



The Titans' Tribune

Home and School Working Together

December 6, 2024

Issue #7

Upcoming Dates

Hello LFMSS Families:

These next two weeks before the winter break will be filled with lots of energy and excitement. However, students will be reminded that school continues to be a place for learning and this will continue until Friday, Dec. 20th. As with each of our Titan Tribunes, there is always lots of events and opportunities happening to support our students and our community.

I would like to highlight a few items as we move into our last few days before the winter break.

Driver and Pedestrian Safety

This is a reminder for drivers and pedestrians to be extra cautious when the weather is dreary and with the ongoing traffic due to the road closure. Our school resides in a rural neighbourhood with some streets not having sidewalks. Thank you for slowing down and being mindful of all pedestrians and fellow drivers. There is also some messaging from the District about inclement weather for your reference within this Tribune.

Athletics

The volleyball seasons for Grades 6-12 are now complete and the Grade 8-12 basketball season has begun. Middle school basketball will start in the new year. Thank you to all of our Staff and Community Coaches – without them there would be no teams!

December Activities

Within this Tribune, you will notice that there are many activities that students and Staff can be involved with as they choose. Thank you to Staff who support these initiatives and thank you to our Student Council and Student Leadership for coordinating these opportunities for some light- hearted fun and school spirit.

- Dec. 13** Gr. 6/7 Hot Lunch
- Dec. 19** Titans' Winter Concert
6:00 pm & PAC Christmas Market
- Dec. 20** Winter Assembly
Gr. 6-8 9:15 to 10:00 am
Gr. 9-12 10:15-11:00 am
- Dec. 20** Last Day of Classes before Winter Break
- Dec. 23 to Jan. 5** Winter Break
- Jan. 6** First Day Back from Winter Break
- Jan. 13** PAC Meeting 7:30 pm
- Jan. 23** Gr. 6/7 Hot Lunch
- Jan. 24 & 25** Student Success Day – grades 8-12 only come to school if requested
Regular school day for grades 6-7

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

Fundy Music Concert, PAC Christmas Market, and Festive Assemblies

In ‘Important Upcoming Events’, you will see that we have a Fundy Music Concert and two (but the same) assemblies on the last day of classes before the winter break. Specific times for these assemblies will be shared next week.

Finally, thank you to our LFMSS PAC for coordinating the PAC Christmas Market. We hope that you will support our fundraising initiative (getting new LED screens in the large gym) by purchasing raffle tickets or attending the market that is happening on the same evening as the music concert. Please contact the PAC directly if you have any questions.

I wish you a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carla Clapton
Principal
LFMSS

PAC News



PAC RAFFLE PRIZES

1st prize: Osoyoos Family Day Getaway
One week at NK'MIP Resort in a 2-bedroom suite
February 14-21st (worth \$3880)
Donated by TJ Contracting

2nd prize: Mountain Escape
3-night stay in Powder Heights at Sun Peaks Resort
Good through October 2025, dates subject to availability (worth over \$1000)
Donated by Magnus Law

3rd prize: Gaming for Two
2 Nintendo Switch Lites (worth \$520)
Donated by Staples, Choung Family

4th prize: Langley Night Out
\$200 Willowbrook Mall, \$200 Cactus Club, \$100 Cineplex, 5 Pool passes
Donated by Customline Homes

Raffle Tickets now selling to help purchase new LED screens for the gym! \$2 for one ticket and \$20 for the booklet. Request tickets to sell/purchase here [LFMSS Christmas Raffle Ticket Request](#). Top student sellers will be put into a draw to win Beats by Dre Wireless Noise Cancelling Earbuds, donated by VWR Capital Corp., and Amazon gift cards.

