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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

It was fabulous getting an opportunity to connect and meet many of you during Parent Teacher Conferences this week. I am so thankful to be able to work in collaboration with such a positive, caring and supportive parent community at DW Poppy! If you did not get a chance to connect with teachers, then feel free to send them an email to set up a time in the coming weeks.

Thank you for continuing to engage in our school newsletters. Please note that if you need to access any of the previous newsletters that they are posted on our website [here](#).



Jonathan Harris
Proud Principal
DW Poppy Secondary School

WE DON'T JUST GO TO SCHOOL - WE GO TO POPPY!

NEW DW POPPY SPIRIT STORE IS OPEN

Our DW Poppy Online Spirit Store is officially open for orders until **November 8th**. This year, we're excited to introduce a **brand-new Redhawks logo** along with several new clothing options for students, families, and staff. Whether you're looking to represent Poppy in style or find the perfect Christmas gift, there's something for everyone! Don't miss your chance to grab some new Redhawks gear and show your school spirit.

Click [here](#) to order now! **Delivery will be December 14th.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 26TH

**POST SECONDARY INFORMATION
FAIR – 6-8PM**

OCTOBER 27TH

**DISTRICT SENIOR CHOIR
FESTIVAL – 7PM @ REMSS**

OCTOBER 28TH

PAC MEETING – 7PM

OCTOBER 29TH

DWP HAUNTED HOUSE – 5-7PM

OCTOBER 30TH

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

NOVEMBER 2-5TH

GRAD ASSESSMENTS

NOVEMBER 4TH

**GRADE 9 TAKE YOUR KID
TO WORK DAY**

**SENIOR FALL CONCERT
7PM - DRAMNASIUM**

NOVEMBER 5TH

**JUNIOR FALL CONCERT
7PM - DRAMNASIUM**

NOVEMBER 10TH

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLIES

DRY GRAD MEETING – 7:15PM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

**REMEMBRANCE DAY
NO SCHOOL IN SESSION**





GRAD HOODIES FOR SALE

Any grads interested in ordering a grad hoodie, they are available for \$92 on school cash online. There are black and navy options in sizes ranging from small to 3XL. Miss Bowick is available for questions and sizing in room 245. Deadline is October 30th for ordering. IF you have questions, email Miss Bowick at tbowick@sd35.bc.ca.

POST-SECONDARY BC EVENT AT DW POPPY - OCT. 26th

We're excited to share that **Post-Secondary BC (PSBC)** will be hosting a valuable event at **DW Poppy** on **Monday, October 26 from 6:00-8:00 PM** in the small gym. This evening is a fantastic opportunity for **students in grades 10-12 and their families** to connect directly with representatives from a wide range of post-secondary institutions across the province.

The event will follow an open-format mini-fair, allowing students and parents to circulate freely, ask questions, gather materials, and explore options for life after high school. Each attending institution will have staff available to provide information and guidance.

To help families prepare for these conversations, PSBC also offers many helpful resources, including information sessions and the [Post-Secondary Guide for Parents](#). Check out <https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/> for more information.

HALLOWEEN SPIRIT DAYS

Wednesday, October 28th - Black Out Day (Wear all Black)

Thursday, October 29th - Halloween Accessory Day

Friday, October 30th - Halloween! Come to the main gym at lunch for our annual poppy costume contest! Prizes for: funniest costume, scariest costume, most original costume, best duo and best group costume.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME EXPECTATIONS

As we prepare for some fun Halloween festivities, we want to ensure that our celebrations are inclusive and respectful of all cultures. Please take some time to discuss the appropriateness of your child's costume choice for Halloween at school on October 30th. It is impossible to have an approval process for all costumes, so please help your kids to use thoughtful and respectful discretion in their choices.

Please emphasize the following points:

- Full faced masks or costumes that completely hide the person are not permitted as they pose a safety risk with regards to us knowing who has entered our school building.
- Replica weapons of any kind are not permitted. Examples of weapons include but are not limited to knives, brass knuckles, swords, decommissioned firearms, replicas, air soft guns, bb guns, and toy guns.



