



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ACSS students and families,

Happy April...and welcome back to school!

The focus of this week was "easing" students (and staff) back into our daily routines, while also tending to the urgency that is always on our minds while completing secondary school courses. It was certainly wonderful to welcome all individuals back to the school and to restart our school community ways. There is an air of excitement in the school as we move into the final three months of the school year. We are excited to prepare for Grad events that we have been unable to hold in the past year or two and we are excited to prepare for more of the student and staff gatherings that we are typically accustomed to at ACSS.

Athletics has returned quickly and strongly! This week we have had girls' rugby practices and games, our first hockey game of the schedule (a win!), track & field practices in preparation of the upcoming April meets, girls' soccer practices, junior basketball practices, and, as always, weekly badminton nights. As you can see, we are an active and vibrant community of ACSS Totems!

Please check the school social media accounts regularly for immediate news of school happenings.

Wishing everyone in our community a bright, safe, and healthy weekend. Thank you for reading this week's newsletter. See you next week!

Mr. M. Palichuk
Principal
Aldergrove Community Secondary School

For the most up-to-date information regarding school events and happenings please see the following school media sites:

Website: www.acsstotems.ca

Instagram – [@acss.totems](https://www.instagram.com/acss.totems)

Facebook - [@aldergrovecommunitysecondary](https://www.facebook.com/aldergrovecommunitysecondary)

Twitter - [@acsstotems](https://twitter.com/acsstotems)





Key Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, April 5 – Grad Assembly
- Thursday, April 7 – Grad Cruise
- Monday, April 11 – PAC Meeting
- Friday, April 15 – Good Friday (school closed)
- Monday, April 18 – Easter Monday (school closed)

A big THANK YOU to Crea & John Milroy for their generosity in donating to the Breakfast Club!

Happy April from your Community School Coordinator

I hope you all had a great break. April's newsletter is ready to read!

Check it out for information about a Food Hub, afterschool programs, and more!

<https://sway.office.com/adjfNcwFgotNfS8G?ref=Link>

Stephanie Eby

Aldergrove Community Schools Coordinator

c. 604.862.5943



To book an appointment, click [HERE](#)



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The **Student Learning Survey** has been administered every year in BC public schools since 2001. It is completed by all students in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12 as well as staff, parents, and administrators. The information gathered from this survey is used by the school to improve the learning environment and experience for students.

This survey is voluntary and anonymous. Your response is encouraged, not required. Please do not name specific people or share any personal information about yourself. If any personal or identifying information about yourself or others is included it will be deleted before results are processed and stored. Data will be stored in Canada and accessible only within Canada.

We sincerely appreciate your input and thank-you in advance for your participation.

You can access the survey through the link below. You do not need a logon #, just use the direct access and select District #35 Langley.

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>





GRAD 2022 NEWSLETTER

Friday, April 1 2022

Grad news provided by Ms. Caines - for any questions, please email kcaines@sds35.bc.ca or call 604-856-2521 ext 244



Grad Cruise is ON!

Grad Cruise is ON!! We have scheduled Harbour Cruises for April 7th. The grad cruise fee of \$85 has been added to School Cash Online. Guest interviews have been conducted and guests approved for the cruise have been notified. All grads and guests planning on attending Grad Cruise must have their fees paid online by April 1, 2022. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to have guests from outside of ACSS attend grad cruise.

Dinner of beef lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and a selection of desserts will be available to all guests as will unlimited soft drinks. If you have dietary restrictions (vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, dairy free), please let Ms. Caines know as soon as possible to allow for catering to accommodate your dietary requirements. There will be music, dancing, and it's guaranteed to be 3-hours worth of fun! Don't miss out!



Grad Walk

Grad walk is tentatively scheduled for June 20th after grad ceremony rehearsal. Students are bussed to each site in their grad regalia and then walk the halls of Parkside, Shortreed, Betty Gilbert, and finally ACSS and receive applause from former teachers, younger siblings, and their peers. Students are bused to each site in their grad regalia. Previous grads attending Grad Walk have described it as being "the most memorable moment of my life" and there are always a lot of tears!



Grad Ceremonies

Grad ceremonies are scheduled for Monday, June 20th at Christian Life Assembly (where many grad ceremonies for the Langley School District occur) next to Langley Secondary School and the Langley Airport. Our hope is that we can resume regular in-person grad ceremonies, our last full school-wide ceremony at CLA took place in June 2019. It seems so long ago! Barring a large-scale in-person ceremony, our backup plan is to host the ceremonies in the school gym on the same date as we have for the previous two Covid graduation years. Whether we have the ceremonies at CLA or at the ACSS gym, the event will be a memorable occasion and will be filmed for anyone unable to attend in person.



