



The Titans' Tribune

Home and School Working Together

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Upcoming Dates

Hello LFMSS Families:

It is hard to believe that we have completed four full months of the school year already!

Thank you to the students for their dedication and determination as it relates to their academics and extra-curricular activities in which they choose to participate.

Thank you to our Staff for the energy, dedication, and support that they provide for our students academically, athletically, socially, and at times, emotionally.

Thank you to our Fundy families for your encouragement, time, and the countless other ways in which you support your children and our school community.

As much as we look forward to seeing everyone return on Monday, January 6, 2025, I wish you and your loved ones a winter break that includes opportunities that bring you plenty of rest and lots of joy.

All the best during the holidays.

Ms. Carla Clapton
Principal
LFMSS

Dec. 23 to Jan. 5	Winter Break
Jan. 6	First Day Back from Winter Break
Jan. 10	Alpine Sports
Jan. 13	PAC Meeting 7:30 pm
Jan. 14	Grad Assessment - Literacy 12
Jan. 15	Grad Assessment - Numeracy 10
Jan. 16	Grad Assessment - Literacy 10
Jan. 17	Alpine Sports
Jan. 23	Last Day of Semester 1
Jan. 23	Gr. 6/7 Hot Lunch
Jan. 24	Alpine Sports
Jan. 24 & 27	Student Success Day
Jan. 28	Semester Turnaround - No school for grades 8-12 Regular school day for grades 6-7
Jan. 29	Semester 2 Begins & Gr. 8-12 linear classes resume
Jan. 31	Alpine Sports

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

COMMUNICATING with your school

GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING AN ISSUE OR CONCERN

- 1 Start with the employee whose action has given rise to the issue or concern
- 2 Contact your principal, vice-principal, or counsellor
- 3 Speak with a District Principal or Assistant Superintendent
- 4 When applicable, make an appeal to the Board of Education



Semester News

End of Semester Transitions - Secondary

One of the most important measures of student success is the measure of student transitions, when students successfully move on to the next step in their educational journey. This might include a student who goes from one course to the next course (e.g., English 8 to English 9), from one grade to the next grade, from one level of school to the next level of school (e.g., middle to secondary), or to post-secondary opportunities. At the end of each semester, secondary schools have Transition Days, in which staff create opportunities for students to demonstrate key transitions goals and growth, and assist them in their transitions. Successful transitions are vital for students to build on the successes they have had, and prepare them for the new challenges in their new classroom, new school, etc. The Transition Days also allow for students to complete and present their major careers requirements. Some of the activities that occur during Transition Days in different secondary schools include:

- Mini-Capstone presentations by Grade 9 students;
- Capstone presentations by Grade 11 and 12 students;
- Careers and Capstone Fairs;
- Other connections and activities between schools to assist in student transitions

At the end of Semester 1, secondary schools also will have a Semester Turnaround Day, to be able to complete the many tasks that are necessary in ending one semester and starting another, including reviewing semester-end student report cards and re-working student timetables.

Please refer to the LFMSS “End of January 2025” document that is specific to our school.

If you have any questions about semester end activities, please contact the school’s Administration.

January 2025 Transition Days and Semester Turnaround



Thurs. Jan. 23	Last day of Semester 1 courses
Fri. Jan. 24	Selected Grade 8-12 students for Transition Day #1 Grade 6 & 7 students in attendance CLC Capstone Presentations and Grade 10 Mini-Capstone
Mon. Jan. 27	Selected Grade 8-12 students for Transition Day #2 Grade 6 & 7 students in attendance Grade 8/9 Career Fair (in AM)
Tues. Jan. 28	Semester Turnaround Day (Grade 8-12 students not in attendance) Grade 6 & 7 students in attendance
Wed. Jan. 29	Semester 2 Begins / Grade 8-12 Linear courses resume Grade 6 & 7 students in attendance

Winter Concert

Thank you to our incredible Fundy Music Staff as well as our parents who put on a wonderful evening to celebrate our music program! Also, thank you to our PAC for coordinating the 2nd annual Christmas Market to help raise funds for some large gym initiatives. Congratulations to the those who won raffle prizes and thank you to our sponsors (who are also LFMSS families) who generously donated prizes for the PAC raffle.



Fun & Forts



Leadership Class

Batool and Raghad led the leadership class in a fundraiser for the Langley Food Bank. Tuesday, November 26th, the class sold ice cream and raised \$200.00 for the Langley Food Bank. Thank you Batool, Raghad and the leadership class for your contribution to the community.



Canteen Cards – Now Available

Grades 8-12 parents who want to send your kids with lunch money — on a loadable card, is now available. Please go to the link below and fill out the form then E-transfer the payment of the card to lfmsspac@gmail.com and we will email you with instructions for pickup.
<https://airtable.com/app5HrZXjPgY936n6/pageECuY8Fu8R49tr0/form>

Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in the Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or www.sd35.bc.ca. Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict. If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

Career and Secondary Education Information

SD#35 Youth Train in Trades Workshops 2024-2025

Workshop	Location	Date & Time	Application Due
Hairstylist	ACSS	Dec. 5, 1:00 - 2:30 pm	Nov. 21
Electrical	DWP	Dec. 17, 8:00 - 11 am	Dec. 3
Piping & Plumbing	LSS	Jan. 16, 9:00 - 11:30 am	Dec. 19
Automotive	ACSS	Jan. 27, 10:00 - 11:30 am	Jan. 13
Carpentry	ACSS	Jan. 27, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Jan. 13
Pro Cook 1	WGSS	Jan. 27, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Jan. 13
Horticulture	KPU Langley	TBD	TBD

If you are planning to attend any of the workshops, please pick up an application at the Career Center or download it from your TEAMS Thank you.

