



Principal's Message

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Check out our online calendar. All staff email addresses can be found at - www.fasbc.com

Nov 25-26	1 hour early dismissal Parent Teacher Interviews - Secondary only
Dec 2-3	Dance Show 7pm
Dec 4	Report Cards issued - Elementary only
Dec 6	Senior Choir with TWU Choir and VSO at Chan Centre 2:30 pm Concert
Dec 9	Annual LFAS Night of Choirs Bell Performing Arts Centre 7:00 pm
Dec 9-10	1 hour early dismissal Parent Teacher Interviews - Elementary only
Dec 10	Large Ensemble Night - Music 7pm
Dec 15	Grade 4/5 show 6:30pm
Dec 16	Chamber Night - Music 7pm
Dec 17	Grade 1-3 Show 6:30pm
Dec 18	Last day Prior to Christmas vacation
Jan 4	School Re-opens
Jan 25	Examination Days Begin - Secondary only
Jan 29	Design & Assessment/Report Card Prep - School not in session Secondary only
Feb 1-2	School not in session
Feb 9	Report Cards issued - Secondary only
Feb 19	Pro D Day District Wide
Feb 22	Design & Assessment/Report Card Prep - School not in session Elementary only
Mar 5	Report Cards issued - Elementary only Last day prior to Spring Vacation
Mar 15	School re-opens

Remembrance Day Ceremonies and Art Exhibit: Here are a few comments made by members of our Armed Forces that viewed the Remembrance Day Exhibit and Assembly last week:

"I have been in the Canadian Forces for almost 20 years now. I have seen a few things in a few places; some good, some bad. For you and your students to honour my fallen comrades in such a manner is awe inspiring. It is not just the technical skills that are apparent in the end product., it is the obvious care given and the amount of respect shown that simply blows me away. I have lost many friends to the current conflict and others during operations past. In all my years I have never seen such a large-scale project done to honour our contemporary fallen. My hat is off to you sir and your students."

Greg Fleming
Lt Administration Officer
Technical Services Branch
National Defence

Wife of fallen soldier, Thomas Hamilton, wrote,

"I just wanted to thank you again myself for inviting us to your ceremonies. They were wonderful performances and the exhibit was just amazing. I was incredibly touched and grateful to see them."

Heather Peace and daughter, Anabelle

" Every year we go into the theatre and have a beautiful assembly, and it always makes me think, but I think this is the first year that I really felt it."

Student LFA

"What more can be said about the efforts of our staff and students to honour our fallen on Remembrance Day. My warm thanks goes to all of you for making the assemblies and the art exhibit a tribute in its finest form. I am so proud of you all."

Report Card Distribution and Parent Teacher Conference - Apologies for the delay, but report cards will be distributed Monday November 23 instead of Friday November 20th. We have had some major server issues with our computers. Parents are encouraged to call the school to book appointments for next Wednesday November 25th and Thursday, November 26th to discuss your child's progress.

Christmas Concerts and Assemblies are Around the Corner - Please log on to our web site and book these dates on your calendar and don't forget to get your Bell Cell Centre Choir tickets for December 9th. Tickets are selling quickly. It is definitely a night to bring your family including grandparents and friends.

Balan Moorthy
Principal

PAC MEETINGS FOR 2009-2010-7pm in the library
December 2, 2009
January 13, 2010
February 10, 2010
March 17, 2010
April 14, 2010
May 12, 2010

SCHOOL STATUS/CLOSURE INFORMATION - As winter approaches the likelihood of disruptions due to snowfall or power outages increases. Information on the status of Langley Schools is posted at www.sd35.bc.ca by clicking the "School Status" link. A message is also recorded on the Information Hotline at 604-532-1453. The district also sends updates to radio stations CKNW (980am), CKWX (1130am) and Country Radio (107.1fm). Parents are asked to avoid calling their child's school or the School Board Office reception desk for school status updates. Further information about procedures during periods of inclement weather can be viewed at www.sd35.bc.ca/general/school_closure.html.

Grade 12 parents and students - You will have received your Grade 12 November newsletter by now. It is very long and full of incredible stuff. Please spend some time going through it.

High School Exchange/Travel Opportunities - If you are interested in high school exchanges in the summer months, abroad and in Canada, and some of them courtesy of the Canadian government check out this website. http://kalamalka.sd22.bc.ca/counsellor_website/travel.html

DRY GRAD NEWS - Just a friendly reminder to everyone that the Neufeld Farm Chicken fundraiser is still on. Final date for the orders is November 26th. If you did not receive an order form you can print off the attached forms and return them to the office with your cheque payable to LFAS Dry Grad Committee. Alternatively, there are extra paper copies in the office. The next Dry Grad meeting is December 1st at 7.00 pm in the LFAS Library.

