JKE's "In the Know"

What's New and Happening at JKE and in the Community

PAC Emergency Kit Contribution

Every year our PAC goes through the classroom Emergency Bins and replaces outdated water and snacks and makes sure that in case of an emergency, your child has the supplies needed for an evacuation from the school. They would like to ask parents to help them with the cost involved to do this by a minimal donation of $2 through School Cash Online. This small amount will help them recover some of the costs associated with ensuring your child is safe during an emergency.

PAC Donations

Every year our PAC does fundraising to raise money for technology, classroom support, and assorted other things to benefit your children and their learning. This year, they have opted out of the fundraising and instead, are asking parents to make a donation between $10 and $100 dollars, if you are able to support learning at JKE in this way. **This is strictly voluntary.** Normally fundraising will bring in around $7000 per year, so if every parent were able to donate $10 per child, that would almost meet the goal! You can make a donation on the School Cash Online or drop a cheque to the office.

Principal's Message – Mrs. L. Lainchbury

Dear Parents,

One of my favourite parts of my job is visiting classrooms; hearing the buzz of student learning, seeing the excitement by the teachers when they see the students experience an "AHA" moment, and taking in the demonstrations of learning that adorn the walls. From Kindergarten to Grade 7, students are growing as learners, and becoming more aware of their own learning. The new curriculum focuses on what *skills* the students can demonstrate rather than solely what knowledge the students can remember. As educators, we are working on supporting your children to develop their *Core Competencies:*

- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Creative Thinking
- Positive Personal and Cultural Identity
- Personal Awareness and Responsibility
- Social Responsibility

These are competencies, or skills that students will develop from Kindergarten to Grade 7 and beyond, which are part of the core of every human being. I thank you for growing these skills at home with your children, as we know that it takes a village! So in addition to loving the buzz, excitement, and demonstrations of learning, enjoy celebrating a positive communication, creative thought, or social interaction.

If you are interested in learning more about *Core Competencies,* visit https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies.

Ms. L. Lainchbury, Principal
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Student Illness

This is definitely the season for flu and viruses, colds and fevers, and an assortment of other illnesses. If your child has a fever or is vomiting, please do not send them to school and please keep them home until 24 hours after their last symptoms (i.e. fever, vomiting, diarrhea) Also, if your child is not going to be attending school due to illness or holiday, you can inform the teacher, but please also inform the office by phone or email (ssollows@sd35.bc.ca). This way, if the teacher is absent, then the school is still aware of your child's absence. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We're getting close to that time for Parent/Teacher interviews where you can come in to meet with your child's teacher. The online booking system opened on Monday, October 23 and closes at midnight on Sunday, October 29th. Go to **https://jke.schoolappointments.com** and register and then sign up for school appointments with your child's teacher. If you need assistance, please call the school office.

The Great Shake-Out

Intermediate students attended a presentation by the Langley Emergency Program in preparation for the ShakeOut BC Earthquake Preparedness program. Thank you to Mr. Main for organizing this event. Mr. Main and Ms. Hoonjan's class attended Science World to learn more about earthquake preparedness. Learn more on twitter: @jkeschool

Thanks to our special helpers: Dario, Kyler, Alex, Jacob, Megan, Evan, Madeleine and Isobel! Thank you!

Drop-off and Pick-Up

Please drop your children off at the school no earlier than 8:30 am and pick up no later than 3:00 pm unless you have made arrangements with a teacher. We are having a large number of students left on school property unsupervised, as outdoor supervision begins and ends 15 minutes outside of bell time. Thank you for your understanding and support of student safety.

Gr 7 Fundraisers

The grade 7 students currently have 2 fundraisers taking place to help raise money for camp and year end grad activities: Neufeld Frozen Food and QSP. The deadline for these is November 9th and information and order forms are attached to this newsletter. If you would like to support our grade 7 students please place your order soon!

JKE's Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

We accept Visa, Mastercard, debit, cash or cheque.

Tuesday, October 31
8:00 to 8:45 am
12:00 to 12:25 pm
1:45 to 3:30 pm

Wednesday, November 1 (Open during the Parent/Teacher Conferences)
8:00 to 8:45 am
12:00 to 12:25 pm
1:45 to 5:00 pm

Thursday, November 2 (Open during the Parent/Teacher Conferences)
8:00 to 8:45 am
12:00 am to 12:25 pm
1:45 to 8:00 pm

***** We still need parent volunteers to help out during the book fair, so if you're able to stop in and lend a hand, please call Shari Sollows in the office at 604-888-5257 to choose an available time slot. We really need volunteers for the Thursday, November 2nd. spots**

Students will be going through the Book Fair with their classes during their regular class time and the Book Fair will also be open before, during and after school for parents and students to browse through. This is the Library's big fundraiser for the year, allowing them to purchase new, up-to-date books for library resources. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you there.

