

HISTORICAL NOTES

September 1995 witnessed the opening of the new Langley Fundamental Elementary School at the corner of 212 Street and 42 Avenue. It is the result of the amalgamation of the two smaller original fundamental schools, Langley Central Fundamental and Langley Prairie Fundamental.

LANGLEY PRAIRIE

The original two rooms on the north side of Langley Prairie School were completed in 1915. The school housed grades 1 - 8. The southern section of the school was added in 1922. In 1966 a second building was added. It included a staff room, office, library, gymnasium and three additional classrooms. In 1975, Langley Prairie was established as a "Fundamental School" for grades K - 7 and continued its mandate until its amalgamation with Langley Central Fundamental in 1995.

LANGLEY CENTRAL

Langley Central School first opened in 1924 as a three-room high school. In 1948 it became an elementary school when a new high school for the area was completed on another site. Langley Central became a "Fundamental School" in September of 1975 as a result of the initiative and energetic efforts of parents who wanted to retain a more basic education with clearly defined academic and behavioral standards.

On February 22, 1993 an arsonist burned the school to the ground. For the next month, while portables quickly replaced the destroyed school, the staff and students worked in shifts at the Langley Prairie site. This disaster fast-tracked the planning and building of the new school designed to accommodate the staff and students from both Langley Prairie and Langley Central in September of 1995.

This new school was designed to accommodate over 500 students however, as primary class sizes were reduced, portables were added to the new school site. In order to eliminate these, an additional five classrooms were added to the south wing during the winter of 2001. Our school's present enrollment is over 702 students. We are supported by strong parental involvement and dedicated teachers. The future promises to be both healthy and exciting.

LANGLEY FUNDAMENTAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

In 1998 a Middle School was established to allow students to continue in the Fundamental Program through Grade 7 to 9 while the Elementary School became a school for Kindergarten to Grade 6. The Middle School is considered a continuation of our program and the vast majority of our students have moved directly from Grade 6 at the elementary level to Grade 7 at the Middle School level.

In 2004 the School Board agreed to the request from parents to add Grade 10 at the Middle School site. In order to accommodate the growth at the Middle school, 3 portables were placed at the elementary site and the grade seven students were kept at the elementary site temporarily for the 04/05 and 05/06 year. In November of 2005 the School Board approved the purchase of Langley Christian Elementary School. This site will be used to house the K-5 LFES Fundamental program while the present elementary site will offer a Gr. 6-12 program. Construction to the present Elementary site of a High School gym and Science wing is beginning this January with a target of December 2006 for completion. We look forward to the Fundamental Program being completed to Gr. 12.

LANGLEY FUNDAMENTAL MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL AND LANGLEY FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

As of September 2007, the Langley Fundamental Middle High School is in operation at the 42nd Avenue site. It's Gr.

6-12 program is in full operation.

Similarly, the K-5 Langley Fundamental Elementary School program is in full operation and the newly renovated 50th Avenue site.