There have been a few questions from parents of grade 12 students regarding Dry Grad so here is some helpful information:

Dry Grad takes place directly after the Graduation dinner, which is being held at Newlands Golf Club on June 23rd 2010. At around midnight, the students will be transported by bus, from Newlands, to a secret destination, to "Dry Grad" which will continue until 5.00am at which time parents will come and collect their graduate. There will be various games, activities and prizes provided throughout the Dry Grad proceedings. The fundraising events and activities it takes to raise the money for Dry Grad take a lot of time and organization and, to maximize their success, we need as much parent participation as possible. If you have any ideas you wish to share please email them to Sarah Evans at waynesdampproofing@telus.net. The Dry Grad Committee would be very grateful if all parents would also email Sarah with their child's name and indicate whether their child will or will not be attending the Dry Grad celebration. This will enable them to keep you all informed of the plans as they develop and will enable bus transportation to be arranged as soon as possible. Unlike the Graduation dinner which is arranged by the school, the Dry Grad is organized by the Grade 12 parents, so parent participation is essential. We will need parents to supervise, help with setting up and clearing away. If this sounds like the job for you, please indicate this on your reply.

*I could
I wish*
become a pilot.
be a nurse.
visit your country.
be a musician.
be a teacher
to help children.
Wishes- Irura Students,
Kenya

Project Kenya Christmas Cards are Coming Soon! - What do you get for the person who has everything? Or the person who would rather give than to receive? Why not give them the gift of a donation to Project Kenya Sister Schools in their honour? The Christmas card campaign is one of the biggest fundraisers we do for our sister school each year. Thanks to the many families who choose this special way of giving. This year we are asking for parent volunteers to help distribute the Christmas cards as the orders come in. We are hoping to have one or two parents from each of the elementary pods and the middle school to help us. If you are available this December and would like to help out, please contact Ms. Illes or Mrs. Venuto in Room 105.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **LFAS Care Centre licensed before and after school care** - Drop off and pick up from all primary classrooms. Drop off and pick up from all extra curricular activities within the school. Homework club. Theme days (movie and popcorn day, science experiment day, performance day and craft day). Monday through Friday. Mornings from 7:00am - 9:00 am, afternoons from 3:00pm-6:00pm, on all days that school is in session. For more information please contact Lori Wilkes at 604-996-7297 or 604-880-7297, email loriwilkes@shaw.ca
- ◆ **2010 LANGLEY Baseball Registration** - Saturday, November 21, at Blacklock School Gymnasium, 5100—206 Street, Langley from 10am—4pm. Saturday, December 5, at Rotary Field House, McLeod Athletic park, 58 Avenue and 214 Street Langley from 10am—4pm. The registration form may be downloaded from the Langley Baseball website at: www.langleybaseball.ca
- ◆ **LSS CRAFT FAIR** - Langley Secondary School PAC is hosting their annual Craft & Trade Fair on Saturday, November 28, 2009 from 9:00 – 3:00. For more information, or to book a table, please contact Alison @ 604-533-9863 or mrstea@shaw.ca
- ◆ **UPLANDS ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**—Saturday, November 28, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm, 4471-207A Street, Langley. Free admission, Handmade crafts, Small Business Vendors, Basket Raffle, Bake Sale, Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Concession. and children's make and take craft section. Tables still available; 6 ft for \$25, 8 ft for \$34. If you are interested in a table, please call Lisa at (604)534-4627 or email uplandsholidayfair@shaw.ca.

From the Counselling Office

Work at the Houses of Parliament for a year

House of Commons-Page program

2010-2011 Closing date December 7th www.parl.gc.ca/hocpage

Counselling Workshop

December 15th 2009 8.30-11am

Are you interested in a career in Counselling, social work, psychologist, child and youth care worker, psychiatry. Ms De Little has more information about this workshop for grade 10,11, 12's.

Western Ontario University

Has an extensive scholarship program. See Ms De Little for details.

Career Fair December 1st

11.30-4.15pm. We are going to take a bus trip to Tradex in Abbotsford to check out loads of post secondary opportunities. But we need another 15 people to make the bus go. Please sign up in the office NOW.

