



# Redhawk

## RELEASE

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ISSUE #3

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

We recently hosted a grade 8-12 Fall dance and chaperoned our annual Grad Cruise and both events were a huge success! These events provided students with meaningful opportunities to celebrate together and build lasting memories in a safe and positive environment. Additionally, our Grade 8 Welcome BBQ was 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 contributed to the success of these events!

Thank you to our parents and guardians for your continual support and for the trust you place in us to educate your children. We look forward to the inspiring weeks ahead!



**Jonathan Harris**  
Proud Principal  
DW Poppy Secondary School

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> (2:30-4:30pm & 5:30-7:30pm)** or **Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> (2:30-4:30pm)**. Our sign-up for Parent Teacher conferences will be open on **Wednesday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 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 a different day or time.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
THANKSGIVING  
(NO SCHOOL IN SESSION)

**OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
PHOTO RETAKE DAY – 9AM

INFORMAL LEARNING  
UPDATES

**OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
PARENT TEACHER  
CONFERENCES  
2:30-7:30PM

**OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
PARENT TEACHER  
CONFERENCES  
2:30-5:30PM

LAST DAY OF TRIMESTER 1

**OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
PRO-D DAY – NO STUDENTS

**OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK  
BEGINS

**OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
PAC MEETING – 7PM

**NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
POST SECONDARY INFO. FAIR

**NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
DRY GRAD MEETING – 7PM





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## REMEMBRANCE DAY REQUEST

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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](mailto:sandeep.gill@sd35.bc.ca)) by **October 24<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

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## MUSIC/DRY GRAD FUNDRAISERS

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### NEUFELD FARMS MUSIC & DRY GRAD FUNDRAISER

<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2025-dw-poppy-secondary/ref/em>

**Order Deadline: Wednesday, Oct 15, 2025**

### PURDY'S CHOCOLATES

Do you always buy Purdy's for the chocolate lovers in your lives for the holidays? Make it easy and simple - save the trip to the mall!

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1835866-130162>

**Order deadline is November 17<sup>th</sup> and pick up will be at Espresso on December 4th.**

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## DWP DIVERSITY & BELONGING SURVEY

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Our school is committed to creating a welcoming environment for all staff, students and families. Our school's DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion) committee needs help from our school community to make this happen! Around the school, you will see "Redhawks" posters with a QR code that will take you to a quick survey. This survey helps us understand your experiences and any ideas that students or parents have about belonging, diversity, and representation at our school. Your answers are anonymous. Thank you for giving us your feedback on this important work. Click [here](#) for the survey.

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## ARTONA PHOTO ORDERS & CANADA POST STRIKE

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Due to the recent Canada Post strike, Artona has made some changes to their services and how they are delivering photo packages.

### SCHOOL DAY ORDERS

All bulk school deliveries that were due this week were shipped before the strike. All mail to home orders placed up until September 19th were also shipped. We are hopeful those deliveries made it in time. However, if you are still waiting on a delivery that was due this week, please let your account representative know.



All school day orders placed after September 19th that would normally be shipped to home have been set aside at the Artona studio. Their team will be delivering these packages in batches to our school via Purolator or in person.

## STUCK OR MISSING ORDERS

If any students or parents have a missing or stuck in transit order, please contact the Artona [Customer Service Team](#). The team will work to find a solution — they do not want families to go without their photos.

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## VACCINATION INFORMATION

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Our upcoming school vaccination dates at DW Poppy Secondary are:

- Visit 1: January 7, 2026
- Visit 2: March 9th, 2026

NEW this year: Parents can now complete the immunization consent form online. The link for the online consent form and additional information is in the attached letter.

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## ATHLETICS

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Our fall teams are well into league play, and it has been fantastic to see our student-athletes competing with such energy and spirit. Highlights from the past week include:

- **Jr. Boys Soccer** – A strong opening result against Khalsa School of the Fraser Valley.
- **Sr. Girls Volleyball** – A great start with a win over GW Graham.
- **Grade 8 Boys Volleyball** – Their first victory of the season against Betty Gilbert Middle School.
- **Cross Country** – Strong performances and finishes across the board.

This week promises another full schedule of home and away games. We encourage our Redhawk community to come out, fill the stands, and cheer on our athletes—it makes a big difference!

### ATHLETIC STORE NOW OPEN

Our **Athletic Store** is now open for a limited time! Community members and students can purchase Redhawk clothing and gear at the following link: [DW Poppy Fall 2025 Athletic Store](#). Don't miss the chance to show your school spirit!

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

We would like to extend a special thank you to **Superior Asphalt Paving LTD** for their generous sponsorship of our athletic program. Their support, along with contributions from our community, plays a vital role in providing our athletes with the resources they need to succeed.

### **Opportunities to Support**

We are currently seeking additional sponsorships to help with:

- New team uniforms



- Updated equipment
- Portable tents for outdoor events
- Transportation support

Sponsorships can be made in a variety of ways, including direct donations, purchasing specific items, or supporting the needs of individual teams. Every contribution, big or small, makes a meaningful impact on the growth and success of our student-athletes.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Redhawk Athletics. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming games—your presence helps build the strong, spirited community that makes DW Poppy so special.

Lee Ellis  
Athletic Director

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## REPORTING ILLNESS/ABSENCE

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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 no longer 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](#).**

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## STUDENT DISTRESS AND SCHOOL SAFETY

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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.



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## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES IN SCHOOLS

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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](#).

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## PREVIOUS INFORMATION

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### PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

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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**.

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### ACCESS TO SCHOOL PHOTOS

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School photos are now live on the Artona website! To view and order your child's photos, simply scan the QR code that was sent home on Monday.

If you no longer have the QR code, you can still access the photos by visiting this link and entering your child's name and student number: <https://artona.com/orders/find>

Need help or have questions? Artona's customer service team is happy to assist you. You can reach them directly through their Contact Us page: <https://artona.com/contact-us>

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### COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR SCHOOL

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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](#).

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### SCHOOL FEES

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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](mailto:sbrake@sd35.bc.ca) if you have any questions regarding school cash online or school fees.

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## STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

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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.

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## FAIR NOTICE – RESPONSE TO THREAT MAKING BEHAVIOR

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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](#).

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## TECHNOLOGY GUIDELINES: PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES

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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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## ELECTRIC SCOOTER GUIDELINES

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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](#).



- 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.

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