



# COGHLAN FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Rocky Raccoon Weekly Update September 30 – October 11, 2024

Monday, September 30:	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)
Friday, October 4:	School Improvement Day. Students DO NOT Attend.
Monday, October 7:	Food drive ends
Monday, October 7:	Online application for Kindergarten 2025 opens
Monday, October 7:	Pokémon Club. 12:00 pm @Library
Wednesday, October 9:	Apple fundraiser closes
Friday, October 11:	1 pm – Green Thumb Theatre presentation of "Mixolydian" – Parents and siblings welcome.

### **Where do I find staff emails?**

On the Coghlan website: [Coghlan.sd35.bc.ca](http://coghlansd35.bc.ca) Under: Staff Connections

### **Application Process for Programs of Choice for 2025-2026 – Kindergarten**

**If you wish your child to enter Kindergarten at Coghlan in September 2025 you must follow an application process! Siblings get priority over outside applicants providing they have a Langley/Aldergrove Address. If you do not make the application within the deadlines your sibling child will not get a space.**

For entry into the 2025-2026 school year, registration begins Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12 noon, and closes Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 12 noon.

Please check here for further information and instructions :

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/programs-initiatives/programs-of-choice/>

**IMPORTANT: The lottery is only for students who will be turning 5 by the end of the year they enter Kindergarten.** If your child will not be turning 5 years old by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, the application will be removed from the lottery.

If you require assistance or have any further questions about the application process, please contact the School Board Office at **604-534-7891**.



## **APPLE SALE!!!**

### **Please support Coghlan's Fall Apple Sale**

All proceeds go to funds for items the PAC supports in the school to help **ALL OF OUR** kids! PAC pays for Welcome Back BBQ, Pancake Breakfast, Student Presentations & Performances, Extra Sports Equipment, Field Trips, School Activities, Technology & MORE!

**Without fundraising support, NONE of this is possible!**

Please share with your family and friends:

[https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller\\_1/091224735/org-campaign/coghlan-fundamental-elementary-pac-harvest-2024](https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller_1/091224735/org-campaign/coghlan-fundamental-elementary-pac-harvest-2024)

(If you create your own campaign you can earn \$\$ off your own apples!)

**Fundraiser closes October 9th**

**Delivery to Coghlan & Pick up will be Monday, October 21st**

**THANK YOU!!**

*Crispy*

*Juicy*

*Sweet*

*Delicious*

# **APPLE SALE**

Please support our farm-fresh fundraiser featuring premium Okanagan apples

### **Cross Country 2024**

A big thank you to Ms. Keller and Ms. Hunter for coaching this year's Cross Country Team! The meets will take place at Aldergrove Regional Park at the Aldergrove Bowl. There are 3 meets and a championship race. The qualifying race dates are Wednesday, Sep. 25, Wednesday, Oct. 2, and Wednesday, Oct. 9. The championship race is on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Good luck to all of our racers!

### **Toys/Sports Equipment**

A friendly reminder that all toys should be kept at home, unless otherwise permitted by your child's teacher. Sports equipment from home are permitted to be at school, and used during recess and lunch play time. Please note that it would be the student's responsibility to ensure that all equipment is used appropriately, and kept safe. Thank you for your support.

### **Parent Community Volunteers**

At Coghlan, we appreciate parent volunteers who assist our staff with school-based activities and events. The Langley School District has updated processes for potential volunteers who would like to volunteer at schools on a more than casual basis. This process would include connecting with your school Principal first. If you are interested in volunteering at Coghlan this year or have questions pertaining to volunteer work itself, please reach out to the Principal directly to begin the process: [ilam@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:ilam@sd35.bc.ca)

### **Parent Consent Request**

Each year, Langley Schools asks families to complete a set of parent consent forms for their child. These consent forms are required by our schools to ensure the health, safety, and security of all students. Langley Schools uses a secure web form to collect this information. Beginning mid-September, please watch for an email request (subject Parent Consent Request) that contains one link for you to submit consents for all children in your family attending any Langley School. If your email address or contact information has changed, please call your school to correct it in our files. If you have not received an email regarding Parent Consent Request by the end of the month or have any questions/concerns, please contact your school administrator.

### **SchoolMessenger in the Langley School District**

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. As we welcome our new families to our schools, some parents/guardians may receive a text message notifying them about SchoolMessenger. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).

