



LTA News

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We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that LTA members have the privilege of working on the unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish peoples, the Kwantlen, Katzie, Matsqui and Semiahmoo who have cared for this land for thousands of years, and who continue to care for this land.

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the LTA Executive Committee, I want to extend heartfelt appreciation for the extraordinary dedication, resilience, and solidarity you have shown over the past month of December.

Your hard work on behalf of students, often in the face of significant challenges at this time of year, reflects a deep commitment to building a stronger and more supportive public education system.

As this busy period comes to a close, we encourage all members to take a moment and reflect on the current Provincial Bargaining Update on the BCTF Website. This is your union and your voice matters. Please take the time you can, to engage with your local and provincial union and share your thoughts with us. As a reminder, we are encouraging all members to continue wearing #RedforEd on Monday's in January.

You have earned this break, and we look forward to continuing our work together refreshed and renewed in the New Year. Have a wonderful break!

In Solidarity,
Taylor Fauteux
LTA President



A Message From French Education

Bonjour! Je m'appelle Simone Malcolm. I am the French Education chair on the LTA executive for 2025-2026. I am a long-time classroom teacher in Grade 6 Late French Immersion at Alex Hope Elementary.

My role is to represent the interests of teachers of French and teachers who use French to teach in the Langley School District. This includes French immersion teachers and also Core French teachers.

My role as the local French chair includes:

- attending LTA executive meetings to share issues facing French teachers in Langley,
- attending zone meetings held by the BCTF to learn about news relevant to French teachers in Langley,
- sharing resources with French teaching staff as presented in zone meetings,
- helping you understand the available French funding and how to use it,
- and consulting with French teachers to develop constructive strategies for inclusion and French program promotion.

If you have questions, concerns, or just want to share your experiences as a French teacher in Langley so that they can be shared at the next meeting with French education chairs in our Fraser Valley zone, I can be reached via an email to the LTA office: reception@langleyteachers.com I look forward to hearing about some of your successes and challenges around teaching French in Langley.

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SAVE THE DATE!

2025-26

New Teachers' Conference

LTA Calendar

- December 16 EC Meeting, Hybrid 4pm
- Dec 19 - Jan 4 LTA Office Closed for Winter Break**
- January 5 Staff Rep Meeting, 4pm Hybrid
- January 7 ECT/TTOC Cmt Meeting, LTA Office
- January 8 Mentorship Cmt Meeting, LTA Office

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Things to do in Langley this December

In December, Langley offers festive lights at Martini Town's Merry & Bright, historical charm with Fort Langley's holiday events, community fun at the Magic of Christmas in the City, and winery/brewery strolls during Sip & Sparkle, plus sports at the Langley Events Centre, outdoor activities at parks like Campbell Valley, and shopping at local markets and farms.

Holiday Lights & Festivals

Martini Town Merry & Bright: An entire film set transformed into a Christmas wonderland with lights, performers, and food.

Langley City's Magic of Christmas: Free event with lights, markets, live music, crafts, Santa, and food trucks.

Fort Langley: Historic site with special holiday programming, bringing the past to life.

Neighbourhood Light Displays: Drive around to see local homes decorated.

Arts, Culture & Shopping

Fort Langley Village: Explore unique shops, antique stores, candy shops, and the Farmers' Market (check seasonal hours).

Langley Arts Council Market: Find local crafts and art.

Local Farms: Visit places like Krause Berry Farms for seasonal treats.

Outdoor & Active

Parks: Walk, bike, or hike at Campbell Valley Regional Park or Brae Island.

Ice Skating: Check the Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre for drop-in skating.

Sports & Entertainment

Langley Events Centre: Catch Vancouver Giants (WHL) or Langley Rivermen (BCHL) hockey games.

Cineplex Cinemas: Catch a movie.

Sip & Sparkle Events (Check dates for 2025)

Wineries & Breweries: Enjoy seasonal drinks and festive atmospheres at venues like Township 7, Festina Lente, Locality Brewing, and more.

For specific dates and times for December 2025, check Tourism Langley and event websites like Glow Gardens and Vancouver's Best Places.

LTA Teacher Involvement Recognition Award

We want to congratulate **Amanda Ford** for being the recipient of this month's LTA Teacher Involvement Recognition!

We appreciate your dedication as long-time staff representative at James Hill Elementary, advocating on behalf of your members. They truly appreciate it!

Congratulations!

NEW! Follow us on our UDL/Mentorship Instagram!

@sd35mentorshipmoments We post lots of events, teacher tips, UDL strategies, and more!

Interested in Becoming a Mentor? We have many brand-new or early career teachers looking for a mentor. We need mentors at all grade levels but especially **primary** (1-3), **middle** (6-7), **Resource**, and **Secondary**. We are looking for experienced teachers with five or more years in the profession to support and guide newer educators as they transition into their roles. Please reach out to teachermentorship@sd35.bc.ca to join our program!

New to the District or a New Role? If you're a newer teacher looking for mentorship from an experienced teacher in the district, please email teachermentorship@sd35.bc.ca to join our program!

Time Commitment: Mentors and Mentees need to commit to ONE 45-minute learning-focused conversation every 3-5 weeks. There are optional workshops, networking and learning sessions available, as well as many perks such as the Mentorship Retreat, giveaways, and resources.

