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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 last 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

POWER OUTAGE & SCHOOL CLOSURES

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

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 25TH
HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK BEGINS

OCTOBER 28TH
PAC MEETING – 7PM

OCTOBER 30TH
DWP HAUNTED HOUSE – 5PM

OCTOBER 31ST
HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

NOVEMBER 3RD
GRAD ASSESSMENTS BEGIN
POST SECONDARY INFO. FAIR
CAFETERIA – 6-8PM

NOVEMBER 4TH
DRY GRAD MEETING – 7PM

NOVEMBER 5TH
TAKE YOUR KIDS TO WORK DAY
GRADE 9's AWAY

SENIOR FALL SHOWCASE
CONCERT – 6:30PM

NOVEMBER 6TH
JUNIOR FALL SHOWCASE
CONCERT - 6:30PM

NOVEMBER 7TH
REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLIES

NOVEMBER 10TH
DESIGN & ASSESSMENT DAY
NO STUDENTS IN SESSION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
REMEMBRANCE DAY
NO SCHOOL IN SESSION





DW POPPY HAUNTED HOUSE - OCTOBER 30th

Our Theatre department will be hosting a Haunted House event on **October 30th at 5pm** for \$2 per person. There will be concession available, and it will be appropriate for ages 10+ (as long as you are alright with things getting a little bit spooky). All proceeds go to Poppy's Theatre department.

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 31st. 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 also prohibited on school property.

HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, October. 27th - Black and Orange Day

Tuesday, October 28th - Terrible Tuesday (Dress as your favourite hero or villain).

Wednesday, October 29th - Witches, Wizards & Harry Potter

Thursday, October 30th - Halloween Accessory Day

Friday, October 31st - Halloween! Come to the main gym at lunch for our annual poppy costume contest! Prizes for: funniest costume, scariest costume, most original costume, and best group costume



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.

POST-SECONDARY BC EVENT AT DW POPPY – NOV. 3rd

We're excited to share that **Post-Secondary BC (PSBC)** will be hosting a valuable event at **DW Poppy** on **Monday, November 3rd from 6:00–8:00 PM** in the cafeteria. 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](https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/). Check out <https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/> for more information.

TAKE YOUR KIDS TO WORK DAY – NOV. 5th (GR. 9)

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. 5th 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!

GRAD HOODIES FOR SALE

Any grads interested in ordering a grad hoodie, they are \$75 on school cash online. There are black and blue options in sizes ranging from small to 3XL. Miss Bowick is available for questions and sizing in room 245. For questions, email Miss Bowick at tbowick@sd35.bc.ca.

MUSIC & RUGBY FUNDRAISERS

MUSIC & RUGBY HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Support our programs and deck your halls with gorgeous plants and festive décor. There's truly something for every taste:



- 🌸 Beautiful red and white poinsettias
- 🌿 Fresh holiday wreaths
- 🌿 Custom outdoor holiday arrangements
- 🪴 Indoor tropical planters, succulent bowls & greenery boughs

Orders are open right now and close **November 18th at 7:00PM** and can be made directly through the link below. Pick-up night is Winter Espresso, Thursday, December 4th, at DW Poppy Secondary (pickup starts at 6PM).

✨ Every order brings us closer to our goal of 280 plants and helps our Music and Rugby teams! ✨

[Click here to see all the options & order now](#)

FLIP GIVE MUSIC FUNDRAISER

Flip Give offers an easy way to purchase gift cards and each one purchased gives a certain percentage back to the music program! Just simply click on the link below to get started! If you are purchasing gift cards for the holidays or as gifts, please consider purchasing them through Flip Give. Note: the amount raised from this fundraiser goes to the general music account.

<https://shop.flipgive.com/onboarding/join?joincode=CZYT9>

DONATIONS FOR ESPRESSIVO SILENT AUCTION

We are so excited to run this fundraiser again and we need your help! Attached to this email is a donor letter. Please spread the word. If you have a business or would just like to donate to this fundraiser, please reach out to the email or phone number in the letter. Need ideas on what kind of gift basket to donate? Date night, spa day, movie night, candy, coffee and tea, gift cards - just a few ideas to get you started. (Please keep all items alcohol free.) We can also use several \$5, \$10 and \$15 gift cards for the balloon pop as well.

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 17th and pick up will be at Espresso on December 4th.

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.

ARTONA PHOTO RETAKES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Retake 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 7 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/schools/DWPY>

We will be in touch when services are shipped.

Don't Have your Access Code? If you do not have your QR code please fill out this form here: [Don't Have Your Access Code?](#) **If you have any questions, please reach out to Artona directly.**

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 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](#).

PREVIOUS INFORMATION

VACCINATION INFORMATION

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.



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](#).

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](#).
 - 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