



Dear DW Poppy Families and Students,

Welcome back Redhawks!

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our returning students and families, along with a special welcome to those joining the DW Poppy community for the first time. It continues to be a tremendous honour to serve as principal of a school that means so much to me personally.

As a proud graduate of DW Poppy, I have a deep appreciation for the traditions and strong sense of community that have defined our school for generations. There is something truly special about the connection to Poppy which is built through shared experiences, genuine care, and a strong sense of belonging. We remain committed to strengthening that culture, so every student and family feels welcomed, respected, and supported.

At DW Poppy, we believe education includes more than academic achievement. While we remain committed to high expectations, academic excellence, and meaningful learning, we are equally committed to developing character, confidence, resilience, compassion, and a sense of purpose. Our goal is to prepare students not only for success in the classroom, but also to become thoughtful, capable, and caring people who are ready to contribute positively to the world around them.

As principal, my commitment remains clear: to help create a school where every student feels safe, valued, connected, and inspired to reach their full potential. We are fortunate to have a talented, dedicated, and caring staff who bring passion and purpose to their work each day.

Over the past several years, we have continued to invest in our school and create a vibrant, welcoming, and engaging environment for our students. This summer, we are excited to share that DW Poppy has undergone more building upgrades to enhance both the learning environment and the overall student experience. We have refreshed the school flooring in our common areas and science rooms, painted the exterior of our school building, added a new fence at the front of the school, paved the student parking lot, added modern furniture to a few classrooms, and purchased new computers for our video editing classes. Painting the interior of the building will continue this year and we will be resurfacing and painting our tennis/pickleball and outdoor basketball courts. These projects reflect our commitment to creating a vibrant, inviting, and comfortable space for our students.

Please know that my door is always open. I value your perspectives, ideas, and feedback, and I look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year. Together, we will embrace both the opportunities and challenges ahead, united by our shared commitment to helping every student grow, succeed, and become the very best version of themselves.

We are excited to welcome everyone back and begin another memorable year together at DW Poppy Secondary!



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DW Poppy Secondary School

KEY CONTACTS

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Counsellors will begin booking regular counselling appointments starting September 14th.

ABORIGINAL SUPPORT WORKER

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COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS & STUDENT TIMETABLES

Student timetables are available to view on MyEdBC starting on **Fri., Aug. 28th at 4pm.**

Student passwords will be reset to the generic password.

Login ID: Your student number (pupil number)

Password: default is Student\$35 (case sensitive)

MyEdBC account, please contact Ms. Heyes at eheyes@sd35.bc.ca.

Counsellors will be processing course change requests through the online form for grades **10-12**. The course change form will be open starting **Sunday, August 30th and close Friday, September 4th at noon**. **We will not be processing requests over the phone or by email.** The main priority is to ensure all students have a complete timetable with all graduation required classes. Please submit requests **ONLY** through the online form.

Students in grades **8 & 9** **cannot** change their electives/courses however if you have taken a summer school class that needs to be changed, please see your counselor in the foyer on **September 8th or 9th**.

Please note that **not all requests are able to be completed** as many courses are currently full. The priority for completing course requests will be as follows:

1. You do not have a complete timetable (8 courses).
2. You are missing graduation requirements or post-secondary admission requirements.
3. You have already completed a course on your timetable, or you did not complete the pre-requisite course.
4. You wish to change your elective courses.
5. Students who completed summer school courses.

Please click [here](#) to submit your course change request which opens **August 30th**.

Please Note: Timetables may change over the next week due to an increase in enrollment and the need to balance classes. Please check MyEdBC the night before the first day of classes to see your most updated schedule.

Counsellors will not be meeting with students or parents or taking requests by phone/email/TEAMS.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Every year, there are fees payable to the school for different items including student fees, grad fees, donation items, any athletics related items, workbooks, etc. The Langley School District uses an online system to collect these fees as it is user friendly and saves students from having to carry cash. Please go online at <https://schoolcashonline.com/> to register your

child(ren). You will get an email notification any time a new “item” is available for purchase and the first item you will see are the student fees for the coming year. Please email Mrs. Brake at sbrake@sd35.bc.ca if you have any questions regarding school cash online or school fees.

STUDENT LOCKERS

Lockers will be available using an online platform for sign-up on a “first come, first serve” basis. On **Thursday, September 3rd** a link will be provided by email. Lockers have been allocated to certain areas of the school based on grade. When student’s sign up they can choose their locker based on availability and their lock will be provided with a combination during the sign-up. All locks are already locked on each locker. Students are encouraged to use a locker to help stay organized but are not required.

GRADE 8 STUDENT SUPPLIES LIST

A recommended supplies list is available for grade 8 students by clicking [here](#).

SCHOOL UPDATES & INFORMATION

Please see the schedule below for the first few days of school start-up. We will be providing more detailed information regarding school start-up at the end of next week. Please keep an eye out for this email so you are able to stay informed.

SCHOOL START-UP

<u>Tuesday, September 8th</u> GR. 8 STUDENTS ONLY	Home Room Lists posted in Front Foyer Block A Is Homeroom Grade 8’s Arrive (bus drop-off) – 12:45-1:00pm Grade 8 Homeroom (Block A1) Orientation - 1:00-1:55pm Grade 8 Block B1 – 2:00-2:10pm Grade 8 Block C1 – 2:15-2:25pm Grade 8 Block D1 – 2:30-2:40pm Grade 8 Welcome: Dramnasium - 2:45-2:55pm Grade 8 Group Photo - 3:00-3:05pm (tennis courts) Grade 8’s Dismissed - Bus Pick-up – 3:05pm
<u>Wednesday, September 9th</u> ALL STUDENTS (Grades 8-12) Homeroom lists will be posted in the front foyer BLOCK A IS HOMEROOM	Warning Bell - 8:48am BLOCK A1 - Homeroom - 8:53-9:28am Block A1 - 9:33-10:44am Block B1 - 10:49-12:00pm Lunch - 12:00-12:35pm Block C1 - 12:40-1:51pm Block D1 - 1:56-3:07pm Dismissal - 3:07pm

