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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

We appreciate you continuing to engage in our school newsletters, so you stay up to date with important events. If you need to access any of our previous newsletters they are posted on our website [here](#).



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Proud Principal
DW Poppy Secondary School

SCHOOL BUILDING UPDATES

Over the past year, DW Poppy Secondary has completed several meaningful building updates aimed at creating a welcoming, modern, and pride-filled learning environment for our students and families. We began the school year with new furniture in our cafeteria (now proudly named the Hawk's Nest) as well as select classrooms to make these spaces more comfortable and inviting. Additional improvements included new hallway benches, updated flooring throughout the first floor, freshly painted lockers, new paved walkways in the front parking lot, and painting upgrades in several classrooms and shared spaces. Our front lobby now features new signage, our core values are displayed prominently in the Hawk's Nest, and striking Redhawk murals have been added in the Hawk's Nest and on the gymnasium entrance door. We have also recently updated our grad photos with new matching frames, which will be hung in the coming months. In addition, we are excited to share the installation of a new interactive touchscreen TV located next to the front office. This display features an archive of past graduation photos, valedictorians, and yearbooks, allowing

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 15TH
PRO-D DAY – NO SCHOOL

MAY 18TH
VICTORIA DAY – NO SCHOOL

MAY 20TH
PAC MEETING - 7:15PM

MAY 26TH
GRAD SCHOLARSHIP TEA - 4PM

MAY 28TH
DRY GRAD MEETING – 7PM

JUNE 2ND
RUGBY AWARDS NIGHT

JUNE 3RD
ESPRESSIVO MUSIC NIGHT

JUNE 4TH
GRAD ASSEMBLY – 10AM

JUNE 5TH
ROUGH REDHAWK
OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

JUNE 8-12TH
GRAD ASSESSMENTS

JUNE 9TH
AWARDS NIGHT – 5PM
ATHLETIC AWARDS NIGHT 6:30PM

JUNE 11TH
YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION

JUNE 17TH
GRAD BREAKFAST - 8AM

GRAD WALK - 9AM
GRADUATION CEREMONY - 6PM





students, staff, alumni, and visitors to explore and celebrate our school's history. This initiative is an important step in preserving the rich legacy and tradition of excellence at DW Poppy Secondary. Looking ahead to this summer, planned projects include new flooring on the second floor, new flooring in several science classrooms, replacement of some of the exterior school fencing, additional classroom furniture, and the possibility of exterior repainting. Classroom painting will also continue into the next school year. These upgrades strengthen school pride and help create an inviting space where students can learn, connect, and thrive. Please see the attached photos highlighting a selection of these improvements.

DW POPPY CAR SHOW

The 2026 Poppy Car show was a huge success! We had approximately 700 cars and 3000 guests. The funds raised will go towards purchasing new MiG Welders, tool cabinets, a table-top laser cutter, updating old equipment, reviving the race car program and stainless-steel tables in the Foods rooms. Thank you to our amazing volunteers who helped make the event so successful!

DISTRICT CALENDAR 2027-28

An amended District Calendar for 2027-2028 was approved by Trustees. The revised calendar is attached and has been posted on the District website [here](#) along with the 2028-29 calendar.

SUMMER PROGRAM FOR GRADE 8'S

If you have a child who will be coming to DW Poppy next year for grade 8 then we have a fabulous opportunity for them! Please see the attached brochure for more information.

KARAOKE EVENT

On Friday May 22nd, there will be a Karaoke event at 3:30 PM in the drama room. Students must have a ticket to enter (this is a free event, but students can pick up a ticket from Mr. Weatherby). There will be staff members in attendance to supervise, and the event will be over by 5PM. Students can enjoy an easy-going afternoon of music as we start to wrap-up the school year!

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](#).





MUSIC & RUGBY FUNDRAISERS

Ready to make your patio or garden the envy of the neighborhood? Grab some gorgeous greenery and help our Music and Rugby stars with achieving their future tour goals... It's a win-win for your garden and our crew!

✨ THE DETAILS: 🌿 Hanging Baskets (if you missed Clearview), herbs, annuals, veggies and more!

🕒 Order Deadline: May 18th

🔗 Shop here: <https://dwpoppysecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

****** Please indicate which student and the program they are involved in so we can credit them appropriately. ******

PICK-UP INFO: Swing by DW Poppy to grab your new green friends:

June 2nd: Before or after the Rugby Banquet

June 3rd: Before or after Espresso

⚠️ THE "PLANT PARENT" PROMISE: Please don't leaf your plants behind! 🌿 We have a strict pick-up policy because we want these beauties to thrive. If you can't make these dates and haven't made other plans with us, stragglers will be donated to a local organization. We'd hate for these to go to waste, so let's get them home to your garden! Let's grow something great together, Poppy! 🐝 ✨

DRY GRAD TICKET SALES

- Cost \$10.00
- Tickets were on sale already on May 11 & 12th and will be available in the school lobby at lunch on May 21 (cash or tap accepted).
- Please send payment via e-transfer to dwpoppydrygrad@gmail.com and include the student's name in the message.

BOOK COMMUNITY FIELD TRIP

On April 29th, students from DWP, LSS, BSS, WGSS and LFASS attended the district's LitDive Book Celebration, this year hosted at BSS's library! At the event, students met other readers, discussed books, participated in literary trivia, played games, and had a chance to meet a local author in person. It was our biggest gathering yet, with around 65 students participating. Thank you for all you do at home to support and encourage our booklovers!

YOUTH VAPING INFORMATION (FRASER HEALTH)

Health, safety, and wellness continue to be a priority in our schools. To help support our students and families, we are sharing important information from our community partner Fraser Health about youth vaping for school-aged children and youth. Please see below for helpful guidelines and resources to support your child.





Vaping is popular among youth. Daily or near-daily use can increase the risk of mental and physical health harm. In 2023, 26 per cent of youth in grades seven through 12 in British Columbia reported having vaped. The most common age that B.C. youth first tried vaping was 13.

How to support youth to prevent, delay or reduce vaping - It is important to be supportive and recognize that setbacks may happen. You can help by being a positive role model and offering guidance in the following ways:

- Have open conversations about vaping. Listen to your child's beliefs and offer accurate information to help them understand the risks involved.
- Practice refusal skills with your child by discussing ways they can say no to vaping, especially in situations that feel uncomfortable to them.
- Be honest about your own use of tobacco, cannabis or vaping products. Share any health impacts or challenges you've experienced.
- If you vape, avoid vaping around children to limit their exposure to second-hand vapour. Consider quitting or reducing vaping to improve your own health. For help, contact [Quit Now](#), a provincially funded nicotine cessation program.
- Store vapour products securely and out of reach of children and youth.
- [Tip sheet for parents: Talking with your teen about vaping](#)

Learn more about vaping products [here](#). For more information about child and youth substance use, including services, programs and resources available for children and youth, visit [Fraser Health's website](#).

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](#).

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](#)



PREVIOUS INFORMATION

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](#).

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://schoolcashionline.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](#).

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