

Peterson Road Elementary School

'To Create Hope and Learning for All'

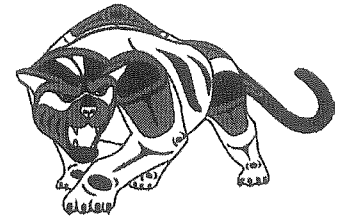
Newsletter

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January 15, 2015

Important Dates to Remember



January 19 - Kindergarten Registration
January 30 - Class Picture Day
February 6 - School Improvement Half Day
Students attend until lunch hour
February 9 - Family Day - no school

Dear Parents:

Parking:

As many of you have noticed, a Township of Langley bylaw officer has been monitoring Peterson Road during this last week. This is not limited to Peterson Road. In fact, a significant number of complaints have prompted by-law officers to take up positions at numerous schools throughout our district. We understand that parking is difficult at our school, and that parking on a shoulder is not ideal. However, the enforcement of the Township laws is beyond my control. I have spoken to the RCMP about this situation, and have had the bylaw officer communicate to the school. Their primary concern is child safety and as parking on a shoulder does limit visibility they are concerned about students coming out from between cars while other cars drive down our street. When asked to move your vehicle, I would ask that you please comply. I understand that parking is difficult and at times it can be frustrating as our lot is small. However, I do appreciate your efforts.

Basketball:

Basketball season is about to begin for the grade 7's. The boys will practice on Tuesdays, starting at 7:45am and Wednesdays at lunch. Game days for boys will be Thursdays, starting on February 5th.

We hope to run a girls team, however we are in need of a parent volunteer to help run this team. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping, please contact the school. Typically teams run one or two practices a week and game days are on Mondays, starting February 2nd.

Grade 7 - Camp Jubilee:

This year our grade 7 students will have the opportunity to attend Camp Jubilee on May 25 - 27th. We will be asking for parent chaperones over the next month. If you would be interested in chaperoning this year, please keep a look out for the forms that will be coming home shortly. As well, just a heads up for grade 7 students and parents, the first payment for Camp Jubilee will be required by February 20th.

Collaboration Day:

Today marked our third in a series of Collaboration Days. Our staff continued to work in their groups that focused around a number of topics. At Peterson Road, our staff is engaged in work around literacy, with a focus on writing. As well, we have a few teachers exploring the concept of self-regulation, and another group of teachers who have worked together to come up with a common numerical vocabulary. Each group is exploring an area of their passion, and is working to learn more and share information around each subject area, so that our students have a more enjoyable and meaningful experience while at Peterson Road.

Rocks and Rings:

Hurry...Hard... get ready to curl. January 19, 21, 23 the Rocks and Rings program will be at Peterson Road. The students will be exposed to Curling through this fun and interactive program. We would like to thank the PAC for making this possible.

Picture Day:

Class pictures will take place on Friday, January 30th. Please be sure to send your child with a change of clothes, just in case someone has a spill while outside on the playground prior to the pictures.

Popcorn Day:

We have a popcorn day coming up tomorrow, January 16th. The proceeds go towards the grade 7 fundraising. Enjoy a snack and help out the students of Peterson Road.

Sign-Language:

Do you want to learn a new language? Come out and learn with the students of Peterson Road. Every second Wednesday, you are invited to take part in sign-language lessons in Mrs. Arora's room. Please feel free to join us and learn alongside our students. Lessons will take place every second Wednesday from 12:00 - 12:25. The next lesson will occur on Wednesday, January 21st.

Thank-you:

We would like to thank all the parents, and family members who came out to support their children during the Celebration of Learning Assembly. As well, I would like to thank our PAC and parent volunteers who worked hard to put on the luncheon. Finally, a BIG thank-you must go out to all the students who are doing wonderful things around the school and expanding their own learning.

Thank -you students of Peterson Road.