- A culture is not a costume. Cultural attire often holds deep significance and meaning for those who wear it. Costumes that emphasize cultural stereotypes (i.e. First Nations, African Americans/other ethnicities) are insensitive and offensive to the diverse backgrounds represented by others and are disrespectful to those cultures.
- Students are not permitted to wear anything suggestive or provocative in nature and underwear as outerwear is not acceptable. Please continue to use the District student code of conduct and dress guidelines to help guide decision making. You can view it by clicking [here](#)
- Costumes that promote the use of illegal substances/activities and that portray violence are not permitted.
- Students must show respect to other students by not touching, defacing or insulting other students' costumes.

The possession or use of fireworks, firecrackers, explosives, or similar devices or objects is prohibited on school property.

STUDENT SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

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. The District expects all students to follow the Student Code of Conduct **AP 350**. This expectation is also in line with the new **Provincial Firearm Violence Prevention Act (FVPA)**.

The District is sharing a reminder that no one can have “any weapon for any purpose” on school property. This means that weapons are not allowed to be used as part of an educational project, drama production, or themed costume. Examples of weapons include but are not limited to knives, brass knuckles, swords, decommissioned firearms, replicas, air soft guns, bb guns, and toy guns. The possession or use of fireworks, firecrackers, explosives, or similar devices or objects is also prohibited on school property. Failure to follow these expectations may result in confiscation, intervention, and consequences.

DW POPPY HAUNTED HOUSE - OCTOBER 29th

The DW Poppy Theatre Company will be hosting our 2nd annual Haunted House event on **October 29th from 5-7pm**. This year's theme is Haunted Carnival!

Admission is \$2 per person minimum donation at the door, and we except cash or card. We recommend 10+ years and up. Due to limitations within our building space, the event is only accessible via stairs. We apologize for the accessibility limitations. All proceeds go to Poppy's Theatre department.



PHOTO RE-TAKES

Your Retake 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 retake day will be shipped to your school free of charge. Please visit our website to view your school's timeline: <https://artona.com>

POWER OUTAGE & SCHOOL CLOSURE

When it comes to power outages, the District will post a notification on the District and school websites. This message is also updated when power is restored.

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).

In the event of a school closure or when further instruction to families is required, the District will send an email and text message notification to parents/guardians using SchoolMessenger.

ATTENTION GRADE 9 & 11 PARENTS

Please see the attached letter which is to inform you that students in grades 9 and 11 will be completing the "Tell Them From Me Survey" on **November 18th, 2026**.

GRADE 9 - TAKE YOUR KID TO WORK DAY

A reminder that grade 9 students should have already turned in their permission forms to participate in "**Take Your Kid to Work Day**". **On Nov. 4th** all grade 9 students participate in this initiative as part of their careers 9 credits. This special day gives students the opportunity to explore the world of work by spending the day with a **trusted adult** (such as a parent, relative, or family friend) at their workplace. Families are responsible for coordinating a suitable workplace visit for their child. Extra permission forms can be found at Ms. Bhullar's office in the counseling center.

After the experience, students will be **required to complete an assignment** reflecting on their day (this will include a photo of themselves while at a workplace and a reflection answering a few questions). This assignment will be **posted on Microsoft Teams** and must be **submitted following the event**. We look forward to seeing our students learn and be inspired by this meaningful experience!

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](#)

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 CKNW 730AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7FM, CBC 690AM or CBC 88.1FM for updates.

In the event of inclement weather, the District may implement a delayed start or early dismissal at school sites. This information will be communicated to families via one or more of these methods: SchoolMessenger, email and/or text and on the District website. For District bus riders, schedules may change depending on the school status. Bus riders will be notified of changes via one or more of these methods: My Ride K-12 App, email, phone, and/or District website.

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.

PREVIOUS REMINDERS

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.

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**.

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://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.

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](#).

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](#).