### **Communicating With Your School**

Schools and families continue to work together to ensure success for students. If you have an issue or concern but don't know who to speak with, the District encourages you to read these helpful Communicating with your School guidelines for parents/guardians found on our District website [here](#). As an additional reference, review this one-page resource [here](#).

### **Coghlan Action Plan for Learning**

Please take the time to read this important information on "Action Plan for Learning". This is also posted on the Coghlan website: [Coghlan.sd35.bc.ca](http://Coghlan.sd35.bc.ca)  
Click on the link below. Thank you!

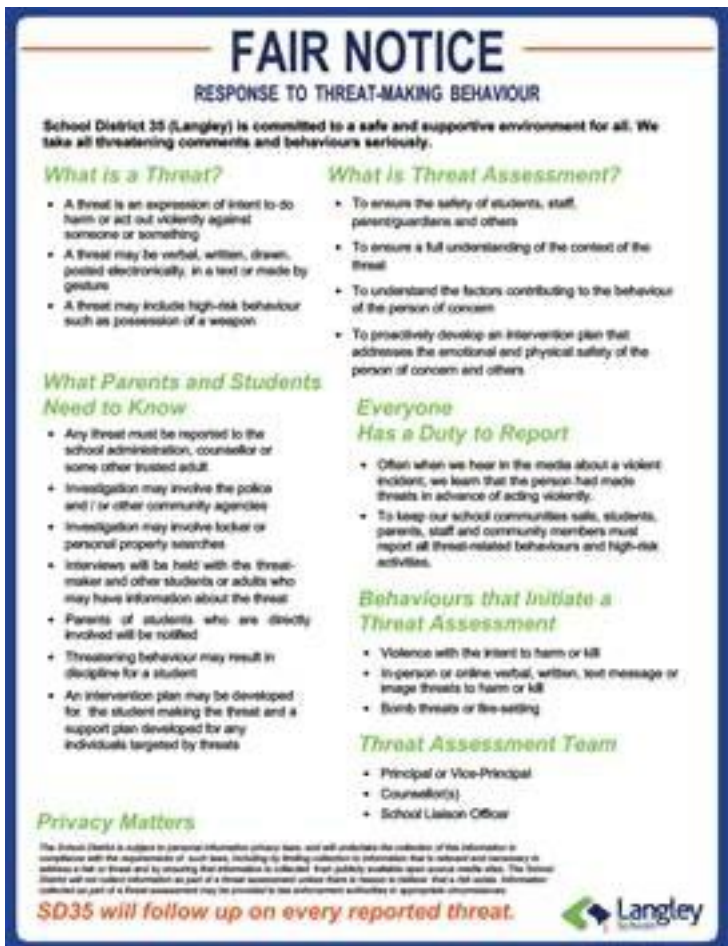
[CFE APFL One-Pager](#)

### **New to District Fall Registration**

Do you know a family with children in the K-12 school system that is moving to Langley in fall 2024? Please assist the District in sharing this information with any of your friends and family. The District is encouraging families moving to Langley from another jurisdiction to register their child for school as soon as possible. With high enrolment in some schools, the District is working to facilitate student placement for September entry and support a smooth transition for these new families. For more information on the registration process and required documents, visit the webpage [here](#).

## Student 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.



**FAIR NOTICE**  
RESPONSE TO THREAT-MAKING BEHAVIOUR

School District 35 (Langley) is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. We take all threatening comments and behaviours seriously.

**What is a Threat?**

- A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something
- A threat may be verbal, written, drawn, posted electronically, in a text or made by gesture
- A threat may include high-risk behaviour such as possession of a weapon

**What is Threat Assessment?**

- To ensure the safety of students, staff, parent/guardians and others
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
- To understand the factors contributing to the behaviour of the person of concern
- To proactively develop an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the person of concern and others

**What Parents and Students Need to Know**

- Any threat must be reported to the school administration, counsellor or some other trusted adult
- Investigation may involve the police and / or other community agencies
- Investigation may involve locker or personal property searches
- Interviews will be held with the threat-maker and other students or adults who may have information about the threat
- Parents of students who are directly involved will be notified
- Threatening behaviour may result in discipline for a student
- An intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats

**Everyone Has a Duty to Report**

- Often when we hear in the media about a violent incident, we learn that the person had made threats in advance of acting violently.
- To keep our school communities safe, students, parents, staff and community members must report all threat-related behaviours and high-risk activities.