In the Classroom

Mme Hoonjan's class took some time out of their busy schedule to celebrate Diwali. "What is that," you may ask? Diwali, or Deepavali, a Sanskrit word meaning "rows of lighted lamps," is a Hindu-originated festival celebrated in India and all around the world. During the five-day celebration — also known as the "festival of lights" — clay lamps are lit to signify the victory of good over evil.

This was a student initiated celebration. The students brought food to share, tealights were lit and stories of traditional ways of celebrating Diwali were shared.

It's so encouraging to see our students embrace multi-culturalism!

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF
3 AND 4 YEAR-OLD CHILDREN

WHAT IS READY, SET, LEARN?

Creative Story Reading, Activity Games, Arts & Crafts, Speech and Language Games

Come to a Langley elementary school with your child (or send him or her with a caregiver) and spend time learning and having fun together. A snack will be provided at each session.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Parents or caregivers with their 3 and 4 year-old children. Even if you don't live in the school's catchment area, you are still welcome to attend.

WHERE WILL READY, SET, LEARN BE HELD?

James Kennedy Elementary School 9060 212th St. 604-888-5257

WHEN WILL READ, SET, LEARN, BE?

SESSION #	THEME	TIME	DATE
1	Read to Me	1:30 – 2:30 pm	January 17, 2018
2	1, 2, 3, and Other Numbers	1:30 – 2:30 pm	February 21, 2018
3	Preparing Little Fingers to Print	1:30 – 2:30 pm	April 18, 2018

IS THERE A FEE FOR READY, SET, LEARN?

No. There is no fee to attend any Ready, Set, Learn session but you must pre-register by calling the school or by sending in the tear-off sheet below.

Child's Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Please list any food allergies: _____

Parent/caregiver's name accompanying child: _____ Email: .

I am registering for the following session(s): _____

NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Book Fair	1 Book Fair Parent/ Teacher conferences dismiss 1:45	2 Book Fair Parent/ Teacher conferences dismiss 1:45	3 Hot Lunch Sushi/Cobs	4
5	6	7	8	9 Gr 7 Neufeld Farms orders due	10 School not in session	11
12	13 Remembrance Day in lieu	14	15	16	17 Hot Lunch Booster Juice Hot Dogs	18
19	20 Neufeld Farms pick up 4:30 @ JKE	21 Collaboration Day dismiss 1:30	22	23	24 Spirit Day Movie Night 6:00 pm	25
26	27 Report Card Prep dismiss 11:30	28	29	30		

Spirit Days at JKE

Friday, November 24—Super Hero & Jersey Day
Friday, December 15—Red & Green Day
Tuesday, January 30—Book Character Day
Wednesday, February 28—Pink Shirt Day
Friday March 9—Crazy Wears & Tacky Tourist Day

Friday, April 27—Family Jumps Day (Jump Rope for Heart & dress up together)
Monday, May 7—Star Wars Day
Friday, June 15—Fashion Fun Through the Decades

Langley School District's Community Bulletin Board—Check it out!

Please create a short cut on your phone/computer and check our ever changing

Community Bulletin Board for Community Events and Programs.

Community Bulletin Board Link: https://www.sd35.bc.ca/news-events/community-bulletin-board/

WHAT IS ANXIETY AND HOW DO WE HELP?

A Workshop for Parents and Caregivers

November 15, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Yorkson Creek Middle School

Please register at the following link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rvqr_Ar4dE-2p7oVwqS7JLjPIF9SfyhFvIo9XVf8KeFUOFJUTUxaSUJQTktGQkxMMjMyWllaVTc1Ty4u

This presentation aims to assist people in understanding the root causes of anxiety and anxiety-based coping behaviour. Using a good deal of humour and real-life stories, Ted's goal is to make the science of anxiety accessible and relatable. He also wants to make it applicable, so that attendees should not only leave the presentation with more knowledge, but with more concrete tools to put that knowledge into action.

Ted Leavitt is a registered clinical counsellor and program manager of Langley Youth and Family Services. He specializes in aggressive behaviour, anxiety, addictive behaviour, and ADHD, among other issues. Focusing on psychoeducation, Ted's approach is all about increasing understanding of the underlying biological machinery that drives behaviour and emotion instead of focusing on temporary solutions. Armed with this knowledge and awareness, expectations fall in line with capacity, and real progress can begin.

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