



Redhawk

RELEASE

OCTOBER 25, 2024

ISSUE #5

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Redhawk families! 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

GR. 9 - TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Grade 9 students must submit their parent consent form to Ms. Bhullar (Career Advisor) in the Counseling department by November 1st, 2024.

Remember to keep the last page of the form with you, which includes questions to be answered after your visit to the workplace with your parent/guardian. You will need to submit this page with your answers by **November 15, 2024**. Participation in this event will earn students credits, so be sure to complete all requirements!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK

GRAD ASSESSMENTS BEGIN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
PAC MEETING – 7PM
LIBRARY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
SENIOR FALL SHOWCASE CONCERT
6:30PM – DRAMNASIUM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY
ALL GRADE 9 STUDENTS

JUNIOR FALL SHOWCASE CONCERT
6:30PM – DRAMNASIUM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLIES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
DESIGN & ASSESSMENT DAY
NO STUDENTS IN SESSION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
REMEMBRANCE DAY
NO SCHOOL IN SESSION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
DRY GRAD MEETING – 7PM
LIBRARY





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 Thursday, October 31st. It is impossible to have an approval process for all costumes, so please help your children 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.

LEGIONS POPPY CAMPAIGN

It is a long-standing tradition for schools to support our veterans and the efforts of the [Royal Canadian Legion](#). Once again this year, our school will be receiving a poppy for every student and distributing them to classes. We will continue to collect funds this year in support of the Legion's Poppy Campaign but kindly ask students and their families to donate online via School Cash Online: <https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com/>. Please do not send cash or cheques with your child to school.

We appreciate your generosity. As always, our school is committed to educating our community about the meaning of the poppy and Remembrance Day.

MUSIC FUNDRAISER

We are selling **beautiful** plants to raise money for our Music Programs Spring Tour! Plants are a great way to encourage our friends to get out into the garden while choosing to support a healthy fundraiser! **Click [here](#) to place an order!**





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ATHLETICS

The final week of the regular season volleyball for our gr.8-10's has concluded. It was a busy couple months with our teams competing hard on the court and a big congratulations to our grade 8 boys volleyball team for making playoffs. The boys will have their playoff game this Monday at HDS, 3:30pm game time. Good luck grade 8 boys.

For volleyball, we are excited to host our Sr. Girls night at 7:30pm this Monday, October 28th. It would be great to have as many staff, students, and community members as possible wish our Sr. students goodbye as they play their last game as a Redhawk. There will be free popcorn, pizza sold at \$2 a slice or 3 for \$5. We will also have a poster making station with prizes for the best poster, and a t-shirt toss during one of the intermissions between sets. Dress up in poppy colors and come make some noise for your Sr's.

Soccer has also wrapped up for our Jr and Sr boys. Our Jr's and Sr's had a successful year with Jr boys placing 3rd and Sr boys placing 4th in their divisions. Both teams have made playoffs and host their first playoff game on Monday at 3:00 at DWP for Jr's and Tuesday for the Sr's. Please come support them as they compete to move on to the next round.

Our DWP swim team also competed this week in Chilliwack. We will update you on the results next week as the race happened all day Sunday.

Cross Country had their EVAA meet and we are happy to announce that everyone ran exceptionally well and improved their times. Andrew Meyer ran 16:26 (33rd) in the Junior Boys 4km race. Marcus Fallowfield was consistent in his race and ran 28:19 (20th) in the Senior Boys 5km race. A special highlight for Tyler McElhinney and Alexandra Vertes who both made it to Tier 2 BC Provincials for Cross-Country as Individuals!!!! Tyler ran 20:32 (7th) in the Senior Boys 5km race and Alex ran 26:55 (11th) in the Senior Girls 5km race. They will be competing at Jericho Park/Beach in Vancouver next week on Saturday November 2nd.

We have an incredibly busy week ahead as we start switching gears to Basketball and Curling. There is a mandatory meeting on Monday for anyone interested in Curling. Basketball is also in full swing. Please pay attention to the student bulletin, the athletics instagram account and the athletics board outside the PHE office for all the information you'll need on practices and tryouts.

MONDAY

- Jr Girls Game at 3:30pm DWP
- DWP host boys volleyball @ 6:00pm





- Girls Volleyball Sr Night vs SJB, game time 7:30. Come early to create a poster and get some food.

TUESDAY

- Jr Boys Basketball Tryouts 3:30 - 5pm
- Sr. Girls Basketball Practice 3:30 - 5pm
- Sr. Boys Basketball Practice 6pm

WEDNESDAY

- Jr Boys Basketball Tryouts 3:30 - 5pm
- Gr. 8 Boys Basketball Practice 3:30 - 5pm

THURSDAY

- Sr. Boys Basketball Practice 3:30 - 5pm
- Jr. Girls Basketball Tryouts 3:30-5pm

FRIDAY

- Gr. 8 Girls Basketball Tryouts 3:30 - 5pm
- Sr. Boys Basketball Practice 5 - 6:30pm

NEW DW POPPY SPIRIT CLOTHING STORE

Our DW Poppy online Spirit Store is now Open! New items will be added throughout the school year and are available for order at any time. You can check out all of our Redhawks Spirit Wear that is available to purchase online by clicking [here](#). **All questions regarding orders should be directed to the vendor through the chat feature.** Orders will be delivered directly to the DW Poppy school office.

