



Redhawk

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

September flew by and we are looking forward to many exciting events in October. We recently chaperoned our annual Grad Cruise and we have our Fall dance coming up on October 15th. These type of events provide students with meaningful opportunities to celebrate together and build lasting memories in a safe and positive environment. Additionally, our Grade 8 welcome BBQ will happen on Monday and it is a wonderful occasion for new students to connect with peers and staff while enjoying hot dogs, games, and a welcoming atmosphere. We extend our sincere thanks to all staff and volunteers who contribute to the success of these events.

Thank you to our parents and guardians for your ongoing support and for the trust you place in us to care for and educate your children. We look forward to the inspiring weeks ahead and all the opportunities they will bring for learning, growth, and school spirit.



Jonathan Harris
Proud Principal
DW Poppy Secondary School

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Students should have received their verification forms (paper copy) from teachers on Friday. These forms ensure that we have accurate information regarding your child's legal guardian(s), medical history and parent/guardian contacts. Parents need to verify the information is correct and return with any changes to the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 7TH

DRY GRAD MEETING
7:15PM – LIBRARY

OCTOBER 12TH

THANKSGIVING (NO SCHOOL)

OCTOBER 13TH

INFORMAL LEARNING UPDATES

OCTOBER 15TH

FALL DANCE – 6PM

OCTOBER 20TH

SCHOOL PHOTO RE-TAKES

OCTOBER 21ST

2:05PM EARLY DISMISSAL

PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES - 2:30-7:30PM

OCTOBER 22ND

2:05PM EARLY DISMISSAL

PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES - 2:30-5:30PM

LAST DAY OF TRIMESTER 1

OCTOBER 23RD

PRO-D DAY – NO CLASSES

OCTOBER 26TH

HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK

POST SECONDARY INFO. FAIR





PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our teachers are excited about the opportunity to meet you (by appointment only) either in person or by phone on **Wednesday, October 21st (2:30-4:30pm & 5:30-7:30pm)** or **Thursday, October 22nd (2:30-4:30pm)**. Our sign-up for Parent Teacher conferences will be open on **Thursday, Oct. 8th at 9am** and we will be sending out a link next week to sign up. If none of the days/times work for you then feel free to set up a meeting with the teacher for an alternate day or time.

DW POPPY SPIRIT STORE CLOTHING

Our new online spirit clothing store will be launching very soon! Keep an eye out for an upcoming email so you don't miss the ordering deadline.

PAC FUNDRAISER - CHARITY SHOPPING NIGHT

Join us on **Tuesday, November 17th** for a fun evening of holiday shopping while supporting our school community!

When you purchase your ticket through our link, 100% of the ticket proceeds come directly back to the DW Poppy Secondary PAC, helping support student activities, programs, resources, and opportunities throughout the school year.

Enjoy an exciting after-hours evening of shopping, tasty bites, a champagne & martini bar, games, and over \$20,000 in prizes! Plus, spend \$250 at Willowbrook during the event and receive a \$25 gift card!

It's a simple and fun way to get a head start on your holiday shopping while giving back to DW Poppy Secondary students! Purchase your ticket through our school link and help support our students! Click [here](#)

REMEMBRANCE DAY REQUEST

Our school will be remembering those who served to defend our freedom at the Remembrance Day assembly. We would love to include pictures of military members from our Poppy community. If a family member of yours is or has served in the military, could you please send pictures to Sandy Gill (sandeep.gill@sd35.bc.ca) by **October 23rd**. In the email, please include the picture, name of the member, and the war or place they served. If you have previously submitted a picture, it will already be included in the slideshow. Thank you for your contributions.



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**.

INFO. ABOUT SCHOOL STATUS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or **www.sd35.bc.ca**. Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at **www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict**. If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

STUDENT DISTRESS AND SCHOOL SAFETY

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Our schools follow procedures to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. Depending on the situation, communication to parents/caregivers is needed to keep families informed about incidents in our school, such as during lockdowns, hold & secures, and room clears, or in the event of a student in distress. Sometimes these situations may not be emergencies but events that require a school response. It is important to note that the decision to send communications to families is dependent on a variety of factors including the nature of what happened, who has witnessed or was directly impacted by what happened, as well as student and staff privacy. Communication is unique and dependent on the specific situation; there are times when a student is in distress, yet the situation may or may not require a message or letter to families. In addition to communication with parents/caregivers, teachers and staff may debrief with students after an incident that may have upset them. In some cases, the school counsellor



may offer support to students in need. As always, we want families to let us know if your child requires support. If you have any questions or concerns about communication related to situations or emergencies, please reach out to the school.

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](#).

PREVIOUS REMINDERS

NEW DISTRICT ELECTRIC SCOOTER GUIDELINES

Beginning in September 2026, the **Langley School District will prohibit e-scooters and e-dirt bikes on all school sites**. This applies to elementary, middle, and secondary schools. Legally, E-pedal bikes are permissible at secondary schools; light e-bikes for students aged 14 and 15, and standard e-bikes for students aged 16 and older. E-pedal bikes are permissible at all schools for adults.

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.

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.

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 three convenient methods:

1. SchoolMessenger App
2. SafeArrival

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



ACCESS TO SCHOOL PHOTOS

Your Photo Day photos are now online! Students and families will be able to scan their QR codes to view their photos and order or enter their access code on our website: View and Order. All orders placed within 10 days of your photo day will be shipped to your school free of charge. Any orders placed after this time will be shipped with your retake day packages.

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Don't Have your Access Code? If any students misplace their access code, you can scan the QR code on the proof sheet or ID card, this will take you to our website for ordering. Missing the QR code? Reach out here to access it: [Contact Us](#)

Don't forget, Artona will be back for retakes! Any students missed photo day will have an opportunity to be photographed on **October 20th**.

TUTORIAL TIME

Tutorial is instructional time built into the DW Poppy daily schedule that supports students' learning. During tutorial time, students must 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 and mandatory as it is instructional time.

VISTING THE SCHOOL

If you are visiting the school for any reason, please stop by the office and check in with **Ms. Greentree** when you arrive. Knowing who is in the building helps us maintain a safe, secure, and welcoming environment for our students and staff.

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](#).

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](#).