poster for the Community Gathering on September 30th in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. The gathering takes place at Derek Doubleday Arboretum (21177 Fraser Highway). From 3pm – 6pm, the event is open to all to explore some community engagement and learning activities at their own pace. Beginning at 6pm, everyone will gather for a ceremony to Honour the Children.

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/>

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

TAMING THE WORRY DRAGONS

Thought Stopping Relaxation
Courage
Mindful Breathing

REGISTRATION and PARENT PARTICIPATION REQUIRED

What: FREE 8 Session Psycho-Educational Group for kids who struggle with anxiety. Parent Participation Required.
Who: Children ages 8-12
When: Every Tuesday 5-6:30 October 15-December 3, 2024
Where: The Wellness Center 6470 201 St.

Contact Oriana Edilides 7-604-533-7920 ext.3113 E: ori.edilides@lcss.ca to register
Or Megan Dunk for more info. P: 604-533-7920 ext.3068 F: megan@lcss.ca

Langley Community Services Society

Caring Dads Group

The Caring Dads Intimate Partner Violence program is designed for fathers wanting to gain a deeper understanding of their relationship with their children and the mother of their children. The group consists of topics such as child development, what it means to be a father, positive discipline, and many others.

The group will run Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm from August 28th, 2024 to December 18th, 2024.

For more information, please contact Matthew Smiley at 604-440-9079 or mamley@lcss.ca

Join our Circle of Caregivers

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www.lcss.ca/fostercaregiving