

# Martha Currie Elementary



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Principal: Mr. B. Samra  
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Week at a Glance ~ Nov 9 - Nov. 13, 2020

## Upcoming Events

### Monday

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### Tuesday

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### Wednesday

- Remembrance Day - No School

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### Thursday

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### Friday

- Spirit Day - Festival of Lights - Wear bright coloured clothes

### IMPORTANT DATES

- November 16
- Martha Currie Birthday - wear MC colours (burgundy & silver)
- November 25
- Spirit Day - Mustache Day
- December 8
- Summative report #1

## Just a reminder

If your child will be absent from school or late, please call the office at:

ph 604-576-8551

## Message from the Admin

We want to thank our parents for being so receptive to socially distancing yourselves at pick-up and drop-off each day. However, we also want to send a friendly reminder, as some parents have been coming into a closer area with the students. Please remember to leave a distance between yourself and any students who are not your own children.

We will be honouring Remembrance Day on Tuesday. Any students who are part of a service organization (ie: Guides, Cubs, Scouts, etc.) are welcome to wear their uniforms on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Even though our assembly will be virtual, we plan on gathering outside for a moment of silence. Please make sure your child dresses for the weather. Also, please remember that Wednesday is a statutory holiday.

Next Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Diwali by having a Festival of Lights spirit day. All students and staff are encouraged to wear bright clothes that day. On Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize Martha Currie's birthday by wearing school spirit wear or school colours (burgundy/silver).

The District will be sending a survey to our Blended Learning families about your plans for January. The survey will come out in mid-November. Once our school gets the results, we will then plan for January. Please know that all classes can be affected, as we may have to reconfigure classes to meet composition requirements. We will give more information as we get it.

In a time when we are unable to offer many of the events and activities we like to do with our students, the M.C. staff continues to work hard to put out as many COVID-safe extras as possible. The latest is with our school teams. Obviously, we cannot run a full team, but **Mr. M. Shortridge** will be organizing and coaching grade 6/7 Volleyball in cohorts for any interested students. Thank you also to **Ms. A. Tilton** for co-coaching. This entails a lot of extra volunteer time, so we appreciate the effort.

With tomorrow's Pro-D Day, we would like to wish all of our families a great long weekend.

Mr. B. Samra and Ms. R. Ladd  
(Principal) (Vice-Principal)

## Div. 20 - Self Portraits



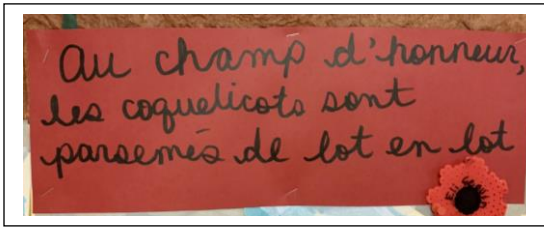
### Lost & Found



**Our lost and found bin is getting full. If your child has lost an article of clothing and/or water bottles – please check the lost and found.**

### Supervision Aides

The Surrey School District is looking for noon hour supervision aides to work 5 hours per week. If you are or know someone who is available to work for 1 hour every school day, please contact Penny Beamish in Human Resources for details at 604-595-6145.



## Div. 6

In the field of honour, the poppies are scattered from lot to lot



## *Poppies*

We will be handing out poppies again this year. It would be Greatly appreciated if you are able to donate to The Royal Canadian Legion. We will be accepting donations all week. Please "hand in" to the teacher or at the office.

*Lest We Forget*



# The Martha Currie PAC

Every year, BC Gaming provides funds to spend on our school. In a previous survey sent out in 2018, parents indicated that they wanted funds saved and spent on playground improvements. In 2019/2020 the playground Gaga court was installed.

We have successfully received Gaming funds for this year and once again we would like parents input on where they would like to see the funds spent. The money needs to be spent on students attending our school. There are guidelines that we must follow (see below).

A revised budget vote will be on the agenda for the December PAC general meeting (date TBA). These funds should be allocated in the budget at that meeting.

Playground equipment update or replacement has always been a popular choice. We also feel that there is a need for new and/or more technology at our school. We are open to any suggestions which qualify for the gaming funds and will make the decision based on what the majority prefers.

We look forward to hearing your ideas! Please email them to [marthacurrie.president@gmail.com](mailto:marthacurrie.president@gmail.com)

Thank you.

Marisa and Brenna

Co-Presidents

## Eligible uses of gaming funds

• to support student extra-curricular activities, include the following:

• Student publications: newsletters, yearbooks

• Student competitions: writing, debating, chess, music

• Student computers: software, hardware, accessories

• Student societies: drama club, student society

• Student ceremonies: graduation, dry grad.