**Behaviours that Initiate a Threat Assessment**

- Violence with the intent to harm or kill
- In-person or online verbal, written, text message or image threats to harm or kill
- Bomb threats or fire-setting


**Threat Assessment Team**

- Principal or Vice-Principal
- Counsellor(s)
- School Liaison Officer

**Privacy Matters**

The District School is subject to personal information privacy laws and will protect the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including to limit the collection of information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and by ensuring that information is collected from publicly available open source media sites. The District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a risk exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to the authorities working in cooperation with the District.

**SD35 will follow up on every reported threat.**



## Fair Notice Resource for Students/Families

*The Langley School District is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. Our schools take all threatening comments and behaviours seriously. Our schools follow procedures when responding to threat-making behaviour to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. The following resource [here](#) outlines what information students and families need to know in relation to how the District responds to threat-making behaviour in our schools. Everyone has a role in helping keep our students safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school administrator.*

## Community Volunteers in Emergencies

Emergencies can happen unexpectedly due to weather events (e.g. earthquake or flooding) or unforeseen situations in the community. The health and safety of students, staff, and families is the District's priority. The District together with schools follow emergency procedures to respond to incidents as well as prevent them from happening. As stated in the provincial [Emergency Management Planning Guide for Schools, Districts and Authorities](#), staff have a legal "duty of care," meaning that they "must ensure that students are cared for until such time as they can be safely reunited with their parents." Depending on the situation, the school may be caring for students for many days.

In these circumstances, schools may rely on members of the community to assist with emergency responses. Administrators may send a request to parents/guardians to help volunteer with first aid, facilities and maintenance, safety and security, and general labour. Adults with special skills in health care, policing, and engineering would be an asset in an emergency. No action is needed from families at this time as the purpose is to keep families informed.

### **Programs of Choice – Deadline to Register is Monday, October 21st**

Langley School District offers a rich diversity of programs that are designed to meet the specific needs and interests of students. Programs include Fine Arts, French Immersion, Fundamental, Langley Environmental Awareness Program (outdoor education), Montessori, and U-Connect. Registration for Kindergarten entry (for most programs) begins on **Monday, October 7th at 12 noon**, and closes on **Monday, October 21st at 12 noon**. For U-Connect, please contact the school directly. For more information and instructions to register your child, visit our District website [here](#) and review our FAQ choice programs resource [here](#).

### **U-Connect – Kindergarten to Grade 3 Spaces Available: Elementary**

Is your child in need of an education program that offers more flexibility and continues to meet their educational needs? U-Connect may be a great fit for your child. The blended learning program has students in class two days a week with an optional third day offered for additional student support and fun community field trips. Students will be at home two to three days per week, which enables them to discover their own extra-curricular passions and allows for caregivers to support students at home in partnership with school. Students will build on their own personal learning style with the support of caring and dedicated teachers. Interested students and their families are encouraged to call the school to get more information or learn more [here](#).

### **Student Use of Personal Digital Devices in Schools**

As you may have heard in the media, the province has directed school districts to develop guidelines around the use of personal digital devices in schools, devices such as cell phones. The District has created ***Administrative Procedure (AP) 350 Appendix A Student Use of Personal Digital Devices***, a document which can be found on the District website [HERE](#). We encourage families to review this AP document closely, and have conversations with your child about these expectations and guidelines as they are an extension of the District's student code of conduct.

Here is a brief summary of the restrictions outlined in this administrative procedure:

**Students in elementary and middle school will not be able to use their personal digital devices during the school day**, from the student's arrival at the start of the day, to the student's departure at the end of the day. This includes non-instructional time (recess, lunch, breaks) and instructional time, unless permitted by staff for instructional purposes. Students are encouraged to leave their devices at home. Any devices brought to school should be turned off and stored away in backpacks or lockers.

These guidelines aim to address potential distractions in the classroom, ensure equitable access to learning resources for all students, allow for accommodations for students with diverse abilities who may require devices to support their learning, as well as foster digital citizenship.

