



The Titans' Tribune

Home and School Working Together

October 11, 2024

Issue #3

Upcoming Dates

Hello LFMSS Families:

In this version of the Titan Tribune, there is lots of information to share about what has been happening over the last couple of weeks. On Friday, Sept. 27th, students engaged in conversations with their teachers about Truth and Reconciliation and last week, the LFMSS Leadership students coordinated Terry Fox events and the school-wide run. It is not too late to donate to the Terry Fox Cancer Research Foundation on School CashOnline if you wish to do so. Cross-country, volleyball, and soccer seasons are happening on a daily basis and middle school volleyball will be starting up soon.

Informal Learning Update Weeks

This week, Grade 6 & 7 Teachers completed an 'Informal Learning Update' document with students. Next week, the same process will take place with Grade 8-12 students. We hope that your child has shared the information with parent(s)/guardian(s) and this document will help determine the need to schedule a Student-Parent-Teacher Conference time.

Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences

On Tuesday, Oct. 15th, all LFMSS families will be sent communication about the online scheduling system. These conferences will be in-person and on-site and we encourage students to be a part of these conferences when possible.

Traffic

We will continue to review our traffic practices and ways in which to balance after school pick up with student safety (which is always at the forefront and the purpose of implementing crossing guards).

I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful long weekend.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carla Clapton
Principal
LFMSS

Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Day (school is closed)
Oct. 15	Photo Re-Takes
Oct. 15-18	Gr. 8-12 Informal Learning Update Week
Oct. 15-21	Online Appointments available for Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences (gr. 6-12)
Oct. 17	Great Canadian Shake Out and Practice Fire Drill
Oct. 18	Gr. 6/7 Hot Lunch
Oct. 22	District Choir Festival (REMSS)
Oct. 23 & 24	Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal 1:55pm -both days
Oct. 25	Professional Development No School for Students
Oct. 29	Gr. 7 Squeak & Squawk
Oct. 31	Halloween Festivities

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

Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences - * New Times

Due to some unforeseen scheduling conflicts, this will be the new schedule for the Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Wed. Oct. 23 2:10 PM – 7:30 PM (there is a 30 minute dinner break for teachers)
Thurs. Oct. 24 2:10 PM – 4:30 PM

*Online appointments will be open on Tues. Oct. 15th at 2:00 PM and will close on Mon. Oct. 21st at 10:00 PM

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.

Emergency Procedures & Response

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Schools follow emergency procedures to ensure students, staff, and any visitors in our schools or sites are safe when unexpected incidents or events happen. At the start of every school year, administrators, teachers, and staff review these emergency procedures. Schools practice a set number of drills annually in preparation for unexpected situations. The District encourages families to become familiar with these staff emergency procedures and the drills that are completed in schools. You can read them in the Staff Emergency Procedures Poster [here](#) or find them posted in areas throughout District buildings. If you have questions or concerns about emergency procedures, please contact your child's teacher or principal.

Provincial Elections

On Saturday October 19th many of our school gyms across the District will be used as provincial election polling stations from 8am – 8pm. As guided by Section 81 of the Election Act “accommodation in a school that is the property of a board of school trustees under the School Act must be made available by the board for use as a voting place.” Please take note of extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area of these sites on election day.

The District appreciates the support and cooperation from families and members of our community. The District is encouraging everyone who is eligible to do their civic duty and vote. For a list of school sites being used, visit the District website [here](#).

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

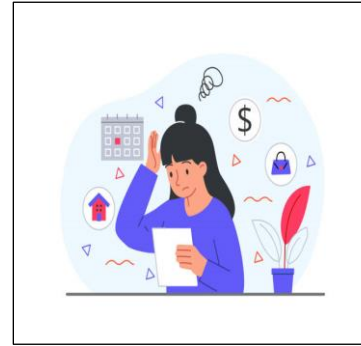
Every year, there are fees payable to the school for different items, including student fees, grad fees, donation items, any athletics related items, workbooks, etc. The Langley School District uses an online system to collect these fees as it is user friendly and saves students from having to carry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

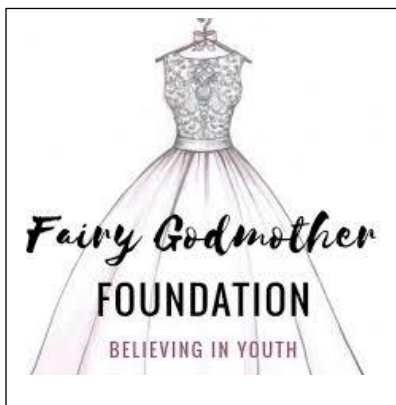
Grad Fees

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.