• Student conferences or educational field trips within B.C.

• Uniforms and equipment for extracurricular activities; •Sports or playground equipment

• Awards and trophies

• Scholarships and bursaries for post-secondary education (paid directly to the students)

• Capital acquisitions directly benefiting students, such as playground equipment

• Student conferences, presentations or out of school field trips within BC

# The Martha Currie PAC Fundraising Items

## Apples, Apples, Apples

The PAC is organizing an Apple Fundraiser through Ralph's Farm Market in Langley again this year. This was a big hit last year and the apples were delicious!

You get a 35lb box of fresh Okanagan apples in the variety of your choosing that should last most of the winter in a cool dark place like a garage.

Varieties offered & cost per case are as follows: (each case can only be 1 variety of apple)



Ambrosia \$32.25

Fuji \$30.50

Granny Smith & Gala \$25.25

Spartan & Golden Delicious \$23.50

Order through our [marthacurrie.hotlunch.net](http://marthacurrie.hotlunch.net) website

Collect orders from family & friends and place their orders with yours online  
(you do need a hot lunch account to order)

Order deadline is Tuesday, November 10th at noon.

*Order pickup will be from :1:00 – 2:15pm Thursday, November 19th at the school*

Any questions, contact Theresa at [marthacurrie.fundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:marthacurrie.fundraiser@gmail.com)

For those wanting more raffle tickets, we do still have some available so please email Theresa at [marthacurrie.fundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:marthacurrie.fundraiser@gmail.com) with your child's name and division and how many books and we will make sure they get to your child's class.

Due date is December 3<sup>rd</sup>

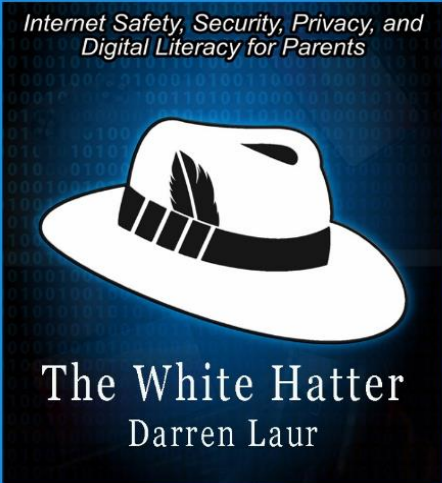
Also a reminder, if you haven't yet gone and set up your account on our PAC website ([marthacurrie.hotlunches.net](http://marthacurrie.hotlunches.net)), please do as that is one of our other ways to communicate with families.

*Thank you for your support,  
Your 2020/2021 PAC executive team*

**LTSS PAC 7pm THURS Nov 19**  
Presents:  
Recognized expert  
on social media  
and internet safety:  
Darren Laur.

Link to presentation  
will be emailed to  
you directly. Good  
for 7 days.

Pre-Registration  
Mandatory by  
Sun, Nov 15th:  
Click link below



The White Hatter is a recognized expert on the topics of social media safety, digital literacy, and online privacy and security. They have presented their multi-award-winning programs to over 490,000 students from across Canada and the United States. They have presented previously to the LTSS PAC and to students at Lord Tweedsmuir, providing an enriching evening of valuable information to help parents educate and defend their children along their journey to become competent digital citizens.

The White Hatter will provide a safe, secure, and private online webinar experience, using industry-leading software, to provide a high definition video (1080p) and audio online learning environment that is second to none over Crowdcast - directly to you at home.

### **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER by midnight on Sunday, Nov 15th.**

The White Hatter will provide each registered email address with a personal access link. Crowdcast is a web-based platform (no app downloads necessary) that works on any modern web browser on Mac, Windows, Apple iOS, Android.

Thurs, Nov 19th, the White Hatter will present:

"Internet Safety and Digital Literacy for Parents and Caregivers" for 75 min.

<https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/online-webinar-programs/Internet-Safety-and-Digital-Literacy-for-Parents-and-Caregivers>

There will then be an opportunity for those online to ask Questions.

The White Hatter will then provide an encore subject of:  
"Technology, Sleep & Children" for 30 min.

<https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/online-webinar-programs/Technology-Sleep-and-Children>

Your pre-registered email address will be provided with a link that will allow you to join live and/or to watch the recording for 7 DAYS (Nov 19-25).

Please take advantage of this opportunity. Click the link below and register your email address. We hope to see as many of you as possible on Thurs, Nov 19th.

<https://forms.gle/MUMU6Y2V5WaKSf17>