Strawberry Tea & Grad Banquet/Prom

Strawberry Tea and Grad Banquet/Prom is tentatively scheduled for June 23rd at Clarion Hotel in Abbotsford. Strawberry Tea takes place in the afternoon of Banquet, prior to grads boarding the coaches to take them to the banquet facilities. Grads, their dates, and their families join us in the school gym for a short reception where everyone is served strawberry shortcake, iced tea, or coffee, and a group photo in the courtyard is taken. As we near the date of Strawberry Tea/Prom, we will have further information for you.



Dry Grad

There are three parents on our Dry Grad Committee and we could definitely use more help! Currently, we are trying to raise funds to drop the cost of Dry Grad events to a more manageable price for our students. We have two fundraisers that we are currently running. With Clearview Gardens we have the hanging flower basket fundraiser which will run through the month of April. With Meridian Meats/Rolph's Farmers Market we have the gift card fundraiser that runs through next week (all payments must be returned to Ms. Caines by Friday April 8th.) Please see the forms in the newsletter for more information on ordering.





MERIDIAN & RALPH'S GIFT CARDS
Meridian & Ralph's gift cards never expire. They're 100% redeemable at any Meridian or Ralph's location.

Farm Fresh FUNDRAISER



NAME

EMAIL OR PHONE

NUMBER OF GIFT CARDS PURCHASED

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30% OF ALL GIFT CARDS SOLD GO TO YOUR ORGANIZATION!

INSTRUCTIONS Simply fill out the above form (print as many as you need!) Collect names, contact info and payment as you go. Then contact us so we can prepare your gift cards for you to distribute. Your organization keeps 30%!
Minimum order value and other restrictions may apply. For more details please visit: meridianfarmmarket.ca/fundraising

TOTALS

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ABOUT MERIDIAN & RALPH'S

Meridian is an old-fashion style butcher shops specializing in 100% grass-fed beef, free-run poultry, local pork, sustainable seafood and the latest plant-based proteins. Ralph's and our Farm market locations also include local fresh fruits & vegetables, artisan deli, fresh baked breads and grocery essentials.

RALPH'S FARM MARKET

MERIDIAN FARM MARKET LOCATIONS

MERIDIAN MEATS & SEAFOOD LOCATIONS

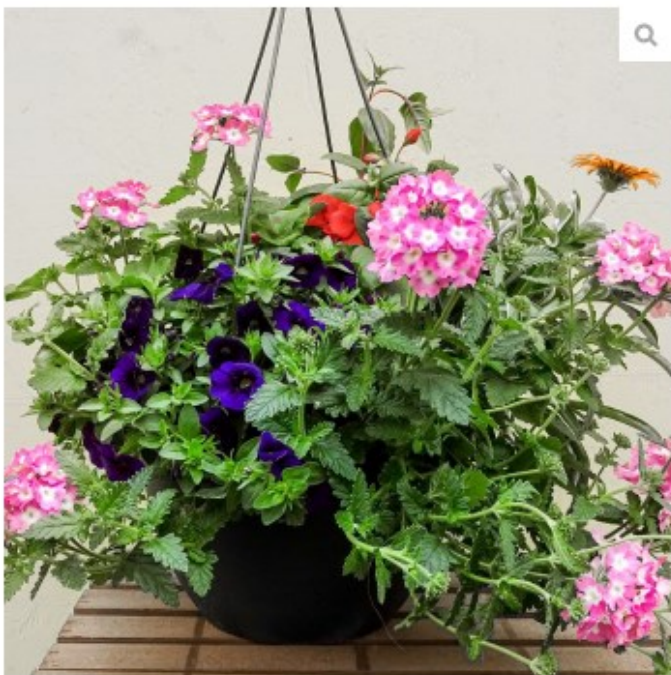
MURRAYVILLE • MAPLE RIDGE • MISSION • TSAWWASSEN • NORTH VAN • PORT COQUITLAM • LANGLEY • WHITE ROCK

(604) 466-0508 | [fundraising@meridianfarmmarket.ca](https://meridianfarmmarket.ca/fundraising)





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ACSS Dry Grad 2022 12" Hanging Basket Fundraiser

\$34.99 10000 in stock

- 1 + [ADD TO CART](#)