Yearbooks:

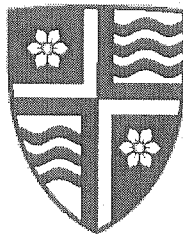
Purchase your school yearbooks online:

- As of January 1st the cost of the yearbooks will be \$30.00.
- For orders that are not done online please submit cash only to Mrs. Karen Ohlmann, Yearbook Committee Chairperson.
- There's nothing else like your school yearbook! Get your hands on the limited edition collection of our stories from the year. Share it with your friends today and hang on to it for years to come!

Please order at jostens.com under yearbooks - buy yearbook and follow the prompts. The cost is \$30. If you have any questions feel free to contact me (Karen Ohlmann @ 604-308-7694) I will be sending home forms and will only accept cash - no cheques.



Township of
Langley



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January 7, 2015

Memo to Parents

Subject: Parking issues related to dropping and picking up children from school

The Township of Langley Bylaw Enforcement continue to receive complaints of parents and caregivers parking in No Parking zones when dropping children off in the morning or picking up at the end of the school day.

This is causing a very serious safety concern for your children as well as other pedestrians and drivers. These signs have been erected to protect the safety of the people using the schools.

Bylaw Enforcement officers will continue to patrol the many schools in the Township and there will be zero tolerance and tickets will be issued. These tickets may be mailed along with attached pictures or given in person.

Common violations the Bylaw Enforcement Officers issue tickets for are as follows:

- **Stop/park** contrary to traffic control device
- **Park** within 1m of boulevard crossing (driveway)
- **Stop/stand/park** within 3m of a curb return
- **Stop/stand/park** alongside yellow curb
- **Park** within 5m of fire hydrant
- **Stop/stand/park** to obstruct traffic
- **Stop/stand/park** on roadway side of a vehicle

If you receive a ticket your options are to pay the ticket or dispute it. If you choose to dispute the ticket the instructions of doing so are on the back of the ticket. Dispute must be received within 14 days of you receiving the ticket. Once the dispute is received the pictures and notes are obtained from the issuing officer and an Adjudication Package is mailed to the offender with our evidence. The adjudicator can only confirm whether the offence took place or did not take place by the evidence supplied. If the ticket goes to Adjudication there will be an additional \$25 fee applied should you be found guilty of the offence.

If you have any questions or concerns or wish to report a parking violation please contact Bylaw Enforcement at 604.532.7551.

Regards,

Bill Storie,
BYLAW ENFORCEMENT, MANAGER



January 8, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardians:

Re: Foundation Skills Assessment

Every year students in grades 4 and 7 participate in the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA), a province-wide assessment, mandated by the Ministry of Education. This year, the FSA will be administered between January 19 and February 20, 2015. The following information is intended to clarify for Langley parents the purpose and use of the FSA.

The FSA:

- is designed and marked by teachers;
- is aligned with curriculum taught in schools and the BC Performance Standards;
- assesses foundation skills in reading, writing and numeracy;
- is returned to schools and individual results are sent to parents;
- provides a snapshot of how individuals and schools are performing.

Langley School District does not use the information to rank or compare schools. FSA results are used to inform the system on areas requiring attention and support.

While all grade 4 and 7 students attending public and independent schools are to participate in the FSA, a few students with exceptional needs may be excused from some or all of the FSA. Please note:

- There are Ministry guidelines clarifying exemptions.
- Only a principal can exempt a student from writing the FSA.
 - Students that are excused usually have a disability that results in an inability to participate even with adaptations.
- Parents may write a detailed letter to their child's principal requesting exemption.
 - Reasons for this request include a family emergency, a lengthy illness or other extenuating circumstances.
 - Form letters are not sufficient.

There is a provincial agreement that school districts will not oppose the distribution of BCTF/Local Union produced FSA pamphlets via students or directly to parents by teachers on school property. *It is the District's position that this is in no way an acknowledgement, endorsement or agreement by the employer of the views, statements or content of the pamphlets.*

The Ministry of Education website contains a brochure, "Information for Students, Parents and Guardians" which can be accessed at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/info/welcome.htm

If you have questions about the FSA please contact the principal of your child's school.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Hoffman
Superintendent of Schools