Capilano University August 9-20th 10 am to 2.30 pm

"Critical Thinking", a course for grade 11 in the summer of 2010. Earn 3 University Credits. Also, they are offering a Tourism Management Co-op Diploma or degree for next September www.capilanou.ca/tourism.

Grade 12 students

Do you like cold weather?

KIAC in Dawson City Yukon has a school of Visual Art

Techtrek at UBC January 23rd, March 6th, April 10th

Grades 8-12. Spend a day in the Department of Computer Science at UBC with hands on experience. www.techtrek.ca

University of Alberta info session

December 5th at Four Seasons Hotel www.registrar.ualberta.ca/events

Shad Valley Summer program is now out. Grades 10,11,12 can experience science, tech, leadership and entrepreneurship at Waterloo Ontario. See Ms De Little .

Grades 11-12 Learn French this summer in Canada. Fees paid for by Canada Federal Government for Canadian citizens www.myexplore.ca.

Volunteers needed to help out in the Counselling room. Filing, tidying, cleaning out old stuff, playing with Ms De Little's toys, all that kind of stuff. 30 hours is being offered for Portfolio!!!



LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Langley Fine Arts students continue to make great use of the Library. 1915 books were circulated in the month of October! The two reading contests are really popular. Grade 8 readers are in the lead with 122 books read for a total of 32,547 pages or 3,254.7 kms! They're almost to Toronto! Prize draw winners for the Langley Book of the Year reading contest for October/November are: Savannah Loucks, Joanne Kim and Nathan Zemp.

Teams from Ms. Steacy and Ms. McCrae's Grade 5 classes are participating in the 6th annual Reading Link Challenge hosted by Fraser Valley Regional Library! This is a friendly competition between elementary schools in the Fraser Valley. The winning team of this competition will go on to compete in the Global Reading Challenge with other libraries throughout B.C. and the U.S. We'll keep you updated on how our teams are doing!

Many new books as well as new graphic novels have been added to the Library collection since September. Graphic novels in particular are very popular and inspire interest in reluctant readers. Latest additions to the Library collection include: William Shakespeare's King Lear and Macbeth as well as a series of poetry books written by Canadian poets for secondary readers, and a number of titles from The Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew, Twisted Journeys, and Bone series for elementary readers.

Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for the week of **December 7 to 11, 2009**. There will be a great assortment of popular books for kids of all ages as well as really neat novelties! Why not take advantage of this great opportunity to shop early for Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers? We're looking for parent as well as student volunteers to help out with this event. Please come to the Library to sign up! Your help is always appreciated!

We have been gifted with some wonderful, gently used books for the elementary and secondary collection. Thanks very much to the Azevedo, Donison, Robson, and Schwitay families for their generosity! The books are being catalogued and put on the shelves where they can be enjoyed by many readers! Just a reminder for when you're cleaning out your closets and book shelves this winter - if you have gently used, recently published books you'd like to give a second life to, send them to the Library!

Another reminder - Please return all overdue Library books. There are still a few books outstanding from June. Overdue Notices for all overdue library books will be sent home next week with your elementary students. Notices for secondary students will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Library. Please check your reading nooks, closets, book shelves, under the bed, wherever books tend to travel. Note: we do not charge fines for overdue books: only those which are lost or damaged.

Mr. Ames and Mrs. Maginnis



Christmas Wish List

Cash Donations

Gift cards for grocery stores, department stores

Canned Fruit and Vegetables

Sandwich Spreads (jam, peanut butter)

Rice and Pasta Dinners (*no Mac & cheese please*)

Canned Meats and Fish

Canned Stews and Pastas

Infant Formula (such as Enfalac, Good start)

Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6 only)

New toys for ages 2-12 for the Birthday Closet

Personal Care Products (feminine hygiene, shampoo, deodorant)

New Clothing (especially underwear and socks) for youth and adults

THANK YOU!

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Grad Cruise 2010

Friday, January 29th

Meeting at 4 p.m. in the LFAS Cafeteria for pizza, bussed to Vancouver for 6 pm and then bussed back to LFAS for 11 pm.

All grade 12's and their dates are invited to a three hour cruise around the Inner Harbour. The boat is equipped with sound systems, professional disc jockey, all the latest hits, and a hardwood dance floor. Delicious appetizers will be provided to satisfy those late night munchies. It will truly be a night worth remembering!

