



# Chronicle

Langley Secondary School

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## Principal's Message

It's been an absolute pleasure to welcome the students this past week with students settling in nicely to their classes. Our school population has grown in the last few years, and we welcome the expansion that is planned for LSS offering more classrooms, Foods Labs, Science Labs and Design Space. This work should be ready for use September 2026.

A busy few weeks to open the 2024 -25 school year with welcoming the new grade 9 students, a school orientation for International students, Grade Assemblies, School Photos, Spirit Week and a kickoff to all fall sports: Cross Country, Soccer, Volleyball. This year's musical will be Percy Jackson's "Lightning Thief" and a variety of clubs are offered throughout the building.

We are looking forward to welcoming post-secondary representatives from 18 BC schools to LSS on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> for our grade 11 & 12 students. I encourage the students to come prepared with questions for the vendors.

Counsellors have been busy working with students to accommodate course change requests and new registrations. If your child has concerns with scheduling, grad path credits or in need of social emotional supports, please know they are in good hands with our Counselling Dept. Students are assigned by alpha as follows:

- Ms. Blount Ms. Blount (A-G) (Avid 9,10)
- Mr. Lewis (H-O) (Avid 11, 12)
- Ms. Kaulder (P-Z) and ELL

Students are also supported with 2 excellent youth care workers on site: Diaz Kambere and Maina Manodon. Our Aboriginal students are supported by our Aboriginal Worker, Danielle Smith.

There will be a **Grade 9 Parent night** on September 21, from 6:00- 7:00pm in the Large Gym. All are welcome. We are also planning a Grade 12 parent evening and Parent Teacher Interviews in October.

If you are interested in joining The **Parent Advisory Committee** meetings, the first one is scheduled on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Learning Commons. I suggest you use the parking lot in the back of the building to gain easier access.

Langley Secondary is a robust, thriving learning environment working closely with our community. If you have any questions or concern, please reach out to our office.

Diane Smillie, Principal



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**Important Dates** (please visit the calendar on our website for more information on each event)

## September

September 23, Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) – 7pm Learning Commons

September 26, Grade 9 Parent Night – 6-7pm large gym

September 27, orange shirt day

September 30, National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – school closed

## October

October 2, Grade 12 BBQ

October 4, School Improvement Day – students not in session

October 14, Thanksgiving – school closed

October 23, Parent Teacher Interviews

October 23, Grade 12 Parent Night – 7pm large gym

October 24, Parent Teacher Interviews

October 25, Pro D Day – students not in session



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## 2024 / 2025 District Calendar

~~Sep 2 (M) Labour Day (Schools Closed)~~

~~Sep 3 (T) Schools Open~~

Sep 30 (M) Truth and Reconciliation Day (Schools Closed)

Oct 4 (F) School Improvement Day (students not in attendance)

Oct 14 (M) Thanksgiving (Schools Closed)

Oct 23 (W) 1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Oct 24 (Th) 1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Oct 25 (F) Professional Development Day (Provincial - students not in attendance)

Nov 8 (F) Learning Update Prep/Design and Assessment Day (students not in attendance)

Nov 11 (M) Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)

Nov 22 (F) Learning Updates Issued

Dec 20 (F) Last Day Prior to Winter Break

Jan 6 (M) Schools Re-Open After Winter Break

Jan 29 (W) Semester 2 Begins

Feb 7 (F) Learning Updates Issued

Feb 10 (M) Professional Development Day (District - students not in attendance)

Feb 17 (M) Family Day (Schools Closed)

Mar 12 (W) 1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Mar 13 (Th) 1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Mar 14 (F) Last Day Prior to Spring Break

Mar 31 (M) Schools Re-Open After Spring Break

Apr 11 (F) Learning Update Prep/Design and Assessment Day (students not in attendance)

Apr 18 (F) Good Friday (Schools Closed)

Apr 21 (M) Easter Monday (Schools Closed)

Apr 28 (M) Learning Updates Issued

May 16 (F) Professional Development Day (students not in attendance)

May 19 (M) Victoria Day (Schools Closed)

Jun 26 (Th) Final Learning Updates Issued & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation

Jun 27 (F) Administrative Day (students not in attendance)

July / August Summer Session



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## 2024/2025 Graduation

### Grad Photos

Graduation photos can now be booked online: [Book Here](#)

Our grad photo session is January 9th - 16th 2025. There will be a mobile unit on our property where Grade 12's will take their photos. A \$60 deposit is required when booking, however will be refunded if you decide not to purchase. Your child will need to provide you with their student number in order to book.

