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FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

Lynn Fripps Parent Advisory Council

As February rolls in, it brings lots of new and exciting programs and events for our kids. New clubs (LEGO!), fun programs and exciting events, make this month one to look forward to. We start by celebrating Valentine's Day with our Sweetheart Sock Hop (you don't want to miss this one) and wrap up with taking a stand against bullying (Pink Shirt Day). It'll go by in a flash, so we'll do our best to keep you up to date and informed. If you are not already receiving updates directly to your inbox, simply sign up at www.lynnfrippspac.com. Warmest wishes for a wonderful month!



Alicia Rempel, PAC President

Upcoming Events:

- Feb 2 Order deadline for Taco Del Mar
- Feb 6 Early Dismissal: 11:30am (School Improvement Day)
- Feb 9 Pizza pre-orders close for Sweetheart Sock Hop
- Feb 9 No School - Family Day
- Feb 9-19 Grade 4 students: FSA testing
- Feb 11 Neighbourhood Flyering, 1:30pm (meet at the field)
- Feb 11-12 Early Dismissal: 1:30pm (Parent Teacher Int.)
- Feb 13 Hot Lunch: Taco Del Mar
- Feb 13 Sweetheart Sock Hop, 6-8pm
- Feb 17 Internet/Social Media Safety and Digital Citizenship for Parents, 7pm at LEC
- Feb 19 PAC General meeting, 7pm **date changed**
- Feb 20 No School - Pro D Day
- Feb 23 Hot Lunch order deadline for Boston Pizza
- Feb 26 Pink Shirt Day (Wear your Anti-Bullying shirt or any pink shirt you have!)
- Feb 27 Early Dismissal: 11:30am (Report Card Prep)



Bricks 4 Kidz

LEGO® Club has just been approved for Lynn Fripps! Bricks 4 Kidz classes provide an extraordinary atmosphere for children, where we learn, we build, we play... with LEGO® Bricks. Programs are built around our proprietary model plans, designed by engineers and architects, with exciting themes such as space, construction, and amusement parks. Our specially designed project kits and theme-based models provide the building blocks for the Bricks 4 Kidz approach to educational play. At Bricks 4 Kidz, we believe that kids learn best through activities that engage their curiosity and creativity. (We assume you received the flyer, because as of Jan 31, the Tuesday class is full and they have since added a Monday class.)



FSA's for our Grade Fours



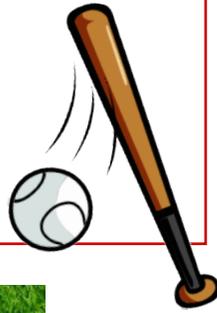
The **Foundation Skills Assessment** is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well BC students are learning foundation skills in Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy. The main purpose of the assessment is to help the province, school districts, schools and school planning councils evaluate how well students are achieving basic skills, and make plans to improve student achievement. FSA is designed and developed by British Columbia educators. The skills assessed are linked to the provincial curriculum and provincial performance standards. Parents please watch for a letter coming home shortly!

Want your kids to

Get active this spring?

Registration is open for
North Langley Diamond Sports
Softball and Baseball:

www.nlsoftball.ca
www.nlbaseball.ca



Internet/Social Media Safety And Digital Citizenship For Parents

Tuesday, February 17, 2015
7:00-9:00pm at Langley Events Centre

Darren Laur, of Personal Protection Systems Inc., is also a serving law enforcement professional with 29 years of policing experience. He is an internationally recognized safety expert, published award winning author and highly sought after speaker who specializes in the area of Personal Safety both on-line and off-line. Darren is deeply immersed in social media, both on and off the job, and has taught digital safety for the past 12 years and has written over 100 articles on Internet and Social Media safety and security.



Poopy Problems

Many parents are becoming increasingly frustrated with the dog poop on the school field. Kids stepping in it... kids not being allowed on the field to play – it is a problem that the PAC is well aware of and has a three phase plan to hopefully come to a resolution. If you are interested in the steps we are taking, we urge you to view our plan in it's entirety on the PAC website.

As it stands, we have moved past our **First Phase**, which included Mrs. Boles contacting the township. The result of that was extra signage indicating that dogs must be leashed at all times. Does that solve the problem? No. But off-leash dogs and our poop problem, likely go hand in hand.

We are now on to our **Second Phase**. So, what can you do?

1. Help flyer the neighbourhood!
Meet at the school field at 1:30pm on February 11.

2. Call LAPS (Langley Animal Protection Society) which is the service provider for the township @ 604.857.5055. They need to know that the dog poop is a problem. Second, program their number into your cell phone. If you see dogs off leash on the field or grounds, call them. Animal Control Officers are available daily and they will come and ticket.

If every parent makes a call, that's 340 phone calls.

As well, you can call the Township of Langley Parks Department @ 604.532.7350.



We need your help!

Dear Parents:

Your input is needed. Collectively we can make a difference at Lynn Fripps Elementary. If you have positive suggestions regarding either of the two issues noted below, please email Mrs. Boles at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your help.



1. The gym floor has recently been refinished. A new plan needs to be developed around preserving our gym floor in its present condition.
Your suggestions?



2. A new plan needs to be developed around keeping the school grounds and playing field free of dog feces. Your suggestions?

Kathleen Boles: KBoles@sd35.bc.ca

Look forward to...

- A **Red Cross** People Saver 3 Course for the Grade 4 & 5's
- **Babysitting** Intro to be held during the May Pro-D day

Stay tuned for more details!

Fundraising \$ at Work

The PAC recently spent **\$2700** on food and water rations (for 72 hours) to complete the emergency kits in each classroom as well as **\$1500** on a projection screen for the gym.



Long Term Facilities Planning: Possible Closure of Langley Secondary



As the community is aware, since October 2014 the Langley School District has been involved in a consultation process with the Willoughby community and the Langley Secondary family of schools. At the December 16, 2014 meeting of the Board a notice of motion was served to consider the possible closure of Langley Secondary School as part of this consultation process.

A public meeting is being held at Langley Secondary School on: **Tuesday, February 10, 2015** at 7:00pm to gather information from the community about the impacts of the potential closing of the school.