Coghlan staff will work collaboratively with students and families to set the tone and culture of the use of technology in the classroom. As educators, our role is to help students embrace technology, mitigate potential negative impacts devices may have on children and youth, and support learning.

As a friendly reminder, we have a school phone available for students to use at the office if they need to call home. We are also happy to relay messages to students from parents/guardians as needed. Please feel free to call the office.

## **When and how long to keep sick kids home from school**

### **When to keep kids home from school in BC?**

Please keep your child home if they: Have a fever. **Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.** Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).

### **How long after sickness can you go back to school?**

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

### **How long are kids contagious with a cold?**

Colds are the most common infectious disease. They're very contagious, especially in the first 2–4 days after symptoms start. They can even spread for **a couple of weeks after someone starts feeling sick.**

### **How long after flu can you return to school?**

Children with the flu should be isolated in the home, away from other people. **They should also stay home until they have no fever without the use of fever-control medicines and they feel well for 24 hours.** Remind your child to protect others by covering his or her mouth when coughing or sneezing.

### **Why do you have to wait 24 hours after a fever?**

Within 24 hours of a fever, **your child's immune system is weakened, and they are much more likely to catch something else.** This is why it can seem like your child is better for a couple of days, only to be sick again

# SCHOOL PICTURE ORDERING ALL ONLINE!

Your child will have brought home a printed proof. It is blue!  
Ensure you check their bag, school planner, or with their classroom teacher if you  
have not received it.

On the proof is an access key in the top right corner, you will enter this access code at:

[darbyphotos.ca](http://darbyphotos.ca)

Make sure to read through the information provided on the website ahead of accessing the  
gallery as this should answer any questions you have!



## ORDERS ARE DUE SOON! DUE DATE - OCTOBER 3

Make sure you have accessed your photo gallery, either to place your photo  
order or to request retakes!

Once the order due date is past, having the photo order returned back to  
the school will not be possible. The only shipping option available after the  
due date is our \$10 'Ship to Provided Address' option, that will have your  
order mailed to the address provided at checkout.



## RETAKE - NOVEMBER 5

Darby Photos has a new retake session procedure, designed to ensure  
every student who needs a portrait on retake day gets one.

Students can only attend a retake session for one of two reasons:

- They missed the main picture day, and did not get portraits taken
- The request for a retake is made by the students family through  
their online gallery

Darby Photos system produces a list of students that did not get portraits completed on the original photo day, so  
if your child does not attend the main day then they will be called down on retake day automatically. There is no  
need to notify your school or Darby Photos.

If your child attended the main photo day but you wish to have retakes done, the request must be made through  
their online gallery prior to the due date listed on your proof. You will have received a physical printed proof that  
your child brought home from school recently explaining how to view the gallery and make this request.  
Our system then compiles a list of all of these requests. If you dont have the proof, check your childs bag, and then  
with the classroom teacher.

Only students that are on our list will be invited down during the retake session to streamline the experience. You  
will not be able to add your child to the list by contacting your school or Darby Photos, the only way to have them  
added is through the online gallery retake request function.

Please note that if your child attends the retake session, any original images that were taken on the  
main photo day will no longer be accessible.

THANKSGIVING

# Food Drive

SEPTEMBER 20TH  
TO  
OCTOBER 7TH

Baskets have been placed in each class!

Every donation of food helps, all donations will be brought to the local food bank.

We accept donations of non-perishable food in jars, cans and sealed packets. We recommend sauces, soups, beans, vegetables in cans or jars, honey, peanut butter, candy, boxed juices, long-life milk, etc.

Thank you!







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# TABLE *TALKS*ALDERGROVE

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SUBSTANCE USE & YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD  
A DESSERT & DIALOGUE EVENING

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**WED  
OCT16**

**6:30PM-9PM**

ALDERGROVE KINSMEN  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
26770 29TH AVE.