Any questions can be directed to Ms. Reid [breid@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:breid@sd35.bc.ca) or Ms. Bezanson [mbezanson@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:mbezanson@sd35.bc.ca)

### Grad Wear

Grad wear is now available for purchase on school cash online. Sales will end on September 30th and delivery is expected mid to end of October. If you have any questions about school cash online you can email Ms. Bezanson at [mbezanson@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:mbezanson@sd35.bc.ca)





## ATTENDANCE REPORTING SYSTEM

Attendance system, **SafeArrival** is in use. This includes leaving early and/or lates, vacation, appointments etc.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store or **go.schoolmessenger.ca**. The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. You must use the same email address and phone number that is on file at the school. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website **go.schoolmessenger.ca**. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. You must use the same email address and phone number that is on file at the school. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-833-294-4837** to report an absence using the automated phone system. If you are calling the toll-free number, you must call from the parent/guardian phone number on file with the school.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. We ask that daily absences are reported as soon as possible and before 3:00pm on the day of the absence. This includes late arrivals and early departures and more. Future absences can be reported at any time. If absences are not reported before the cut-off time of 3:00pm, the parent/guardian may still receive an automatic notification in the evening to inform them of an absence. Absences are only to be reported by parents/guardians on file with the school. Students are NOT to report their own absences.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the **SafeArrival** toll-free number, website, or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

Please report absences using SafeArrival instead of sending notes, calling, or emailing the school. In the morning, the school may receive a high volume of calls. Please use the three options above to report absences. **The school office will no longer accept calls regarding attendance on our main line.**

Parents/guardians will need to report via the app, website, or toll-free number in a timely manner.



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## Career News

Hey LSS Thunderbirds staff and students here are the latest career events and field trips coming up this month. See Career Advisor Ms. Stuive or Mrs. Kiers for more info.

**Post Secondary BC Day – Thurs.**  
**September 19th @ Langley Secondary School**  
Grades 11&12's! On the afternoon of Thursday, September 19th we will have 18 post-secondary institutions join us in the big gym at LSS. Students are encouraged to start researching the post-secondary schools on the list attached that are of most interest to them. There will be a mini fair to follow for any grade level students that interested at the end of the day.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2024**  
**PSBC DAY**  
*Gr. 11- 12's rtesearch the following institutions:*

*Need help? See Ms. Stuive in the counselling centre*



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## Career News cont'd.

**First Responders District Tour  
Field Trip – Fri. September  
27th @ School Board Office**  
Observe first-hand emergency  
response training through this  
one-day first responder's tour.  
Applications are due Wednesday,  
September 18th. The tour will be  
on Friday September 27th from  
8:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the SBO.  
Apply now! See Ms. Stuve in the  
counseling center to pick up a  
field trip application form.



Tour:

## FIRST RESPONDERS

FRIDAY | SEPT 27, 2024 | 8:30AM-3:00PM

Grade 9 - 12 Students Only!

Members from the Township of Langley Fire Department, Langley RCMP and BC Ambulance guide students through a simulated car crash. Students will hear the specifics and training required from each of the First Responders participating.



See your Career Advisor for an Application!  
Applications due Wednesday, September 18!



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The Canadian Universities Field Trip – Thurs. September 26th @ Langley Events Centre  
The Canadian Universities (CUE) event is happening on Thursday, September 26th at the Langley Events Centre. LSS will be sending a bus of students to check out the booths of over 50 post-secondary institutions across Canada. If you are interested in attending come pick up a field trip application form from Ms. Stuve in the Counselling Centre (office A103b).

