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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

As we move closer to Spring Break, we are getting ready for the many exciting events and learning opportunities ahead. Students are currently engaged in course selection for next year, and we are also looking forward to the upcoming *Newsies* musical, our Spring Music Concert, Spirit Week and Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please be aware that teachers will be sending out their Informal Learning Updates next week. Thank you for staying connected and supporting all the wonderful things happening at DW Poppy during this busy and vibrant time of year.

We appreciate you continuing to engage in our school newsletters, so you are up to date with important events. Please note that if you need to access any of the old newsletters that they are posted on our website.



Jonathan Harris
Proud Principal
DW Poppy Secondary School

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP REMINDER

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 26-28TH

NEWSIES MUSICAL THEATRE SHOW – 7PM

MARCH 2-6TH

INFORMAL LEARNING UPDATES

MARCH 2ND & 3RD

KIWANIS BAND FESTIVAL

MARCH 5-7TH

NEWSIES MUSICAL THEATRE SHOW – 7PM

MARCH 10TH

SPRING MUSIC CONCERT 6:30PM

MARCH 11TH

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 2:30-4:30PM

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL JAMBOREE – 2:00-5:30PM

MARCH 12TH

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 2:30-4:30PM & 5:15-7:30PM

MARCH 11-13TH

SPIRIT WEEK

MARCH 13TH

LAST DAY BEFORE SPRING BREAK

MARCH 30TH

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

APRIL 2ND

RUGBY SEVEN'S TOURNAMENT

APRIL 3RD

GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL IN SESSION





NEWSIES MUSICAL THEATRE SHOWS

Tickets are available for D.W. Poppy Theatre Company's production of Newsies! Come support your talented school community! Tickets are available by scanning the QR code on the posters around the school and attached. The show runs February 26th, 27th, 28th, and March 5th, 6th, and 7th!

COURSE SELECTION & PLANNING

Course planning is underway for the 2026/2027 school year. This is an exciting time for many students as they look ahead to planning their courses for next year. Parents are an integral part of the conversations students will be having over the coming weeks.

Students were shown a general course planning video and the link to the information is located here: [Registration and Course Planning](#)

Our course catalogue contains detailed course descriptions for every course and application forms are also available on the above website link. **Completed applications forms are to be submitted outside of counselling by Monday March 2nd.**

Course requests are submitted online through MyEducation. The website link is available here: <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen-login/?deploymentId=aspen>
If you need any assistance signing into MyEducation or the course request process, please see attached how to instructions.

Course requests are to be entered in the Student portal. They can be viewed in the parent portal but not available for entry. The portal will be open until **Monday, March 2nd.**

If you have any questions about courses or want to book an appointment, please reach out to our counselling team through email or TEAMS.

Mrs. Karli Jongenburger - Students last names A - L
Mrs. Jenna Riznek - Students last name M - Z

Thank you for your on-going support in your child's education.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Fraser Health will be in the building **Monday, March 9th at 9am** in counselling for any students that have previously missed their grade 9 immunizations. This is open to all students at Poppy. Please see the attached Digital consent form for information.



ISP HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Embark on a rewarding journey of cultural exchange! The District is seeking homestay families to host International Student Program (ISP) students for the 2026-2027 school year and beyond. There are many benefits including learning a new culture, sharing your family traditions, and developing life-long friendships. Homestay families are provided \$1200 per month to offset costs. Start your journey here: [Students & Homestay](#)

POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADES 11/12

Poppy Grad 2026 Scholarship applications are open.

The [District Open and D.W. Poppy Scholarships](#) are available now. These are completed online and can be found on the Grade 12 Teams Chat or by scanning the QR code on the counselling office door.

Or using this link: [Application for Open and D.W. Poppy Secondary Scholarships 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Applications are due on, **February 27th at 3:00pm.**

The [District Authority Scholarship](#) is also open. This application is a paper form and can be picked up in the counselling area. It is

also due **Thursday, February 27th at 3:00pm.**

SASSY LANGLEY

SASSY Langley for 2025-26 is up and running for its tenth year. In that time, \$131,000 has been awarded to Langley students headed for post-secondary education. Last year, 69 applications were received, of which 95% were from Grade 12 Langley School District students. \$16,800 is available to be awarded this year!