If you are bringing a guest who is not an LFAS student, a guest pass must be completed before purchasing your tickets. Guest passes will be in the office and must be completed by the guest and approved by Mr. Moorthy. **Tickets are \$60 per person; buy your tickets from the office in December. Limited seats – first come, first serve!**





(P.S.) Prime Sheet Inc.

Welcome to (P.S.) Prime Sheet Inc., a new regular feature of the LFAS newsletter. Here you can enjoy one or two written pieces created by the Writing Majors.

This week Tabitha Dadson bravely takes on the popular Twilight series in “Damsel In Distress Syndrome.”

We welcome your responses to these selections at sknittel@sd35.bc.ca

By Tabitha Dadson

I'm a 16-year-old high school student and I'm sick and tired of hearing about *Twilight*. In case you haven't heard, *Twilight* is a book series written by Stephanie Meyer that is taking the world's population of young women and teenagers by storm. When I first heard about these books I was glad to hear that so many girls were taking an interest in reading. I've always been an avid reader myself and thought that the people interested in this series may begin bettering themselves by reading more. After reading the first book I realized I was horribly wrong! Not only is this book sexist, it is an affront to any good vampire novel. There is no hint of a plot until page 328 of a 498-page book, which, by the way, isn't worth the paper it's written on. When the plot finally does emerge it becomes clear that the book is nothing more than an endless dysfunctional parody enacted in Bella and Edward's "true love." I pray that no one finds a relationship as patronizing as theirs. This book is about a 106-year-old man who is sexually interested in a 17-year-old girl. I don't know about you, but I consider this a sign that Edward is a pedophilic old man.

Edward's controlling nature is made clear throughout the first book. Edward and his family throw Bella around like a rag doll, and there is little to no consideration of her own abilities or feelings. He has so many pointless, unpredictable mood swings, designed to control Bella that the story reads more like a Harlequin Romance for minors with a codependency twist. After knowing Bella for only a few days, Edward, the shining knight that he is, decides to break into Bella's house and proceeds to *watch her sleep* for the next three months. When Bella discovers this, she is flattered instead of disturbed. This is portrayed as a romantic gesture. It is not. Watching acquaintances sleep is for serial killers, stalkers, panty thieves and perverted old men. In another instance Bella is relieved Edward "couldn't remove [her] forcibly from the car" because people surrounded them. He is obsessive, controlling, and intrusive, all of which is not what true love is about. True love is found between equals, people who respect each other. It is not something based on beauty and physical attraction alone. Edward and Bella's story is worse than a fairy tale. Give me the simplistic fun of Cinderella or Sleeping Beauty any day. At least the relational conflict in these fairytales is about the world trying to keep the lovers apart. *Twilight* is about an old man's lack of stable commitment and confused, dysfunctional, childlike urges.

Bella is the latest of many women in the media suffering from Damsel in Distress Syndrome (DIDS). This startling affliction is becoming more and more common in today's women. People with DIDS often seek out a counterpart; men suffering from Knight in Shining Armor Syndrome (KSAS) can be a boon to them. Unfortunately, with someone like Bella becoming a role model of adolescents across the nation, DIDS is making a startling comeback. Bella is not a good role model. She's a yoyo on a string that is looped around Edward's finger. Bella and Edward's relationship is filled with double standards. Edward tells Bella to stay away because he is dangerous. But the more he tells her to stay away, the more he pursues her, and the more intrigued she becomes.

Besides my problems with the plot, I am genuinely concerned about what this series is teaching my classmates and my generation about relationships. I know a girl who broke up with her boyfriend because she wanted someone more like Eddie. Worst of all she doesn't understand that she's looking for a man who will control her thoughts, feelings and actions. Bella is a poor role model who teaches young girls to wait for that "perfect man" to sweep them off their feet. Girls will think they do not need to take care of themselves or develop into strong individuals; rather the men in their lives can care and provide for their every whim. I have already seen this in action. A grade eight in my school has even said, "If there was no Edward, then there would be no Bella." The same person also said that Edward makes Bella interesting. If my generation really chooses to believe that a woman needs a man to be worth anything, we're taking a huge step backwards in women's fight for equality. With the image of the perfect man based on the warped ideal of Edward the vampire, what relationships will my generation take part in? Who will my generation's women turn into? I don't want carbon copies of Edward and Bella walking around in our schools, our stores, or our homes. If we don't stop this now, our future may be one of abusive men and submissive, weak-minded girls. That seems like a pretty bleak future to me. Hopefully someone in our generation will pick up a copy of *Dracula*, *Let the Right One In*, or *The Book Thief*, and find out what a good book is.