We are also still looking for vendors for the Titans' Christmas Market. Sign up or let your crafty friend know.
<https://forms.office.com/r/ecQnJVbgfr>

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](#)

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/pageCuY8Fu8R49tr0/form>

Reminder for Students in Grade 9 to 12

Just a reminder to parents/guardians of grade 9 to 12 students, the Student Information Verification form was published to the MyEdBC portal in early October. Please submit any changes to the information by making the necessary changes to the form and returning it to the school office **as soon as possible**. Alternatively, changes can be emailed to:

lfmstudentrecords@sd35.bc.ca. Please include the information to be updated in the body of the email or print changes on the form and scan to the student records email. If the information is correct then no further action is needed. Thank you.

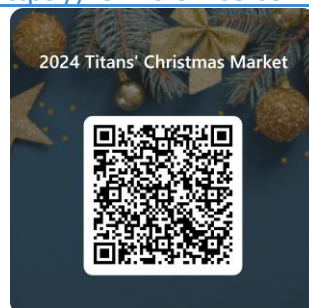
Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

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.

Titans' Christmas Market

We are looking for vendors for the **Titans' Christmas Market** that the PAC is hosting. The market will be held on December 19th from **5:00PM to 8:30PM** and will coincide with the Titans' Christmas Concert that will be running on the same evening. Do you have a business that would fit the Christmas market? Are you a student that likes to craft or create? Sign up now! <https://forms.office.com/r/ecQnJVbgfr>





Christmas Spirit Week

- 16** Santa Hat
- 17** Ugly Sweater
- 18** Christmas in Hawaii
- 19** Meet with Santa
- 20** PJ day

GIVING TREE
STUDENT COUNCIL
DEC 2-20

TO PARTICIPATE CHOOSE AN ITEM TO GIVE BY TAKING A STAR OFF A TREE, THEN PLACE IT UNDER THE TREE WHEN YOU BRING THE ITEM TO SCHOOL. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE PUT TOWARDS MAKING THE HOLIDAYS BETTER FOR FAMILIES IN NEED.

LFMSS PAC PRESENTS A
TITANS CHRISTMAS MARKET
19 THURSDAY 5:00 TO DECEMBER 8:30PM
music, food, crafts, baked goods
THIS EVENT IS FREE! RAFFLE TICKETS FOR PURCHASE
ENTERTAINMENT | LFMSS GRADES 7-12
MUSIC CONCERT 6-9:30PM



candy cane grams

to: _____
from: _____
Happy holidays!!

sold from the 5-11 in the foyer at lunch

1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5

must know the 2A of who you are buying it for



Student Council

HOT CHOCOLATE

DECEMBER 4TH AND 18TH @ CANTEEN



student council invites you to..

PAPER ORNAMENT DECORATING

December 18th at lunch in the library

ALL GRADES WELCOME

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.

Facebook

Instagram

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ELECTRICAL WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 17, 2024
8:00 - 11:00am

See your Career Advisor for an Application! Applications due December 3, 2024

Follow @SD35careered

Stay informed:

For Grade 10 & 11 students (and mature Grade 9s)

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

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.

MORE INFO:

Open to: Grade 11 and 12
Date: Thursday December 12, 2024
Presentation: Justice Institute of BC
Program: Bachelor of Law Enforcement Studies
Where: Library
Time: MTSS 9:55m to 10:25am

LAW ENFORCEMENT STUDIES (BLES)

Unlock your potential and advance your career. Become a superior job applicant and excel in the dynamic world of law enforcement.

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

More info at:

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

Deadline for submissions is April 1, 2025

IMPORTANT INFO for future SFU students:

Application Deadline: January 31, 2025

Campus Tour

Virtual Tour

Entrance Scholarships (deadline December 15, 2024)

UGCLA Family Scholarship (deadline January 25, 2025)

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

IDEA X

**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)

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/>

The image displays three community event posters. The first poster, titled 'FAMILY-TO-FAMILY SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS EDUCATION COURSE', is a 9-week online free course starting in January 2025, covering topics like mental illness, the B.C. mental health system, and crisis handling. The second poster, 'Special Olympics BC - Langley!', promotes a 12-week youth program for children with intellectual disabilities, featuring sports like soccer and basketball. The third poster, 'Join our Circle of Caregivers', invites people to become foster caregivers, showing a family with a child and a caregiver.