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//// JOIN US FOR CONVERSATIONS ON IMPORTANT TOPICS RELATED TO SUPPORTING OUR LOVED ONES, REDUCING STIGMA, EXPLORING ROOT CAUSES, AND THE ROLE WE PLAY IN THE TOXIC DRUG CRISIS



Langley  
Community  
Services Society



*\*In an effort to provide advance notice of important calendar dates. We have compiled a "Year At A Glance" for you to prepare for ahead of time. Please note that dates are tentative, and may change at any point in time, including additions of new dates/events as it comes up. However, we will endeavor to keep changes to a minimal. We hope this is helpful. ©*

## **UPDATED Calendar Dates 2024-2025 (Year At A Glance)**

**As of Sep. 27, 2024 – Please see HIGHLIGHTED dates for revisions/additions**

### **September 2024**

19 (R) – PAC Welcome Back BBQ 12:00 pm & Meet the Teacher. 2:45-3:45 pm  
20 (F) – Individual Photos for Staff/Students  
23 (M) – Terry Fox Run. PM  
25 (W) – Vancouver Football Club Visit. PM  
27 (F) – Truth & Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day Assembly. 9 am  
30 (M) – Truth & Reconciliation Day (Stat, no school)

### **October 2024**

3 (W) – Vancouver Football Club Visit. PM  
4 (F) – **School Improvement Day (no school for students)**  
9 (W) – Vancouver Football Club Visit. PM  
11 (F) – School-Wide Presentation Green Thumbs Theatre (Mixolydian). 1 pm  
14 (M) – Thanksgiving Day (Stat, no school)  
24 (R) – PAC Fall Fair  
25 (F) – Pro-D Day  
31 (R) – Halloween Parade for Primary Students, Halloween Swim for Intermediate Students at Walnut Grove

### **November 2024**

5 (T) – Individual Photo Retakes for Staff/Students  
7 (R) – Remembrance Day Assembly. AM  
8 (F) – **Design & Assessment Day (no school for students)**  
11 (M) – Remembrance Day (Stat, no school)  
12-14 – Scholastic Fall Book Fair  
25-Dec 6 – Student Inclusive Conference Window for Conferences  
27 (W) – Student Inclusive Conference Day  
28 (R) – Student Inclusive Conference 2 Hour Early Dismissal

### **December 2024**

2-6 – Student Inclusive Conference Window Continues  
4 (W) – Gr. 6 Immunizations  
5 (R) – Late Night for Student Inclusive Conference  
12 (R) – **Christmas Concert; Afternoon & Evening Concert**  
13 (F) – PAC Gingerbread People  
20 (F) – PAC Pancake Breakfast & Last Day of School before Winter Break

### **January 2025**

6 (M) – School Reopens  
28 (T) – Jump Rope for Heart Assembly

### **February 2025**

10 (M) – **District Pro-D (no school for students)**  
13 (R) – School-Wide Presentation Green Thumbs Theatre 500 Words. 1 pm  
14 (F) – Valentine's Swim for Intermediate Students at Walnut Grove  
17 (M) – Family Day (Stat, no school)  
19 (W) – Jump Rope for Heart Event Day  
24-Mar. 7 – Student Inclusive Conference Window for Conferences  
24 (M) – **Design & Assessment Day (no school for students)**  
26 (W) – Student Inclusive Conference Late Night  
24-28 – District Diversity & Respect Week

### **March 2025**

3-6 – Scholastic Spring Book Fair; TBD  
3-7 – Student Inclusive Conference Window Continues  
5 (W) – Student Inclusive Conference 2 Hour Early Dismissal  
6 (R) – Student Inclusive Conference Day  
14 (F) – Last Day of School before Spring Break  
31 (M) – School Reopens

### **April 2025**

1 (T) – Talent Show Sign-up Begins  
10 (R) – Class/Team Photos for Students. AM  
18 (F) – Good Friday (Stat, no school)  
21 (M) – Easter Monday (Stat, no school)

### **May 2025**

2 OR 9 – PAC Fun Fair. Date TBD  
5-15 – Track & Field Tryouts. 1:45-2:30 pm  
16 (F) – **District Pro-D Day**  
19 (M) – Victoria Day (Stat, no school)  
20 (T) – PAC Staff Appreciation Luncheon  
23 (F) – Talent Show. 1 pm  
26 (M) – Welcome to K  
29 (R) – Track & Field Meet. McCleod Athletic Park

### **June 2025**

4 (W) – Parent Appreciation Tea  
6 (F) – Gr. 6 Immunizations  
20 (F) – Sports Day  
23 (M) – Cultus Lake (to confirm in October)  
26 (R) – Last Day of School for Students/Gr. 7 Grad Assembly/Early Dismissal @11:36 am/Reports Home  
27 (F) – Admin Day