Category: 12" Hanging Basket Fundraiser

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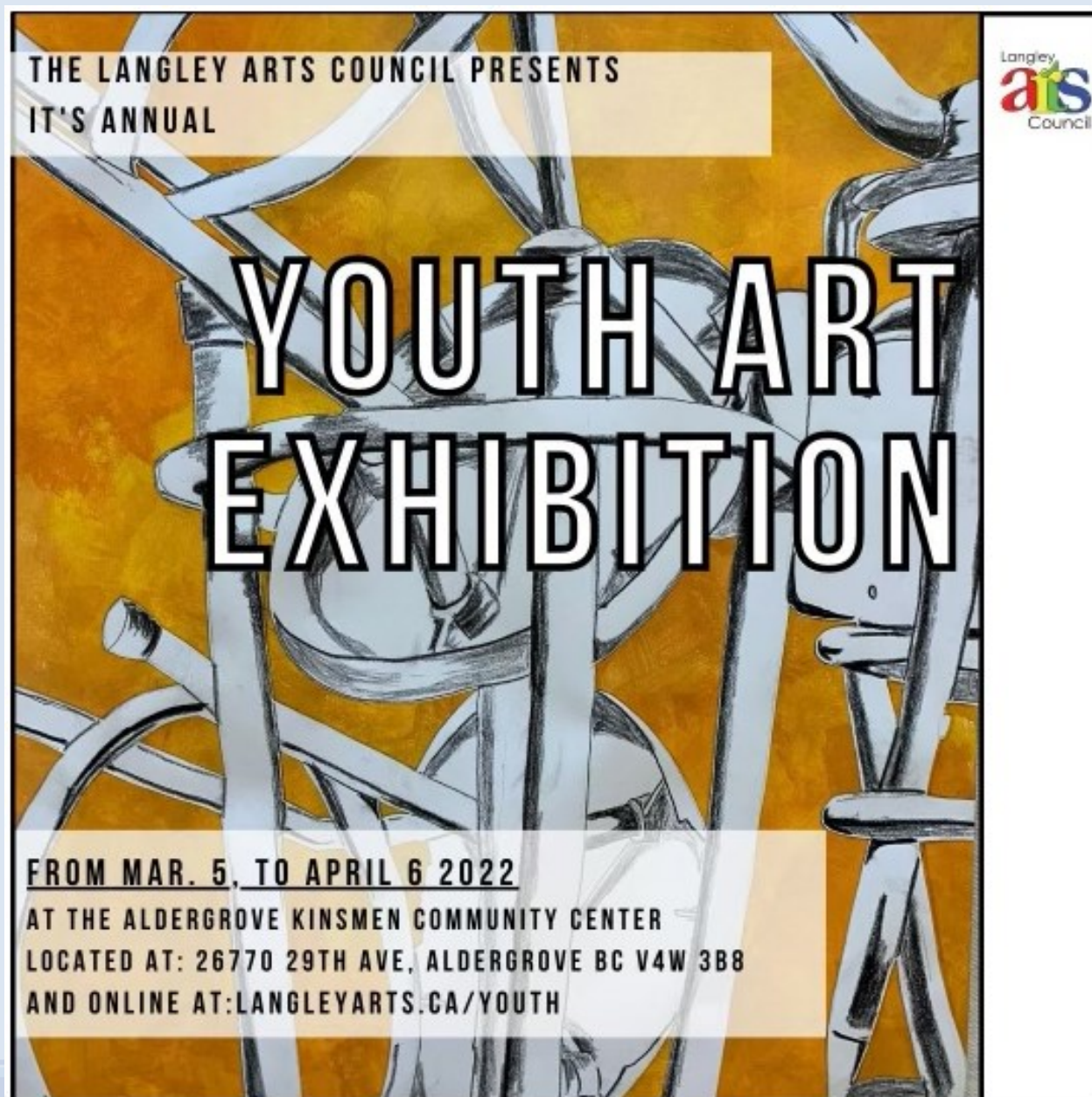
\$7 from each hanging basket purchase goes directly to this fundraiser! Pickup instructions are provided after payment is made.

Here's the fundraiser link:

<https://clearviewgardenshop.com/product/acss-dry-grad-2022-12-hanging-basket-fundraiser/>

Youth Art Exhibition

Some of our own ACSS students will have their artwork displayed at this exhibition at the Aldergrove Kinsmen Community Centre! In addition, we have three of our students who will have their work displayed at the West Fine Arts Show which will be happening this weekend at Glass House Winery.





SCHOOL DISTRICT

Langley

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM



Come as a Visitor, Leave as a Friend

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Have a life changing experience and welcome an international student into your home!
Homestay families are provided **\$950/month** to offset costs!

