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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Recently students had an opportunity to listen, observe and reflect during our Remembrance Day assemblies. Thank you to all the staff and students who helped make it such a beautiful ceremony. We also had our Junior/Senior Music showcase concerts which featured some of our students demonstrating their amazing musical talents. Check out our instagram page by searching "dwpoppysecondary" to see some of the photos of these recent events.

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

HAIRSTYLIST & ELECTRICAL WORKSHOPS

HAIRSTYLIST WORKSHOP

TUESDAY | DEC 2, 2025, | 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

Interested in working as a Hairstylist? Students in grade 9-11 are invited to join us for a workshop at Langley School District's Youth Train in Trades Hair Lab at Aldergrove Community Secondary School.

ELECTRICAL WORKSHOP

TUESDAY DEC 16, 2025, 8:00 AM - 10:30/11:00 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 24TH

PAC MEETING – 7:00PM

NOVEMBER 28TH

ABORIGINAL WINTER SOLSTICE

DECEMBER 3RD

HOMECOMING DANCE – 6:00PM

DECEMBER 4TH

ESPRESSIVO MUSIC NIGHT

DECEMBER 5TH

HOMECOMING BBALL GAME

DECEMBER 8TH

DRY GRAD MEETING – 7PM

DECEMBER 9TH

ELEMENTARY VOLLEYBALL
JAMBOREE – 2:30PM

DECEMBER 11TH

HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT – 6PM

DECEMBER 19TH

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE
WINTER BREAK

SANTA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

JANUARY 5TH

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

JANUARY 7TH

GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS

JANUARY 12-16TH

GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS





Interested in becoming an Electrician? Students in Grades 10 & 11 are invited to join us for a workshop at Langley School District's Youth Train in Trades Electrical Program at DW Poppy. There will be plenty of time to ask questions!

See your Career Advisor for an Application!

CAR SHOW PARENT VOLUNTEERS

D.W. Poppy Secondary is getting ready to start planning to host its 37th annual Car Show on Sunday, May 3, 2026! Our tradition of putting on one of the first car shows of the season brings many benefits for the school. We hope to see many cars on display and welcome thousands of spectators. This is a family friendly event. The event is our school's largest fundraiser and benefits our entire school including the shops department, technology, athletic teams, dry grad, and many others. This event is cannot run without the support of parent/caregiver volunteers. If you would like to be a volunteer at the annual Car Show, please reach out to Sandy Gill (sandeep.gill@sd35.bc.ca) so we can start planning.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

Grad Photo Dates: Dec. 2nd - Dec. 5th 2025

Location: Mobile Studio in the West Parking Lot

How the Grad Photo Session Works

1. **Book an appointment at www.artona.com.** There is no cost to book an appointment but we do require a credit or debit card to secure the booking. Students are not charged until the time of their session.
2. **Get photographed and pay the \$60 deposit.** At the time of their session, students pay a \$60 deposit they can use toward a purchase later. We take both casual and formal photos, including one for the yearbook. If students choose not to order, we'll refund the deposit within 30 days.
3. **View and order photos online.** Students and families can purchase their photos online, with both [digital and print options](#) available.

Keeping Grad Sessions Accessible

- Artona believes in keeping the graduation photography experience accessible to all students. **If you have students facing financial barriers who would benefit from our Financial Aid Program, please reach out to the counselling department.**

HOLIDAY TREATS FOR STAFF

Our annual holiday treats buffet for staff is **Thursday, December 11th**. The PAC is requesting help from parents by providing homemade or store-bought treats to provide for the DWP staff. The PAC is also looking for parent volunteers who can help on Dec. 11th around 1:30pm with setting up the treats for staff.

Don't like to bake and not sure what to send in, they can always use:





- Gluten free options
- Oranges
- box of chocolate
- bag of pretzels or other munchies
- any bakery goods from your local store

Treats can be dropped off at the office anytime throughout the day on December 11th.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

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.

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=CZYTIX9>



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.

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

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.

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.**

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