**SAVE THE DATE**

**CUE** Canadian Universities Event

Thursday, September 26th at Langley Events Centre.

Connect with university representatives from across Canada & learn more about your post-secondary options!

Field trip applications and timeslots are coming soon.  
See your Career Advisor Ms. Stuve for more info.





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<b>LSS CLUBS</b> Show up for a meeting. All are welcome!	<b>ANIME CLUB</b>	HAJDECKI	<b>FRIDAYS @ LUNCH &amp; AFTER SCHOOL, PORTABLE 24 (closer to stadium)</b>	SEPTEMBER 20	Every Friday at lunch we watch the first episode of a new anime, chosen either by teacher or student within the club. After school, we can talk about the anime or watch two more episodes -with popcorn!
	<b>BOOK CLUB</b>	KUSICK	<b>THURSDAYS @ LUNCH, A131</b>	SEPTEMBER	Connect with other readers, share about what you're reading, get recommendations. Full day field trip to Poppy to celebrate with readers from Langley School District
	<b>CROCHET CLUB</b>	POGORZELSKI WILLIAMS	<b>THURSDAYS @ LUNCH, A113</b>	OCTOBER	New or experienced crocheter's welcome! Come stitch together a Thunderbird Spirit blanket!
	<b>DANCE CLUB</b>	ELSON	<b>MONDAYS AFTER SCHOOL &amp; FRIDAYS @ LUNCH, ROOM A78</b>	START OF SEMESTER 1 OR 2	Join us to do HIP HOP/JAZZ/FUNK choreo, if you'd like to perform.
	<b>ANTI-RACISIM &amp; DIVERSITY CLUB</b>	DUONG	<b>FRIDAYS @ LUNCH, A215</b>	SEPTEMBER	Looking for committed students to create posters, announcements, run events & fundraisers throughout the year. Listen to announcements for first meeting.
	<b>DUNGEONS &amp; DRAGON'S CLUB</b>	HAJDECKI	<b>TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL</b>	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14	Play! We can teach you if you've never played.
<b>LSS CLUBS CONTINUED</b> Show up for a meeting. All are welcome!	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB</b>	PAGNANINI	<b>THURSDAYS @ LUNCH, A203</b>	SEPTEMBER	Plan activities to engage/improve earth-friendly choices for LSS
	<b>GENDER SEXUALITY ALLIANCE (GSA)</b>	LEE	<b>TUESDAYS @ LUNCH, A112</b>	SEPTEMBER	A safe place for students of all backgrounds and identities to ask questions, play games and connect with peers.
	<b>GOLF CLUB</b>	RAND		SPRING	Play golf!
	<b>BADMINTON CLUB</b>	CALDERON		WINTER	Play badminton!
	<b>HOMEWORK CLUB</b>	SEA'S & AVID 12 STUDENTS	<b>TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL, A114</b>	SEPTEMBER	Get support on your homework. Starts 3rd week in September.
	<b>K-POP CLUB</b>	ALATRASH	<b>MONDAYS @ LUNCH</b>	SEPTEMBER 16	Meet other fans! We listen to the latest releases, play games, decorate photo cards and other K-pop related activities.
	<b>MAGIC THE GATHERING CLUB</b>	WATSON	<b>TUESDAYS &amp; THURSDAYS @ LUNCH, PORTABLE 8</b>	SEPTEMBER	Learn & play the card game Improve deck-building skills



## TEAM SPORTS

**THUNDERBIRD SPORTS**

Cross Country, Football and Soccer still accepting new student athletes!

