

# SIMONDS & U-CONNECT

September 23, 2024



## Thank you!

Thank you to all of our families for coming to visit us this past week at our Meet the Teacher event! Thank you also to our PAC for the BBQ. Keeping reading for information about other PAC initiatives, fundraisers and important deadlines.



### TERRY FOX RUN: SEPT. 24

We are so proud to be a part of this year's Terry Fox School Run. Please help our students reach our fundraising goal of \$500 and follow in the footsteps of one of our greatest Canadian heroes.

Please donate today:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/SimondsElementary>

Together, we can make a difference.

@terryfoxfoundation

### ORANGE SHIRT DAY: SEPT. 27

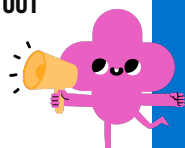
Together, we will do our best to learn together about Truth & Reconciliation. On October 27th, please wear an orange shirt.

*U-Connect will celebrate Orange Shirt Day on Tuesday, Sept. 24th.*



### REMINDERS:

- IF YOU NEED ANY SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES, BREAKFASTS, LUNCHESES, FEES OR OTHERWISE, PLEASE CONTACT MS. JASMINE, OUR YOUTH CARE WORKER: [JJOYCE@SD35.BC.CA](mailto:JJOYCE@SD35.BC.CA) OR CALL THE MAIN OFFICE. THIS INCLUDES SUBSIDIES FOR MUNCHALUNCH AND LUNCH LADY PROGRAMS.
- SCHOOL VERIFICATION FORMS AND CONSENT FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT BY THE DISTRICT. IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN THESE YET--PLEASE LET US KNOW. PLEASE COMPLETE THESE AS SOON AS YOU CAN.



## Important Dates

Sept. 23: PAC Meeting (7:00 pm)

Sept. 24: First Fire Drill (am)

Sept. 24: Terry Fox Run (pm)

Sept. 25: Open Tutorial (UC 8-12)

Sept. 27: Orange Shirt Day (SIMONDS)

Sept. 30: Truth & Reconciliation Day (School Closed)

Oct. 1: Photo Day (SIMONDS & U-Connect K-12)

Oct. 4: School Improvement Day (not in session)

Oct. 9: Open Tutorial (U-Connect 8-12)

Oct. 14: Thanksgiving (Stat Holiday)

## 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](#).

# ALL IN THE DETAILS

## ATTENDANCE:

Please call the office or email BOTH Sue Goss-Klecker ([sgoss@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:sgoss@sd35.bc.ca)) AND Cynthia Dobbs Cox ([cdobbscox@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:cdobbscox@sd35.bc.ca)) if your child is ever away from school. This way, one will be able to mark the absence as excused. There is an auto dial system that will call out if your child is absent without being "Excused". Our school answering machine is always on. Please feel free to leave the school your message at any time of day or night – 604-530-2361 if your child will be absent.

## PAC (SIMONDS):

This year, Simonds PAC meetings will be the 3rd Monday of the month, starting September 23rd from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the school. To learn more about PAC, visit their website: <https://simonds-uconnect.sd35.bc.ca/simonds/simonds-pac/>

## Student Safety in Schools (Elementary Schools)

The Langley School District is committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility, and support optimal learning. Trauma Informed Practices and Procedures promote the creation and maintenance of safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, and nurturing school environments. The District expects all students to follow the Student Code of Conduct [AP 350](#).

The District is sharing a reminder that no one can have "any weapon for any purpose" on school property. This means that weapons are not allowed to be used as part of an educational project, drama production, or themed costume. Examples of weapons include but are not limited to knives, bb guns, and toy guns. Failure to follow these expectations may result in confiscation, intervention, and consequences.

## Online Family Support Sessions on Navigating Digital World – Hosted by Safer Schools Together

The Ministry of Education has once again contracted Safer Schools Together to offer complimentary Family Sessions, designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. There is one session per month. Families can participate in as many as they wish. Sessions can be found at:

[erase Registration \(safer-schools-together.com\)](https://safer-schools-together.com)

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES

### Child Day Event at Church in the Valley –

October 4, 2024

A free one-day expo that aims to connect families of pre-K learners with important resources is planned for next month. Child Day will be held on Friday October 4 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Church in the Valley, and will feature community agencies, a marketplace, door prizes and more. See attached poster for details and ticket information or learn more here:

<https://buytickets.at/inclusionlangleysociety/1302946>

### 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](#).

### FREE STORE

On October 8th, there is an opportunity for families to visit and shop for clothing items as we move into a new school year. This will be happening from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at Douglas Park Community School.



# U-CONNECT INFO

## OWLS

### OWL - Bard on the Beach

We had a beautiful day for our first OWL of the year! As we entered the Bard tent we were enticed with the lights, songs and spirit of a carnival event. Throughout Twelfth Night, we were entertained by characters who love no matter what. "Twelfth Night remains interesting because it doesn't tell us who to be or how to live. It just dares us to love" (Diana Donnelly, Director). Bard on the Beach remains one of our favourite OWLs every year! Can't wait until next year!



## U-Connect Secondary: Open Tutorial



## CUE Post-Secondary Event

Are you interested in starting to think about Post-Secondary School after Graduation? There is a CUE Post-Secondary Fair happening next Thursday, September 26 from 12:00 - 2:30. As we are a small school, we don't have a specific arrival time so you are welcome to pop in at whatever time works for you!

It's happening at the Langley Events Centre Field House. Please see attachments for more information including a list of which schools will be attending.