CATCHMENT AREA SCHOOLS:

Aldergrove Community Secondary
Brookwood Secondary
Langley Secondary
Walnut Grove Secondary
Langley Fine Arts Secondary
Langley Fundamental Secondary
R.E. Mountain Secondary
D.W. Poppy Secondary

HOW TO APPLY:

Please visit our International Student Program website (Homestay section): www.studyinlangley.com and complete the online Homestay Application!

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Please contact:

Langley School District
International Students Program
Tel: 604-534-7891

We are located at the
Langley School Board Office
4875 - 222 Street, Langley, BC





ACSS PAC Scholarship Application

The ACSS PAC has revised the criteria and selection process for the PAC Scholarships this year. This is a separate application and NOT through the general application students used which was due at the end of February.

The deadline for submissions is noon on Friday, April 15, 2022. Students need to submit their package to the *new scholarship email* acss.pac.scholarship@gmail.com

Aldergrove Community Secondary School Parent Advisory Council

26850 29 Ave, Aldergrove, BC V4W 3C1

2022 Student Scholarships

The Aldergrove Community Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (ACSS PAC) will award three bursaries to students planning to pursue post-secondary studies.

Students wishing to be considered for a scholarship must be currently enrolled in grade 12 at ACSS and expecting to graduate in June 2022. Each of the three recipients will be awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Scholarship #1: Write an essay telling us how you have persevered through challenging experiences you have faced in the past few years while completing your studies. Explain how the experience has changed the path you were on and/or how it's shaped who you are today.

Scholarship #2: Write an essay telling us how you showed your school spirit and made a contribution to the school community during your year(s) at ACSS. Letters of reference from a current or previous ACSS staff member affirming the applicant's accomplishments is required.

Scholarship #3: Write an essay telling us of your academic achievements and how you balance your school work with your social life and emotional well-being.

Recipients will be announced in mid-spring 2022.



ACSS PAC Scholarship Application - cont'd.

2022 Application Package:

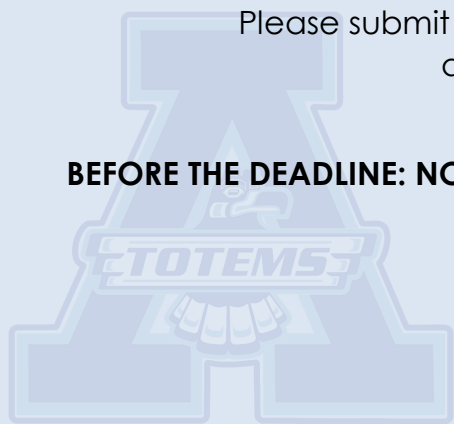
Please include the following information in your package:

1. A completed application form showing specific plans for immediate post-secondary academic, technical or vocational education or training.
2. Written confirmation from your current school principal or counselor on school letterhead that you will be graduating June 2022.
3. Your essay of a minimum of 200 words up to a maximum of 1500 words concerning the question for Scholarship #1, #2, or #3.
4. The letter of reference from a current or previous ACSS staff member (for scholarship #2 only).
5. The applicant must agree to have their name published in a newspaper, on a website, PAC & school social media
6. Nowhere in the essay should the applicant record their name. Failure to adhere to this will result in the essay being removed from consideration.

For the 2021/2022 school year, an award in the amount of \$500 will be given to three students entering in ANY FIELD OF STUDY.

Please submit your Application Package **via email ONLY** to:
acss.pac.scholarship@gmail.com

BEFORE THE DEADLINE: NOON on APRIL 15th, 2022





Application Form

ACSS PAC GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIP

Please complete this form and include it with your application package. Your application package must be received by email before **Noon on Friday, April 15, 2022.**

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Student email: _____

School Name: _____

Principal: _____

Principal's email: _____

Graduation date: _____

Post-Secondary institution
you are planning to enter: _____

Planned course of study: _____

Planned start date
at Post-Secondary: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

The applicant agrees that if their essay is chosen, ACSS PAC may publish the recipient's name in a newspaper, on a website, PAC Publication and social media.

GIRLS RUGBY

The girl's rugby team played their first exhibition game against Poppy on Wednesday. The girls were excited about their first game. They had a tough matchup but they showed determination, growth, and great sportsmanship. The ladies are excited to start their season after spring break and continue to develop their skills, knowledge, and fitness.