Further details and the application form are attached. This year's deadline is **Friday, March 13, 2026** at 11:59 PM.

DRY GRAD, MUSIC & RUGBY FUNDRAISERS

KRISPY KREME FOR DRY GRAD

- \$20 per box
- Sales happening at lunch and after school on **February 26th**

MERIDIAN MEATS/RALPH'S ONLINE GIFT CARDS FOR MUSIC

Stock up on produce boxes and meal kits while supporting our musicians! **30% of your purchase** goes directly to the DW Poppy **Music** Department.



- **How it works:** Online gift cards never expire and work like cash for online orders. Choose next-day delivery (tracked & chilled!) or pickup.
- **Important:** This is for **online orders ONLY**. If you're supporting a specific student, please email your receipt to dwpmusicparents@gmail.com so we can credit their account.
- **Shop here:** [Meridian Farm Market Link](#) 🛒 (Valid for the month of February!)

GLOBAL COFFEE FUNDRAISER FOR MUSIC & RUGBY

Get your caffeine fix with these custom music blends! **25% of your purchase goes directly back to the support out support our musicians and (soon-to-be) Senior Rugby players** fundraise for their 2028 tour abroad!

- **Morning Melody** (Light Roast) - \$20
- **Pitch Perfect Brew** (Medium Roast) - \$20
- **Redhawks Roast** (Dark Roast) - \$20
- **Poppy Forte Espresso** - \$20
- **Lullaby Blend** (Decaf) - \$20
- **Premium Hot Cocoa** - \$17
- **Deadline:** Orders close **March 6th**
- **Pickup:** March 10 at the Spring Concert (or choose shipping at checkout).
- **Order online:** [Global Coffee Link](#)

PURDYS EASTER CHOCOLATE FOR MUSIC & RUGBY

Help the Easter Bunny out and support our musicians and (soon-to-be) Senior Rugby players fundraise for their 2028 tour abroad!

- **Shop here:** [Purdys Fundraising Link](#)
- **Deadline:** Orders close **March 2nd**
- **Pickup:** March 10 at the Spring Concert.

NEUFELD FUNDRAISER FOR MUSIC AND DRY GRAD

Our Spring Band/Dry Grad Neufeld Fundraiser is live! Please share the link below with any friends and family that might be interested in supporting our Band/Grad families. Please be sure to fill out the student's name on the order form to assure the proceeds will be allocated to the correct student.

ORDER DEADLINE **MARCH 2nd**

ORDER PICK-UP DATE **MARCH 9 5:30PM**

Email link - <https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2026-dw-poppy-secondary/ref/em>

CLEARVIEW HANGING BASKETS VOUCHERS FOR MUSIC

Here's your fundraiser link: <https://clearviewgardenshop.com/product/dw-poppy-music-program-12-hanging-basket-fundraiser/>

A quick reminder: the fundraiser closes on **April 29th**, and you'll be able to pick up your vouchers from the school on the first week of May - just in time for spring and Mother's Day!



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.

FAMILY SMART WORKSHOPS

Family Smart workshops are free, online, and include a video presentation and a facilitated discussion. If you are interested, please register using their website: <https://familysmart.ca/online-events/>

SELF-HARM: There is Always Help, There is Always Hope

Realizing that your child is self-harming can be scary and confusing. Learn from a young person with lived experience and a therapist as they talk about why some kids harm themselves and some healthy coping strategies.

Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 5, 6:30 pm

PARENTING WHEN ANXIETY SHOWS UP AS ANGER

Anxiety in our kids can show up as anger, and that can make parenting extra challenging. Discover some strategies that can help us before, during, and after these hard moments.

Wednesday, March 11, 12 pm

Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 pm

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 not 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.

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