

# Alex Hope News

January 10, 2020

Newsletter #5

## Cold Weather:

The Lower Mainland is bracing for a string of cold days. Please be sure to send your children to school prepared to be outside during cold temperatures. As well, we advise that students come with a sweater, hoodie or additional

warm close to wear while in class. Though we do not anticipate any issues with our heaters, a building our size can be difficult to heat fully when the weather is expected to be -5 and lower.



## Cold Weather/Inclement Weather (See message below from our District):

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](http://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.

**Parking Lot:**

In order to keep our parking lot safe and to decrease congestion, we ask that you pull as far up as possible in the drop off lane, when dropping off or picking up students. If you need to leave your car during this time, we ask that you take the time to go and park so that your car does not create a jam in the pickup/drop off lane.

**Basketball:**

Basketball is about to begin in the Walnut Grove region. Alex Hope intends to run teams at grade 6 and 7 for both boys and girls. If you are interested in volunteering to coach one of our boys' teams, please contact the school. Grade 6 teams will play their games on Wednesdays and the Grade 7 teams will play on Thursdays. Information regarding practices times and permission forms will be coming home to all interested players.

**Clubs:**

We are excited to announce the start of two new clubs this year. Starting Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, students in grades 5 – 7 can choose to take part in the Debate Club. This will take place during lunch time in the Library. As well students in grades 4-7 can also take part in the new Badminton Club.

**Upcoming Events:**

Jan 17	Hot Lunch
Jan 30	WGSS Grade 7 Info Night
Jan 31	Hot Lunch
Feb 14	Pro-D Day

**Alex Hope Players:**

The Alex Hope Players thanks all that supported our first Krispy Kreme donut sale of the school year! Funds raised will go directly to our production of Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr. in May of 2020. We are also beginning rehearsals for all cast. Our first rehearsal is on Wednesday January 15th at 2:45pm in the library. ALL cast, including ensemble need to be in attendance. We will also begin to add rehearsal dates to the info board, so if your child is participating in this year's musical, please remind them to check the board often! It can change several times a week.

**Go Girls:**

We are lucky to be able to again host a session of Big Brothers Big Sisters Langley Go Girls! This session is being offered to 10-12 Grade 4/5 girls. An email was sent out with information and an application form. If your child is interested in participating, please send in the application to the office. Any questions, please email Mrs. Robertson ([crobertson@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:crobertson@sd35.bc.ca))

**Tennis:**

Alex Hope is excited to have Tennis BC come to our school between January 13 and February 3. Students will receive four, forty minute, sessions of tennis instructions. If you would like more information about the program please check out the following website—<http://www.tennisbc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/tennis-bc-schools-program-brochure.pdf>

**Red Cross Babysitting Course:**

So you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. information covered includes: Exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safely caring for ages 0-12, and first aid skills.

**Red Cross Babysitting Course**

Alex Hope, Feb.14, 2020, 8:30-3:30

Grade 6+

\$60 + GST online registration

<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>

## Division 8 Cupcake Sale:



As the devastation in Australia continues, Division 8 would like to send support from our school.

We are pre-selling Cupcakes via donation with all proceeds going directly to the Australian Red Cross. You should receive a notice home. Please pay online if possible .

Thank you very much in advance for your support in this very important cause.



## Grade 7

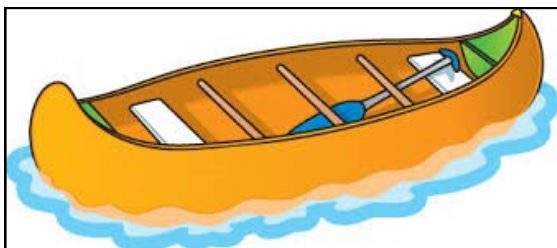


### Walnut Grove Secondary School Gr. 7 Info Night:

Walnut Grove Secondary School will be holding their annual Grade 7 Info Night on January 30. Though the night is set up for parents, parents and students are welcome to attend the information session that will take place from 6pm – 7:30. There will also be a French Immersion session starting at 5:30 in the Walnut Grove Library.

### Grade 7 Activities:

Parents/Guardians of all grade 7 students – please check your email or look for a pink letter that has come home with students. The letter details the Grade 7 Activities that will take place throughout the second half of the school year. These activities include taking part in an Outdoor Survival Course, tubing, hiking, and canoeing just to name a few. Please be sure to find the email or letter as there is important information regarding deadlines, and payment info. Permission forms and registration links will also be included in the email.



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Community Bulletin Board for Community Events and Programs.

Community Bulletin Board Link: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/news-events/community-bulletin-board/>