	TEACHER	WHEN /WHERE TO MEET	START DATE	SEASON
CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING	NICOL/PAGNANINI	WED/THURS PRACTICES AFTER SCHOOL, A202	EARLY SEPT	FALL
FOOTBALL	MAC LEOD	M, T, W, R, 3pm, STADIUM	JUNE, FALL for GR. 9	FALL
SOCCER	LABINE	WED 3:30-4:30, FIELD BESIDE STADIUM	SEPTEMBER (2nd WEEK)	BOYS FALL, GIRLS SPRING
VOLLEYBALL	MACLEOD/MYETTE		1st WEEK OF SCHOOL	FALL
BASKETBALL	SHEPPARD		LATE OCT	WINTER
RUGBY	PAUL & VAN MEER		FEBRUARY	SPRING
CURLING			MID NOV	WINTER
BADMINTON	OH		LATE FEB	SPRING
GOLF	HEATH		APRIL	SPRING
TRACK & FIELD	NICOL/PAGNANINI/ SYNYCHYCH		APRIL	SPRING
ICE & BALL HOCKEY	BANNISTER		APRIL	SPRING
ULTIMATE FRISBEE			LATE FEB	SPRING



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### Safe Schools

Please see the attached link regarding a News Release that was issued by the RCMP National Security Program in Ottawa on August 27, 2024.

<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/news/2024/rcmp-reminds-canadians-violent-online-groups-targeting-youth?s=08>



Embark on a rewarding journey of cultural exchange!  
Homestay families are provided  
**\$1050 per month to offset costs.**

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Visit [www.studyinlangley.com](http://www.studyinlangley.com), go to the  
'Homestay section',  
and complete the online application



4875 - 222nd Street, Langley, British Columbia, Canada V3A 3Z7  
StudyInLangley.com - [ISP@SD35.bc.ca](mailto:ISP@SD35.bc.ca)  
Telephone: 604 534 7891 - Facsimile: 604 532 1450





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We are pleased to announce we have secured the rights to “The Lightning Thief: a Percy Jackson Musical”

The kids are thrilled. It’s a very modern Broadway musical, small rock band. Only one other group locally has done it, and we are one of the first in Canada to perform it.

Dates are Feb 27, 28, March 1, 6, 7, 8 at 7pm. Matinee’s March 1, 8 at 2 pm.





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### Communication Tools

In order for us to collectively best support students, it is crucial that communication lines are open and efficient. We have a few structures in place to help share information. Please be sure you utilize the following:

Thunderbird Chronicle: Good communication between home and school is a critical factor in student success. We encourage parents to read the monthly newsletter "Thunderbird Chronicle" and pay attention to school emails for important information. We welcome your involvement, and your suggestions.

Please feel free to communicate with us, by following:

Website: <https://lss.sd35.bc.ca/>

Instagram: @langleysecondary. @lss thunderbirds. @lsscarsers



### School Based Team (SBT):

The Resource lead chairs a meeting of teachers and an administrator, plus School District support staff twice a month. Meetings are scheduled to discuss the needs of individual students, referred by teachers, and to brainstorm suggestions for their support.

### English Language Learner Support (ELL):

ELL support teachers work with students for whom English is their second language.

### Aboriginal Support Worker:

Our Aboriginal Support Workers, Danielle Smith and Amy Poirier work with our Aboriginal students for academic and cultural support.

### Youth Care Worker:

Our two Youth Care Workers, Diaz Kambere and Maina Manodon assist both students and families with ways of coping with and correcting negative behaviours, making friends and finding success.



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### Feeding Futures

A breakfast program runs every morning for students who wish to participate. The Feeding Futures Program is intended to offer food for those in need. Healthy nourishment is vital to set student's up for success as they put their minds to work in class.

Canuel Caters offers Lunch which is also served daily Thank you!

### Math Tutors Available

If you or your student are looking for a math tutor this semester, Mr. Vanbergen has a list of students who would be excellent candidates to support your student. Please reach out to your math teacher or counsellor for some possible options.

**GRADS OF 2024** can swing by the office to pickup their official Graduation Diploma.

**2024-25 YEARBOOKS:** Yearbooks have arrived! Mr. Tesan will be distributing during lunch time and after school until 4pm on school days.