Their season starts after spring break so make sure to see the girls in action on the following dates:

Kickoff is 3:30 pm

Home:

March 28th - 7s tournament @ Home

April 6th - vs. Rick Hansen @ Home

April 27th - vs. Robert Bateman @ Home

May 4th - vs. Poppy @ Home



Away:

March 30th - vs. Abby Senior @ Abby Senior

April 1st - 7s tournament @ Poppy

April 11th - 7s tournament @ Robert Bateman

April 13th - vs. LSS @ LSS

April 20th - 7s tournament @ Poppy





Daily Health Check and What to Do When Sick

A friendly reminder to our students and visitors to complete a daily health check prior to boarding a bus or entering a school or District site such as the School Board Office. To help support families in doing their part to keep everyone safe, please review the **Daily Health Check and What to Do When Sick** guide [here](#). This contains a list of COVID-19 symptoms and guidance on what to do if you become ill. As always, the District is encouraging everyone to continue practice proper handwashing and staying home when sick.

Reporting School Absences

The school appreciates the work of families in following our processes when it comes to reporting student absences. As per Ministry guidelines, students and their families are being asked to indicate if the reason for the absence is due to illness. As per Ministry guidance, students do not need to disclose if their absence is specific to COVID-19; however, those who test positive for COVID-19 should be diligent in ensuring their school is aware their absence is illness-related. Providing us with accurate information regarding the reason your child is away, is extremely critical in helping keep our school community safe. This data will help our school, the District, and Fraser Health work together to assess and make decisions about closures which could impact operations and student learning. The attendance information families provide remains confidential, will not be shared, and is only used for reporting and planning purposes. If you have any questions about reporting absences, please feel free to contact the school.

School COVID Measures

As we continue to ensure that we are all safe and healthy while at school, we ask that you:

- Sanitize your hands whenever you enter or re-enter the building.
- Try to maintain physical distancing in classrooms.
- Do not hang out in the hallways during transitions between classes.
- Wash your hands frequently.

Lessons Learned from COVID-19: Survey

The province has launched an independent review and public consultation on the government's operational response to the COVID-19 pandemic to improve future preparations and responses to emergencies. The goal is to learn about how government agencies worked together to address the effects of COVID-19 that affected everyone and changed rapidly. To provide feedback, you are encouraged to complete an online survey [here](#) which is available in multiple languages versions. This survey will remain open until April 20, 2022 at 4:00pm. You can find more information [here](#).



COVID Procedures for Managing Illness

To help students, staff, and families in the weeks ahead, the District is sharing a document outlining information and public health guidance regarding COVID Procedures for Managing Illness. Please see attached.

SD35 (LANGLEY)

COVID-19 Procedures for Managing Illness

January 11, 2022

As shared with the community in the District's Continuity of Learning Plan, Fraser Health's process for contact tracing, case management, and exposure notifications is changing. The former processes that have been in place previously will not continue. This resource will help guide students, staff, and families on public health procedures related to COVID-19. It is important to note, these guidelines/procedures may change.

1. I am a student or staff who is sick and was at school on a given day. What should I do?

Stay at home until your symptoms are gone. Seek medical attention if needed. Use the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine guidance and recommendations for testing.

If you have any concerns, feel very sick, or your symptoms are not improving, contact your family doctor/nurse practitioner or call 8-1-1.

Students/staff should report their absence at school/work to their administrator. As per Ministry guidance, students and staff do not need to disclose if their absence is specific to COVID-19; however, those who test positive for COVID-19 should be diligent in ensuring their school is aware their absence is illness-related.

2. I am a student or staff who tested positive for COVID-19 either through a rapid test or PCR test. What should I do?

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should follow advice from the BC Centre for Disease Control, found [here](#). Please note, guidance and recommendations vary depending on an individual's vaccination status.

As per the BCCDC, if you test positive for COVID-19, you need to do the following:

- ▶ [Complete an online form to report your test result](#)
- ▶ [Self-isolate and manage your symptoms](#)
- ▶ [Let your close contacts know](#)

Students/staff should report their absence at school/work to their administrator. As per Ministry guidance, students and staff do not need to disclose if their absence is specific to COVID-19; however, those who test positive for COVID-19 should be diligent in ensuring their school is aware their absence is illness-related.

3. Why is there no contact tracing or exposure notifications in K-12 schools?

The Omicron variant spreads rapidly and, as such, contact tracing is a less effective measure in the timely management of COVID-19. Public Health is no longer able to contact everyone who tests positive.

As Public Health is not contacting every person who tests positive, school exposures will not be issued by Public Health for individual cases. In the event of a declared outbreak, Public Health will issue a public notification.

Public Health will continue to work with schools if, for example, there is a significant increase in absenteeism that is atypical for the time of year and actions are to be taken, such as notification to the parents and guardians of the affected grade or school community.

The logo for Langley Schools, featuring a green stylized leaf or 'L' shape next to the text 'Langley Schools' in a blue sans-serif font.



Information 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 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.

