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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, these next few months are full of exciting opportunities. We have spring performances, athletic events, academic achievements/awards, annual legacy events and graduation celebrations for our seniors. We look forward to making these final few months meaningful and memorable for students!

We appreciate you continuing to engage in our school newsletters, so you are up to date with important events. Please note that if you need to access any of the old newsletters that they are posted on our website.



Jonathan Harris
Proud Principal
DW Poppy Secondary School

AWARDS NIGHT DATE CHANGE

Please mark your calendars as our student awards night has changed to **June 11th** at DW Poppy.

PAC MEETING DATES CHANGES

The April PAC meeting has been canceled due to a scheduling conflict, and the May AGM meeting has been changed to May 20th at 7pm. This will be the final PAC meeting of the year. Hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 20-24TH
GRAD ASSESSMENTS

APRIL 22ND
GRADE 11/12 ICBC
PRESENTATION

APRIL 27TH
LEARNING UPDATES ISSUED

APRIL 28TH
MUSIC CONCERT - JAZZ CAFÉ

APRIL 29TH
DRY GRAD MEETING – 7PM

MAY 1-2ND
GREG LEINO BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT

MAY 3RD
ANNUAL POPPY CAR SHOW
9AM-3PM

MAY 7TH
SPRING DANCE – 6-9PM

MAY 15TH
PRO-D DAY – NO SCHOOL

MAY 18TH
VICTORIA DAY – NO SCHOOL

MAY 20TH
PAC MEETING

MAY 26TH
GRAD SCHOLARSHIP TEA - 4PM

JUNE 2ND
RUGBY AWARDS NIGHT





SUMMER SESSION CLASSES 2026

Are you looking for skill-building or new learning opportunities for your child to keep them engaged during the summer? The District offers a variety of courses as part of Summer Session. Online registration begins on Wednesday, April 22nd for Elementary (Grades 1 to 5), Monday, April 27th for Middle (Grades 6 to 8), and **Wednesday, April 29th for Secondary** (Grades 9 to 12) at 11:30am each day for Langley School District students. For important dates, times, and courses available to Grade 1-12 students, please visit our webpage [here](#).

SPRING DANCE - MAY 7th

Get ready for a fun evening at our Spring dance! The dance will take place on **May 7th** from 6:00-9:00PM in the small gym. Students can look forward to a great night of music, dancing, and spending time with friends. A concession with pizza will be available during the event. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available on school cash online and during lunch in the foyer from April 20th-May 1st.

TRANSPORTATION REGISTRATION 2026-27

Transportation registration for 2026-2027 is open. Please note the instructions to register are different for each category of rider. To help in our planning and creation of bus routes, **registrations must be submitted by May 4th for eligible riders and June 9th for courtesy riders**. The District cannot guarantee approval after the deadline. New and existing riders can find more information on our Transportation Registration webpage [here](#).

GRAD ASSESSMENTS (APRIL 20-24th)

The assessment schedule and students writing the assessment are posted outside of the library learning commons. If you are in grade 12 and have missed one or more of the grad assessments from this year or previous years, please check your TEAMS for a message from Ms. Gill. Grade 12's must have all their assessments completed **by the end of grade 12 in order to graduate**. If you thought you were writing the assessment but do not see your name, please see Ms. Gill and she can add you.

2026 GREG LEINO BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - May 1st-2nd

Thank you to everyone who's registered to date! The cost is \$50 to play in this year's tournament, and it will be \$10 entry for the 3pt contest. If you would like to play and be part of a team then [Sign Up Here](#). All proceeds go towards the DW Poppy scholarship fund. Games will be played on Friday, April 1st from 6-8pm and Saturday, May 2nd from 11am-5:30pm. It would be great to have our students and families come out to support this fabulous event.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out and email danny.cockburn@gmail.com or brian.dougherty@teamhorizon.com.



37th ANNUAL DW POPPY CAR SHOW

You're Invited to the 37th Annual DW Poppy Car Show! Join us for a day of classic cars, community fun, and family-friendly vibes at the **37th Annual Car Show** on **Sunday, May 3rd** from **9:00AM to 3:00PM** at **DW Poppy Secondary!** Whether you're a car enthusiast or just looking for a great way to spend your Sunday, there's something for everyone. **Please see the attached poster for more information.** We hope to see you there!

CAR SHOW VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for extra volunteers to help set up on Saturday, May 2nd and on the day of the event. If you would like to help, please connect with Sandy Gill at sandeep.gill@sd35.bc.ca.

ELECTRIC SCOOTER GUIDELINES

As more students use electric scooters to come to school, the District would like to inform parents of some important safety information.

- In BC, you must be at least 16 years of age and be wearing a helmet to operate an Electric kick scooter, within certain parameters, as per below and in the links.
- Electric kick scooters cannot be ridden on public roads, except if the municipality is conducting a pilot. The Township is in the pilot, but the City is not. For more information, please click [here](#).

SUMMER CAMP FOR INCOMING GRADE 8'S

Please see the attached brochure for more information.

CAREERS

UVIC Campus Tour - Explore life at the University of Victoria!

Learn about the campus and Visit:

- Faculty of Engineering & Computer Science
- Faculty of Social Sciences

Date - May 1st, 2026 (Friday)

Cost - \$50 (full day fieldtrip)

Applications due April 20th, 2026

See your Career Advisor for an application!