LIMITED COPIES AVAILABLE

## 2023-24 YEARBOOKS ARE HERE!

PICK UP:  
MONDAY TO THURSDAY  
AFTER SCHOOL  
ROOM A62

PAY \$65 ON  
SCHOOLCASHONLINE

QUESTIONS: MR. TESAN  
TTESAN@SD35.BC.CA

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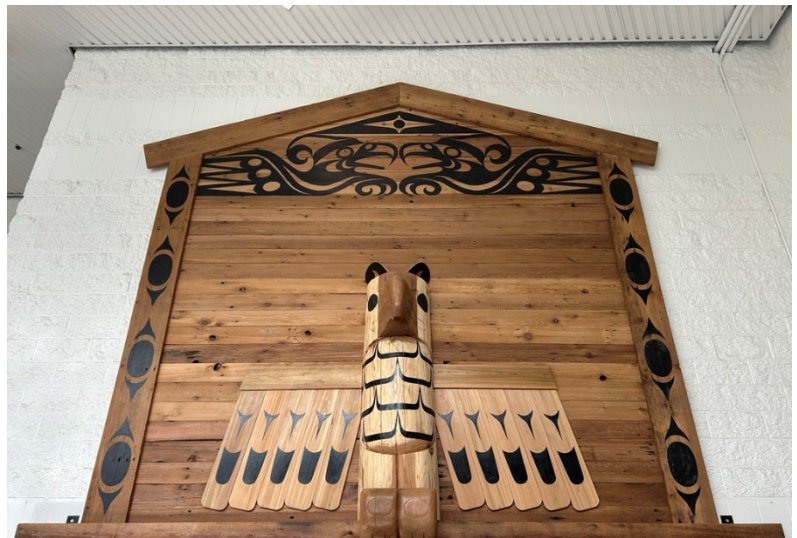
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The Thunderbird symbolizes strength and protection.



### Brandon Gabriel Artwork

In 2021, the LSS Saints became the Thunderbirds. It is a significant transformation, one that included conversations with Local First Nations including Katzie, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo, and Matsqui, because the Thunderbird is part of First Nations cosmology.

Kwantlen Artist Brandon Gabriel created the Thunderbird Artwork logo and designed the Thunderbird artwork seen below. Brandon's family attended LSS as well as residential schools while an LSS student. In fact, Brandon's father sat in the cafeteria below the wood beams that were recovered during the renovation and repurposed for the artwork.

Luther was the carver who worked with some of our aboriginal students and made space for a sense of belonging and great conversations and learning around the art of carving. The artwork is 1,000 pounds of cedar engineered to sit above the entry of our large gymnasium.



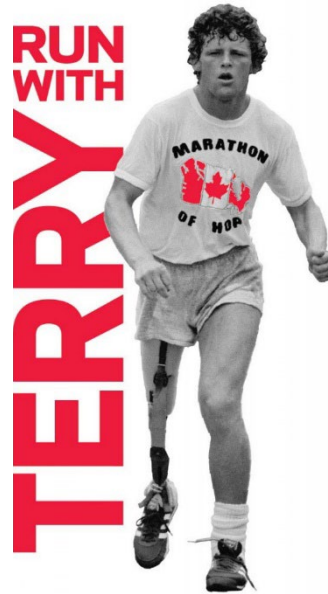
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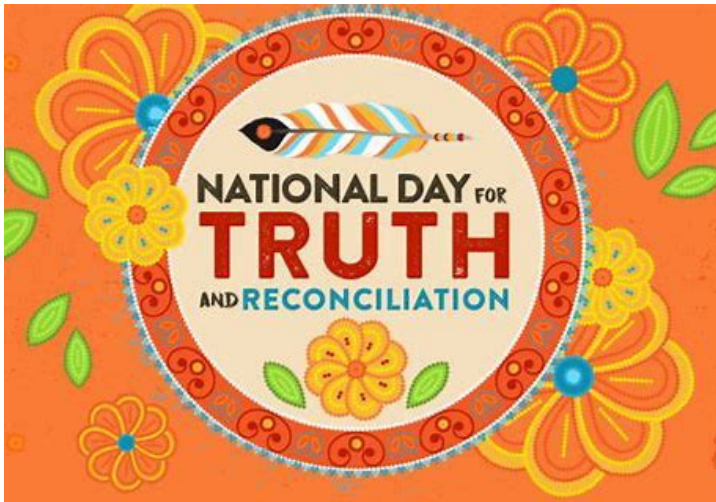
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Terry Fox run  
Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>



