

Hello PEMS Families,

Time has gone by so quickly, it is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of October. The staff has been busy creating events and experiences for our students. Our Terry Fox donation campaign exceeded our expectations with over \$1300 raised. Thank you for your generous contributions. The support from the Peter Ewart community is very much appreciated by our staff and students. Thank you for making this such an amazing place to learn and work.

The following are a few reminders of upcoming events and some new information since our newsletter last week.

Halloween Dance

Thank you to our PAC for putting on an outstanding event. The students enjoyed the dance.

October 31st

Students are allowed to dress up at school on October 31st. Again, costumes cannot include weapons or replica weapons. Masks are not allowed.

Remembrance Day:

Poppy Campaign:

It is a long-standing tradition for schools to support our veterans and the efforts of the Royal Canadian Legion. Once again, this year, our school will be receiving a poppy for every student and distributing them to classes. We will continue to collect funds this year in support of the Legion's Poppy Campaign but kindly ask students and their families to donate online via School Cash Online: <https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com/>. Please do not send cash or cheques with your child to school. If you need assistance accessing School Cash Online, please contact the school office.

We appreciate your generosity. As always, our school is committed to educating our community about the meaning of the poppy and Remembrance Day.

Sharing Community Stories:

The Remembrance Day assembly where we will be honoring all the Canadians who served during the many different wars throughout our history will take place on November 9th. We at Peter Ewart want to do something special that will hopefully continue on and become a long-standing tradition. We ask if families have any photos of family who served that you would be willing to either scan into a JPEG format (in High Quality) or be willing to bring to the front office of the school so that we would be able to scan (and then immediately give back). These scans of family veterans would then be printed and placed along our gym during the assembly as representations of both Canadian and Raven Pride. We would need these scans delivered to

us prior to the assembly(November 9th) – November 7th at the latest – for them to be included in our assembly. When including your photos, if families could add some background towards the photo (relationship to student, where they served) or perhaps include a story giving some insight towards the photo, that would be wonderful. Emails with pictures and the background of your family member can be sent to Mrs. Labby at slabby@sd35.bc.ca

Thank you in advance for your consideration in the inclusion of your family in our assembly.

Dress For The Weather

As a reminder, we are an outside school at recess and lunch time. We encourage students to wear appropriate clothing for the upcoming winter season.

From the District:

Langley RCMP: Candy with a Cop

Our community partner, the Langley RCMP, is inviting our students, staff, and families to have “Candy with a Cop.” On Tuesday, October 31st, police will be sharing treats with visitors throughout the day at their community police offices across Langley. For locations and times, please see flyer [here](#).

Emergency Procedures & Response



Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Schools follow emergency procedures to ensure students, staff, and any visitors in our schools or sites are safe when unexpected incidents or events happen. At the start of every school year, administrators, teachers, and staff review these emergency procedures. Schools practice a set number of drills annually in preparation for unexpected situations. The District encourages families to become familiar with these staff emergency procedures and the drills that are completed in our schools. You can read them in the Staff Emergency Procedures

Poster [here](#) or find them posted in areas throughout our buildings. If you have any questions or concerns about emergency procedures, please get in contact with your child's teacher or administrator.

Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or www.sd35.bc.ca. Updates are also posted to Twitter @LangleySchools and Facebook at www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict. If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

Accessibility Committee, Accessibility Plan & Accessibility Survey

The Langley School District is committed to fostering a learning and working environment that supports all students and staff and provides opportunities for everyone in our school community. Under the province's new Accessible BC Act, school districts across the province were required to create an accessibility committee, an accessibility plan, and a mechanism to receive public feedback regarding accessibility by September 2023.

The District has taken the necessary steps to meet these requirements, which are explained in the Accessibility Plan 2023-2026 [here](#). The District, in collaboration with the Accessibility Committee, welcomes feedback from students, staff, and families on the plan as well as any information to help identify barriers in our system. The public is invited to fill-out this Accessibility Survey [here](#). Print versions of this survey are available at the School Board Office. There are other methods of sharing feedback which are outlined on the District webpage [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please email: accessibility@sd35.bc.ca

Other Important Dates:

- October 27 – Pep Rally (Students are encouraged to wear orange and brown.)
- October 31 – Students are allowed to dress up
- November 8 – Grade 7 Camp Information Meeting. 7:00 PM via Microsoft Teams. Invitations will be sent out via email.
- November 8 – Grade 6 Vaccinations
- November 9 – Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 10 – Design and Assessment Day/Report Card Prep (No School For Students)
- November 13 – School Closed (For Remembrance Day)
- November 14 – PAC Meeting 6:00 in the Learning Commons

Have a wonderful week,

Stephanie Labby
Principal of Peter Ewart Middle School