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IMPORTANT INFO for future SFU students:

Application Deadline: January 31, 2025

Campus Tour

Virtual Tour

Entrance Scholarships (deadline December 15, 2024)

UGGLA Family Scholarship (deadline January 25, 2025)

Grade 8-12 students are invited to submit your video about safety in the workplace and you could win a cash prize!

Show up, speak up for safety

2025 Student Safety Video Contest **WORK SAFE BC**

Deadline for submissions is April 1, 2025

JOIN OTHER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SOLVE LANGUAGE THEMED PUZZLES

SFU is a local site for the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO). NACLO is a fun and educational contest for U.S. and Canadian high-school students in which contestants compete to solve compelling and creative puzzles in linguistics and computational linguistics

MORE INFO:

SFU will host NACLO at the Burnaby Campus on January 23, 2025.

The contest runs for 3 hours, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Attention Young Canadians:

If you are a young person passionate about leadership, politics, and change.

[LEARN MORE >](#)

Get Ready for the Forum for Young Canadians National Summit 2025!

Are you ready to dive into the heart of Canadian civic engagement, meet some of the country's top decision-makers, and make your voice heard on the issues that matter? Then the Forum for Young Canadians National Summit is your chance to shine!

In March 2025, Ottawa will host over 100 students aged 14 to 18 each week for an immersive, hands-on experience like no other. You'll learn about how decisions are made in Canada, meet Senators, Members of Parliament, and other influential leaders, and gain the tools you need to make a real difference in your community. This is your opportunity to be a part of something BIG.

Are you interested in aviation—as a career exploration, or just for fun? Then this is the course for you. Classes begin January 8th, 2025.

AVIATION EXPLORATIONS 12

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! STARTS JAN. 8

WHO: GRADES 10-12 STUDENTS
WHERE: LANGLEY EDUCATION CENTER
WHEN: MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS FROM 4-7PM

SD35 Career Education

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

Exploring Langley School District's Trades & Career Opportunities

Scan to watch last year's video:

SAVE THE DATE!

04 DAY **FEB MONTH** **25 YEAR**

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Langley Events Centre

Automotive

Carpentry

Electrical

Hairstylist

Landscape Horticulture

Piping/Plumbing

Professional Cook 1

Welding

Intro to Health Science

Early Childhood Education

Biomedical & Health Science

CARPENTRY WORKSHOP

JANUARY 27, 2025

11:00am - 12:30pm

See your Career Advisor for an Application! Applications due January 13, 2025



For Grade 10 & 11 students

AUTOMOTIVE WORKSHOP

JANUARY 27, 2025

10:00 - 11:30am

See your Career Advisor for an Application! Applications due January 13, 2025



For Grade 10 & 11 students

PROFESSIONAL COOK 1 WORKSHOP

JANUARY 27, 2025

10:00 - 12:00pm

See your Career Advisor for an Application! Applications due January 13, 2025



For Grade 10 - 11 students

DEA -X Challenge 2025

The 2025 IDEA-X Challenge will kick off on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at the SBO. This year's challenge was created in conjunction with the BC Ministry of Forestry!

There has been a significant increase in visitors in recent years to the Harrison Lake area, creating new challenges for the ecosystem and surrounding communities. In 2023, vehicle traffic on the Sts'ailes (West Harrison) Forest Service Road was approximately 42% higher than what it was in 2012, with more than 78,800 people visiting the area. The rate of human-caused wildfire has also increased at an alarming rate.

As a result, the 2025 IDEA-X Challenge is to: "Design a culturally sensitive and environmentally responsible solution to reduce human-caused wildfires in the Harrison Lake area, while minimizing negative impacts on First Nations cultural practices, ecosystems, and wildlife."

This year's challenge has a new component. All teams will present to a small panel at the "First Pass" event, from this, between 6-8 teams will move on to the final stages.

Students are encouraged to create teams with members who have a variety of skills. One member from each team should register for the IDEA-X Kick-off. (Please note, team members cannot change after the kick-off event).

UP TO \$20,000
IN SCHOLARSHIPS



2025
Challenge

Design a culturally sensitive and environmentally responsible solution to reduce human-caused wildfires in the local Harrison Lake area, while minimizing negative impacts on First Nations cultural practices, ecosystems, and wildlife.

More Information



LEARN MORE AND
ENTER YOUR SECONDARY
TEAM AT
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/4E48JED](https://bit.ly/4E48JED)



40 Avenue Road Updates

The project is expected to take four to five months to complete, and as a result, 40 Avenue is expected to remain closed until summer 2025, subject to project funding, culvert supply, and environmental approvals.

[Road closure: 40 Avenue between 212 Street and 216 Street is closed until further notice. - Township of Langley](#)

Students 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.

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**

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.

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/>