Students will honour **Orange** Shirt day on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and there will be no school on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.







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## 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](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). Updates are also posted to Twitter @LangleySchools and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](https://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.

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## 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.

*See next page for poster/procedures*



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## STAFF EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

**Parent Marshalling Areas**  
 In the case of an emergency and a school is cordoned off or unavailable to parents, we will need to have an alternate site where parents can congregate and get important updates from the District.  
 The marshalling area for LSS parents and guardians is the Twin Rinks parking lot at 5700 Langley Bypass.

**LOCKDOWN**  
 Used in response to an armed or dangerous assailant WITHIN the school

- Gather people in your vicinity into a secure room – do this quickly
- Close and secure doors
- Turn off lights, be quiet, get down low/behind heavy furniture, get out of sight
- Silence all cell phones and ask that they be placed face down on floor
- Alert other occupants by any means available and/or call 911 - only if safe to do so **QR Leave Safe**. If no secure area is available and a safe exit is, then quickly leave the area/school. Report to the designated assembly area and await instructions.

\*Normal activities in the school cease. Await police response.

**HOLD & SECURE**  
 Used if there is a security concern in the neighbourhood

- Bring everyone into the school and remain inside
- Secure exterior doors and windows
- Close exterior window blinds/drapes (if available)
- No one may enter or exit the school during Hold & Secure

\*Typically normal activities continue WITHIN the school.

**EVACUATE**  
 Used to move people out of the school when a hazard exists inside

- Direct students and other staff to exit the school via the shortest safe route
- Report to and assemble outside at the designated assembly site

\*Principal or designate will determine next steps.

**SHELTER IN PLACE**  
 Used if an environmental hazard may impact the school

- Bring everyone into the school and remain indoors
- Secure exterior doors and windows
- Close exterior window blinds/drapes (if available)
- Turn off all ventilation systems (if locally available/situation dependent)
- Staff designates will monitor access to the school via the main entrance
- Access may be denied if a risk exists that jeopardizes the safety of occupants

\*Typically normal activities continue WITHIN the school.

**ROOM CLEAR**  
 Used to move people away from a hazard contained in one room/area


- Direct students to leave the room/area and report to designated area (Ex. Library)
- Summon assistance as needed and appropriate (Ex. call First Aid Attendant, Principal/Vice Principal, 911)

\*Staff should remain to manage the situation or exit if the room is unsafe.

**DROP, COVER & HOLD ON**  
 Used in the event of an earthquake, explosion, or any event that shakes the school

- Quickly move away from obvious hazards
- DROP** - low to the ground
- Cover - take **COVER** under a sturdy table, desks, furniture, or other large sturdy items
- HOLD ON** - to the furniture you are under and stay there until the shaking stops

After the shaking stops, wait 60 seconds and then **EVACUATE** via the shortest safe route. Report to and assemble outside at the designated assembly site.  
\*Principal or other designate will determine next steps.



**EMERGENCY TERMINOLOGY QUICK REFERENCE**

**SCHOOL DRILLS**

**FIRE**

- 6 drills per year
- 3 per semester - fall and spring

Note: actual alarms and false alarms count as drills

**EARTHQUAKE**

- 2 drills per year
- October - Great BC Shakeout

**LOCKDOWN**

- 3 drills per year

**HOLD & SECURE + SHELTER IN PLACE**

- 1 review of procedures per year with all