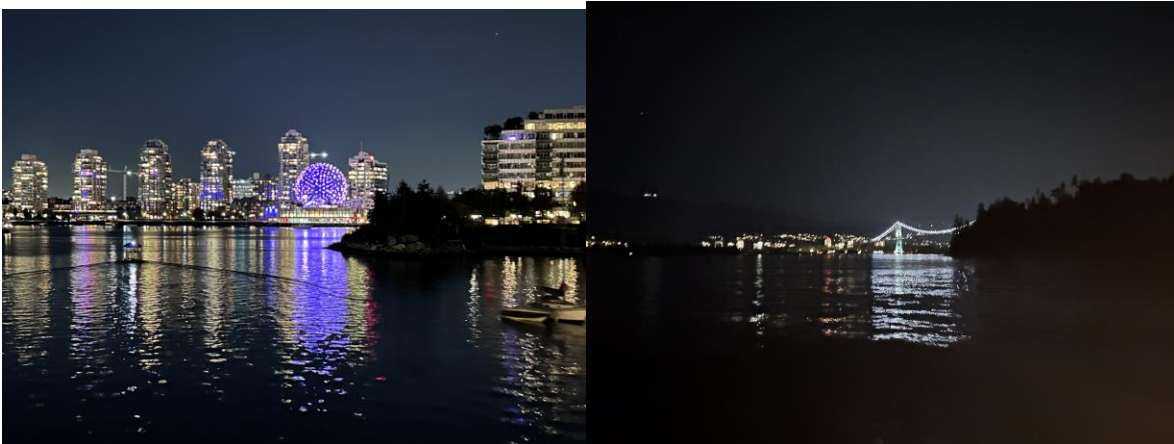
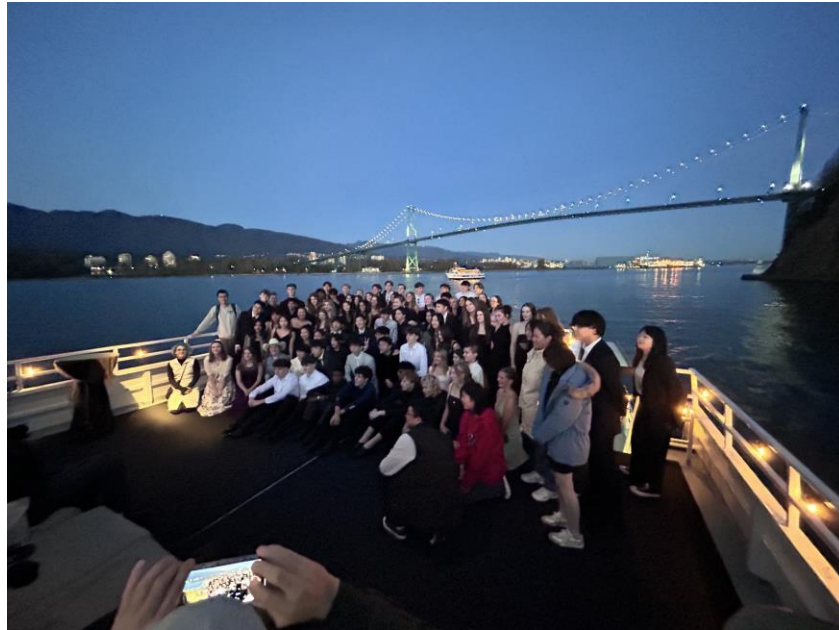
FAIRY GODMOTHER FOUNDATION

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.

Grad Cruise

Last evening our Grads had an incredible evening on our Grad Cruise. Thank you to Ms. Devriendt for coordinating the event and thank you to Mr. Low, Mr. Horita, and Ms. Redlin for acting as chaperones.



Tape the Teacher for Terry Fox

Thank you to Ms. DelaMorandiere, Leadership students, and Staff who participated in raising funds for the Terry Fox Cancer Research Foundation!



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.



Alpine Sports



Alpine Sports at LFMSS

We are 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 are available:
<https://lfmss.sd35.bc.ca/extra-curricular/alpine-sports-program/>

Registrations must be completed by October 18.
Contact Mr. Bresett cbresett@sd35.bc.ca if you have any questions.

YOU MUST COMPLETE ALL THREE STEPS TO REGISTER:

- 1. Fill out the online registration on the school's website**
- 2. Pay at SchoolCash Online**
- 3. Fill out and send in the waiver to Mr. Bresett**

If you miss any of the steps your registration will not be counted.

