

Exciting Announcements for Teachers!

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Dear valued teachers,

Are you looking for a unique and engaging informal learning experience for your students? At the Langley Centennial Museum, in the historic village of Fort Langley, we offer nearly three dozen educational programs across the fields of art, science, and history. While most of our programs are designed for elementary or middle schools, many of our experiences can be adapted to the ages and needs of your group. Furthermore, all of our instructor-led courses can be booked either at the museum or right in your own classroom.

This spring, we are making some exciting changes to our school program schedule. In order to meet the requests of our regular clients, we will be extending the booking opportunity for our most popular docent-led programs at the LCM. Spanning over 50 years of history, our volunteer driven programs are unique learning experiences lead by a dedicated group of people who share a passion for Langley's rich history. They run 90 minutes in length and take place throughout our museum galleries.

1. Communities Past & Present (gr. 1 to gr. 3): **running now and until the end of April on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.** A hands-on program that recreates the roles and responsibilities of pioneer school children from attending a 1920's school, doing farm chores, to helping their parents shop at the general store and do banking.
2. Fraser Valley Families (K to gr. 2): **now being offered every Thursday (AM & PM) and Friday (AM) until June 5.** *Students learn basic human, family, and community needs while discussing the similarities and differences between the needs of early First Nations, European settlers, and today's families.*
3. Shapes & Symbolism (gr. 3 to gr. 6): **coming back for a limited spring engagement on Wednesdays (AM & PM) from April 29 to June 3.** *Students will explore the museum's collection of First Nations' art and discuss the cultural significance behind the shapes and symbolisms. They will also learn how to weave and create their own monotype print, based on Bill Reid's work.*
4. Archaeology - Excavation and Interpretation (gr. 6 to gr. 8): **extended until June for this year only! Available on Tuesdays (AM & PM) from April 27 to June 2.** *Through excavation and analysis, students transform into archaeologists, interpret how indigenous artifacts were once used, and what they can tell us about BC First Nations culture.*

Also, new this year, two instructor-led programs are being piloted this spring:

- Habitat Investigation (gr. 4 to gr. 6): a 3 hour experience where students will walk along the river trails of Fort Langley and study the fragile ecosystem of the Fraser River.
- Simple Machines (gr. 4 to gr. 6): A 90-minute program where students will explore the evolution of farming and household machines throughout Langley's pioneer days and today.

For more information on these, or any of our other programs, please visit www.museum.tol.ca/learn (school programs tab), call our front desk team at 604-532-3536 (ext. 9), or email lcmbookings@tol.ca.