ISP HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Embark on a rewarding journey of cultural exchange! The District is seeking homestay families to host International Student Program (ISP) students for the 2026-2027 school year and beyond. There are many benefits including learning a new culture, sharing your family traditions, and developing life-long friendships. Homestay families are provided \$1200 per month to offset costs. Start your journey here: **[Students & Homestay](#)**

MUSIC & RUGBY FUNDRAISER

CLEARVIEW HANGING BASKETS VOUCHERS

Here's your fundraiser link: <https://clearviewgardenshop.com/product/dw-poppy-music-program-12-hanging-basket-fundraiser/>

A quick reminder: the fundraiser closes on **April 29th**, and you'll be able to pick up your vouchers from the school on the first week of May - just in time for spring and Mother's Day!

PREVIOUS INFORMATION

REPORTING ILLNESS/ABSENCE

It is always best to keep sick children home from school. If a student is away for an extended amount of time, please contact their teachers to arrange for work that they can complete at home or on TEAMS.

Emailing the school with an absence for your child is not an option as the email for reporting absences has been removed. Instead, the school uses an automated absence reporting system called SafeArrival, offered through SchoolMessenger. With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these two convenient methods:

1. SchoolMessenger App
2. SafeArrival

For information on how to use these methods for reporting your child's absence click [here](#).

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP REMINDER

The front entrance of the school parking lot is very busy during drop-off and pick-up times as we have many students who are bussed to school. Please do not drop off or pick-up your children directly out front of the school between **8:00-9am or 1:00-3:30pm** as it causes challenges when busses arrive to unload or pick-up. We appreciate your cooperation in minimizing the traffic at the front of our school.



PRIVACY REMINDER – RECORDING DEVICES IN SCHOOLS

To protect the privacy and security of all students, staff, and visitors, the Langley School District reminds parents and students that digital recording devices, such as **Meta Glasses** and **AngelSense Trackers**, are **not permitted** at school for **staff, students, nor members of the community**. This policy is in place to ensure compliance with the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and the District’s procedures for responsible information management. In response to questions about tracking and recording devices in schools, please see the attached information.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES IN SCHOOLS

Schools follow emergency procedures and practice drills throughout the year to ensure students, staff, and any visitors at our sites are safe when unexpected incidents happen. The District encourages families to become familiar with emergency procedures to help you and your child be prepared. You will find the District’s Emergency Procedures poster in schools and on the website [here](#).

PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

The Langley School District is committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility, and support optimal learning. Trauma Informed Practices and Procedures promote the creation and maintenance of safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, and nurturing school environments.

Families play an important role in helping students achieve success as well as helping create a compassionate learning community. Just as students are expected to follow the District’s **Student Code of Conduct**, there is an expectation for parents/guardians to uphold the District’s **Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct**.

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR SCHOOL

Schools and families continue to work together to ensure success for students. If you have an issue or concern but don’t know who to speak with, the District encourages you to read these helpful Communicating with your School guidelines for parents/guardians found on our District website [here](#). As an additional reference, review this one-page resource [here](#).

SCHOOL FEES

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 EXPECTATIONS

At DW Poppy Secondary, we maintain high expectations for our students and want students to excel. We want our students to be able to empathize with others and have the moral courage to make the right decisions. We are confident our parents will partner with us in using Restorative Action, where all adults in our school community establish and reinforce clear expectations. Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct [here](#) and the attached DW Poppy student handbook.

FAIR NOTICE – RESPONSE TO THREAT MAKING BEHAVIOR

DW Poppy Secondary is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. We take all threatening comments and behaviours seriously. Students, staff and parents should be aware of the District’s Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol that can be found on the district website [here](#).

TECHNOLOGY GUIDELINES: PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES

Electronic devices can be distracting to student learning. There is a significant body of research showing that increased technology use is linked to problems with mental health, focus and the development of relationships and academic skills.

During hours of instruction, personal electronic devices must be turned off and stored away in backpacks or lockers, unless otherwise instructed by school staff for educational purposes. This includes during study blocks, washroom breaks, tutorial and any school sponsored activity such as an assembly or talk by a guest speaker.

To read the guidelines as set out by the Langley School District click [here](#).

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 - Operators cannot ride an electric kick scooter on sidewalks or in crosswalks, except if a sign or traffic control device allows.
4. Please refer to the link below for a full list of safety rules for operators by clicking [here](#).



BELL SCHEDULE

Please note the **Bell Schedule** below:

BELL	SCHEDULE	M	T	W	Th	F
Welcome	8:50	Day 1/2	Day 2/1	Day 1/2	Day 2/1	Day 1/2
Period 1	8:55 – 10:05	A	B	ABCD	C	D
MTSS	10:10 – 10:45	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00	B	A	BADC	D	C
Lunch	12:00 – 12:35					
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50	C	D	CDAB	A	B
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05	D	C	DCBA	B	A

TUTORIAL TIME

Tutorial is instructional time built into the DW Poppy daily schedule that supports students' learning. During tutorial time, students may choose to meet with teachers for support within their timetable or work in areas of passion to extend their learning. Tutorial time (Multi-Tiered Student Supports, or MTSS) is scheduled each day for 35 minutes.

Welcoming Bell	8:50
Period 1	8:55 -10:05
Tutorial	10:10 – 10:45
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00
Lunch	12:00 – 12:35
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05