Please note that our school spirit store is separate from the athletics clothing store.

GRAD PHOTOS

Grad Photo Dates: Dec. 11th to Dec. 14th 2024

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 complete this [form \(Artona Financial Aid Application\)](#).** The team will be in touch with students directly to book a session and receive a complimentary photo package.

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.

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
3. Toll-Free Phone Number - 1-833-294-4837

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





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](#).

PREVIOUS INFORMATION & REMINDERS

FALL CLUBS & TEAMS

- CURLING
- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – grades 8-12
- BOYS VOLLEYBALL
- AQUATICS
- BOYS SOCCER
- WRESTLING
- INTRAMURALS
- LITDIVE BOOK COMMUNITY
- GAMES CLUB
- CONVERSATION CLUB
- DANCE CLUB
- PRIDE SIDE CLUB
- YEARBOOK CLUB

FREE ONLINE FAMILY SUPPORT SESSIONS - A DIGITAL WORLD

The Ministry of Education has once again contracted Safer Schools Together to offer complimentary Family Sessions, designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. There is one session per month. Families can participate in as many as they wish. Sessions can be found by clicking [here](#).

Families will learn:

- Digital media habits, oversharing, and digital addiction
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., sports teams, college admissions, and potential employers)
- The importance of caring for peers both online and offline
- Geo-locational settings and the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- The social and legal consequences of cyberbullying behaviour as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sextortion)
- An anonymous student reporting tool that can help you and your friends stay safe both online and offline

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES & RESPONSE

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Schools follow emergency procedures to ensure students, staff, and any visitors in our schools or sites are safe when unexpected incidents or events happen. At the start of every school year, administrators, teachers, and staff review these emergency procedures. Schools practice a set number of



drills annually in preparation for unexpected situations. The District encourages families to become familiar with these staff emergency procedures and the drills that are completed in schools. You can read them in the Staff Emergency Procedures Poster [here](#) or find them posted in areas throughout District buildings. If you have questions or concerns about emergency procedures, please contact your child's teacher or principal.

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](#).

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.

FAIR NOTICE RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES/STUDENTS

The Langley School District is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. Our schools take all threatening comments and behaviours seriously. Our schools follow procedures when responding to threat-making behaviour to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. The following resource [here](#) outlines what information students and families need to know in relation to how the District responds to threat-making behaviour in our schools. Everyone has a role in helping keep our students safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school administrator.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photos are now available for access through the Artona Website. You can either scan the QR code available on the card students brought home last week or follow the link [here](#)

If you click photo day box, a new window will pop up with order information and timelines. If you click on the view and order button at the bottom, you can enter the QR code number and view/order photos.

If you misplaced your order card from Monday and need a new way to access the photos, it can be found [here](#)

If you need any additional support in accessing your photos, you can find multiple ways of getting in touch with Artona [here](#).





NEW 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.

The Langley School District recognizes the importance of establishing clear guidelines to ensure that personal digital devices are used in a way that supports educational goals and maintains a safe and respectful learning environment.

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, tutorial and any school sponsored activity such as an assembly or talk by a guest speaker.

To read the new guidelines as set out by the Langley School District click [here](#).

FRASER HEALTH - IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

Fraser Health is sharing important information with families regarding Vaccination Status Reporting and Regulation (VSRR). Families are encouraged to review the following newsletter to help keep our community healthy and safe by clicking the link below.

[Keep Immunizations Up to Date - Secondary](#)

For other languages read [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.

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

CALENDAR & MY SCHOOL DAY APP

Students use the “My School Day” App to help stay organized with the daily block order and find updates to the school calendar. Check it out under “Student Life” on our website or click [here](#) for information on how to download it. Homeroom teachers will help students navigate this App as it is a tool that all students are encouraged to use.

Click [here](#) for the District Calendar.

STAYING CONNECTED – COMMUNICATION TOOLS





Good communication between home and school is critical to ensuring student success. We have a few structures in place to help share information. For students and parents to stay informed, please be sure to use the following online methods.

REDHAWK RELEASE

Good communication between home and school is a critical factor in student success. We encourage parents to read the monthly newsletter “Redhawk Release” and pay close attention to school emails for important information. We welcome your involvement, and your suggestions.

SCHOOLMESSENGER

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. As we welcome our new families to our schools, some parents/guardians may receive a text message notifying them about SchoolMessenger. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).



My School Day App - [Click here](#)



Website: <https://dwps.sd35.bc.ca>

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Facebook: @DW Poppy Secondary Parent & Guardian Page

DW POPPY SECONDARY - 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 District Code of Conduct on our school website or [click here](#).