
Peterson Road Elementary School

'To Create Hope and Learning for All'

Newsletter

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Important Dates to Remember

Jan. 18 (F)	Family Bingo Night
Jan. 21 (M)	Kindergarten Reg'n
Jan. 28 (M)	PAC meeting
Feb. 11 (M)	Family Day - no school
Feb. 15 (F)	Pro-D Day - no school
Feb. 25 (M)	Design/Assessment Day - No school for students
Feb. 28 (Th)	Ready, Set, Learn 9 a.m.
Mar. 8 (F)	Report cards go home
Mar. 13/14	Parent/Tchr Interviews 1 hour early dismissal



Planning a Vacation?

"We are taking our children out of school on a holiday. Can the teacher please provide a work package?"

Each year we are approached by a number of families who wish to take their children out of school for extended periods of time. Many of these trips are valuable and at times unavoidable. We are respectful of parents' decisions regarding their children. Difficulties arise, however, when parents wish to have some sort of assurance that their child will not fall 'behind' in their work. Though some students are able to fill in the gaps from lessons missed, others struggle to understand certain concepts without participating in the initial foundation building lessons.

Classroom activities and interactions cannot be fully replicated through worksheets and workbook activities. As such, ***we do not provide work packages for children who are voluntarily taken out of school for extended periods of time.***

It is always a good idea to have your children read and keep a trip journal or blog while they are away. In fact, students may be able to interact and ask questions regarding your trip and learn about the cultures, customs, and environment through the blogging interactions with your child.

Another concern that can arise with students, who miss extended periods of time, is that certain learning outcomes are not met. Teachers will do their best to assess your child, but in certain circumstances teachers may not have enough time to provide an accurate assessment of your child's ability on a particular outcome.

Thank you for your help and understanding with this matter. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Thank you!

I would like to thank the students, staff, and Peterson Road community for helping with my transition into the school. I have truly enjoyed my first week, and am looking forward to growing with your community.

Mr. N. Erker



Welcome

I would like to welcome both **Mrs. Humphrey and Mrs. Muller** to the Peterson Road community. Mrs. Humphrey will be working with both the resource and learning assistance departments, while Mrs. Muller will be supporting our students as the noon-hour supervisor. Please welcome them to the school.



Wet Weather / Extra Clothes

If this past week has taught us anything, it is clear we live in a very wet city. With this in mind, if you have not already done so, please send along a change of clothes with your child. When the rain is really coming down, we will continue to have inside days, but as you know – kids need to run. So, on days when the rain is light, or off and on, we will try to provide a chance for students to go outside for fresh air and to burn some energy.

Inclement Weather

If you have access to the Internet, current information can be found by clicking on the [School Status / Closure Info](#) link found on the main page of our District website. If your power is out and you don't have mobile Internet access, try contacting a friend or relative to ask them to check the website for you.

Current information is also posted on the Langley School District's Information Hotline at 604-532-1453 (Do not hang up if your call isn't connected right away.) Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130 AM, KKNW 980 AM, Country Radio 107.1 FM or CBC 690 AM for updates. We will also be posting updates to Twitter [@LangleySchools](#) and Facebook.



Family Bingo Night

Just a reminder that family bingo night is coming up soon. It's Friday night January 18th. Tickets are \$5.00, which gives you three bingo cards and your name entered into a door prize draw. Extra cards are 25¢ and bingo dabbers, toys, and concession items will all be on sale at the event. This is a fundraiser for the grade 7 Year End Camp. Please come out and support your school. Hope to see you there!



Kindergarten Registration

When can your child begin school?
All children who will be five years old by Dec. 31, 2013 (children born in 2008) are eligible for the Kindergarten program beginning Sept. 3, 2013.

Registration Date: January 21, 2012 – 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

You will need to bring the following documents with you:

- Proof of Age (Birth Certificate)
- Proof of Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Resident Status must be provided for both **student and parent** (Canadian Birth Certificate, Canadian Citizenship Card, Canadian Passport, Landed Immigrant documentation, Permanent Resident documentation/cards).
- Proof of residence (Mortgage Papers, Property Tax Notice or Lease/Rental Agreement).



PAC Meeting

Just a reminder, there is an upcoming PAC meeting on Monday, January 28th at 7 pm.