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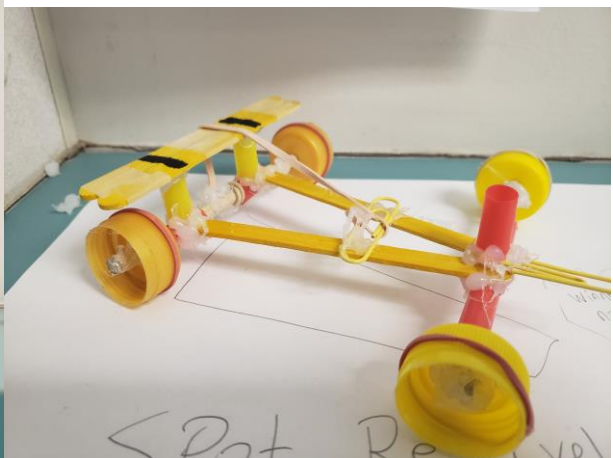


Makerspace

In grade 7 Makerspace, the class has been using their knowledge on aerodynamics (i.e. thrust, gravity, high and low pressure) to engineer a rubber band racer. For their next challenge, the students will be drafting and building a new car with improved aerodynamics by adding or removing parts to decrease air resistance and increase acceleration and distance.



In grade 7 Makerspace, the students took their original rubber band racers and improved their aerodynamics to make it go farther and faster. Some modifications included adding a spoiler (improving the flow of high air pressure), making the wheels smoother (less drag), and increasing the amount of rubber bands (thrust). Next unit will be electrical engineering!



Sr. Boys 4-2 win over Brookwood



BUY YOUR
Yearbook

**ORDER YOURS TODAY AT
SCHOOLCASH ONLINE**



If these two staff members had not purchased their yearbooks "back in the day" we wouldn't be able to share these wonderful memories with you today!

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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JOIN US FOR A
**Parents as Education
& Career Coaches
presentation**

Register
here



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HIGH SCHOOL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

for the week of
October 15-18, 2024

careered.sd35.bc.ca



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 (9:30am-2:15pm)

Student Pro-D Day

Discover programs in SFU's Faculty of Environment and
enjoy complimentary lunch

**FACULTY OF
ENVIRONMENT
DISCOVERY DAY
FALL 2024**



You are invited to join Simon Fraser University professors and current students at the Burnaby campus for a **free, fun and informative** event on Friday, October 25h.

Through hands-on mini lectures and lab activities, experience Faculty of Environment programming and find your fit.

Register early as seats may fill up.

STEM CON

OCTOBER 26

8:30-4



MORE INFO

An innovative STEM conference for students in Grade 8-12, featuring 2 keynotes, 3 workshop streams and a networking fair. This conference has been held since 2017 in Vancouver, creating opportunities for youth to learn more about various STEM fields through hands-on activities.

DID YOU KNOW



that Skills BC Talks Trades and Tech has a podcast?

Meet Adrian Fitzpatrick, 2014 and 2018 Skills BC automotive alumni and automotive instructor at BCIT, in our newest episode of Skills BC Talks Trades and Tech!

You won't want to miss this one!



Explore Your Future

Study in Canada or abroad

SATURDAY

OCT 26

VANCOUVER

Vancouver Convention Centre

More Info:



WESTERN
BRITISH COLUMBIA POLYTECHNIC
COLLEGE

Meet with top universities, graduate schools and professional schools from Canada and around the world.

Pathways Mental Illness Education Course

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

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS EDUCATION COURSE

8 WEEKS STARTING SEPTEMBER 2024 | ONLINE OR IN-PERSON | FREE



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<https://pathwayssmi.org/education/family-to-family-course/>
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Langley Community Services Society

Serving Our Community Since 1971



BODY POSITIVITY GROUP

FACILITATORS : STEPHANIE & BLANCHE

THE BODY POSITIVITY GROUP IS DESIGNED FOR THOSE
AGES 15 TO 24 TO DISCUSS AND UNDERSTAND THE
DIFFERENT TYPES OF EATING DISORDERS.

THE GROUP WILL RUN VIRTUALLY
THURSDAYS FROM 5:00PM – 6:30PM
STARTING OCTOBER 10TH, 2024
UNTIL NOVEMBER 14TH, 2024

For more information, please contact
blanche.m@lcss.ca or stephanie.l@lcss.ca
(604) 534-7921 ext. 1169

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](#).

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
Colouring
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 Wilkovec Center 6470 201 St.

Contact Brianna Edithson 7-804-533-7920 ext.1113 E: brianna@lcss.ca to register
Or Megan Durak for more info. P: 802-833-7920 ext.3408 E: megan@lcss.ca

Langley Community Services Society Presenting Our Community Support Staff

Caring Dads Group

THE CARING DADS™

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 604-440-5079 or mamiley@lcss.ca

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BECOME A FOSTER CAREGIVER

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT OR CALL: www.sd35.bc.ca/healthcaregiving