



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ACSS students and families,

As we move into the Easter long weekend, we are sending well-wishes to all in our school community for a restful and meaningful holiday weekend. Many people in our community are celebrating in different ways. Here are some of the celebrations:

- Vaisakhi started as a harvest festival in the Punjabi region of northern India. It also celebrates the creation of the Khalsa order. It promotes justice and equality and the creation of a more equal and just society. Members commit to wearing the five articles of faith and practice daily meditation. They also have access to their Sikh spiritual guide. Today Vaisakhi is celebrated in Sikh communities around the world. The celebration is held on either April 13 or 14 every year.
- The Jewish festival of Passover is a very special holiday that celebrates the Jewish peoples' freedom from the pharaoh of Egypt over 3,000 years ago. This is a story known as the Exodus. It's the oldest, continuously celebrated holiday of the Jewish calendar. Passover can run for seven or eight days, depending on where you live. This year it begins on the evening of April 15.
- Easter is the holiest day of the year for Christians. It celebrates their belief in the resurrection, or the rising from the dead, of Jesus Christ. Jesus was the founder of the religion of Christianity. Easter is always observed on a Sunday in the spring, but its date varies. It can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25.
- Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar and the holy month of fasting. It begins and ends with the appearance of the crescent moon. Because the Muslim calendar year is shorter than the Gregorian calendar year, Ramadan begins 10–12 days earlier each year, allowing it to fall in every season throughout a 33-year cycle. Ramadan lasts from Saturday, April 2 to Sunday, May 1 in 2022. (Dates are dependent on the appearance of the crescent moon and may vary across countries.)

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The final two and a half months of the school year are going to be filled with exciting, busy times at ACSS. While all our students will continue to work hard completing their courses and learning intentions well, our 2022 Grads will add many honourable, celebratory events to their schedules. We are very much looking forward to in-person events such as the Grad Walk, the Grad ceremony at CLA, the Strawberry Tea, and the Grad Banquet. Please stay tuned for more information about these events and, as always, please check our social media outlets (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and our school website for the most up-to-date information. Thank you.

Wishing everyone in our community a bright, safe, and healthy holiday 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)



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Letter to Students/Parents/Guardians re: Indigenous Focused Graduation Requirement



Aldergrove Community Secondary School

26850 - 29th Avenue, Aldergrove, B.C. V4W 3C1 | Tel: 604-856-2521 | Fax: 604-856-9648

Dear Grade 10 Students and Families:

Last month, the BC Ministry of Education announced the implementation of a new Indigenous Focused Graduation Requirement that will come into effect for the 2023 – 2024 school year. Currently the Ministry of Education is seeking feedback on this new graduation requirement. To learn more about the change in graduation requirement and to provide feedback, please visit the [Indigenous Focused Graduation Requirement site](#) that allows feedback until April 22, 2022.

In the Langley School District, we are proud to have strong, positive relationships with our local Indigenous communities. We are honoured to work and learn on the unceded, ancestral and traditional territories of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie, and Semiahmoo First Nations. As a School District and at Aldergrove Community Secondary School we are committed to Truth and Reconciliation - this curricular announcement from The Ministry of Education provides us with an exciting direction for our course offerings. While we will continue to implement the First Peoples Principles of Learning in all our courses the new Indigenous Focused Graduation Requirement provides us with a focus and commitment towards helping all our learners understand Indigenous worldviews and perspectives, especially in British Columbia and Canada.



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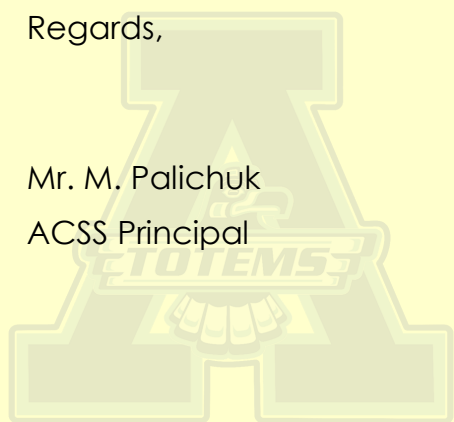
The proposed implementation timeline will be for the 2023 – 2024 school year. Under this model, our current grade 10s will be the first group of students required to satisfy this new graduation requirement. At ACSS, we know that our students have a multitude of programs, courses, and opportunities available to them including AVID, Youth Train in Trades, Advance, and many other electives. As we look to implement the new graduation requirement, we want to make sure that this excellent opportunity for Indigenous focused learning aligns with other courses and/or programs. Thus, we have created a path, beginning in 2022-2023, that will satisfy the Indigenous Focused Grad Requirement. English 11 adjustments will be made as follows:

- Creative Writing 11 will become English First People's Literary Studies & Writing 11
- Composition 11 will become English First People's Literary Studies & Writing 11
- New Media 11 will become English First People's Literary Studies & New Media 11
- Students in the Advance program will choose one of the course options.

The above changes will be reflected in the MyEd student course selection information that is used in our course verification process. Thank you for your understanding and thank you to the ACSS English and Social Studies Departments for leading this change.

Regards,

Mr. M. Palichuk
ACSS Principal





Key Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, April 18 – Easter Monday (school closed)
- Tuesday, April 19 – Report Card Prep/Design & Assessment Day (no school)
- April 25 – Term 1 Semester 2 Report Cards Issued
- April 25 – April 29 – Provincial Assessment Week
- May 4 – Grad Assembly
- May 10 – Careers Field Trips to Post-Secondary Institutions
- May 12 – ICBC Safe Driving Presentation to Grade 11 & 12 Students
- May 14 – Dry Grad Car Wash & Bottle Drive & Hot Dog Sale

Volunteer Opportunity

Veronica's Perogies is looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen. It could lead to part time or full time summer employment. Please see Lacey in room 155 if interested.

Here is the website for a reference: <https://www.veronicasperogies.com/>

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](#)



PHOTOS 11/12 AND FOODS 11/12 COLLAB

APRIL 5TH-6TH, 2022



Photography
students joined
together this
week for a
cupcake
competition



Photos students
maneuvered around the
foods students and got
their shots without being
in the way. Foods
students worked under
the condition of being
photographed, just like a
real competition.





- CUPCAKE WARS -

GR. 11/12
CANDIDS

4/5-6 2022



A Cupcake Making competition had taken place between two foods classes, and the whole room was cup-quaking!!!



Ms Pollastretti and Ms Cheon had set up a cupcake competition to challenge the food class' creative merit. Students were challenged and judged based on creativity, theme, aesthetic/color. And as a Photography class, we had the privilege to join in with the food class(es) and witness + shoot these talented individuals go at it with their creations. While the food class got to bring out their inner master chefs, the photography class was pushed to capture these moments, channeling their inner Annie Leibovitz!

These candids were shot on a Fujifilm X-T1 with a Gemko FL-D 55mm filter on the lens. I was designated with the floater role, simply floating about and capturing all the moments and cupcakes all around the room. Other peers within my photography class were also participating in this joint project, competing on who can really capture the ecstatic nature of this event. This experience alone was one someone won't want to miss out or pass out on, as the togetherness and teambuilding of both the photography and food class made it possible to create a sort of joint project everyone was able to be a part of.

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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>



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The ongoing goal of Summer Session in the Langley School District is to provide short term educational opportunities for students to support them in their long term educational development, and to inspire them to reach their full potential. Every year, Summer Session provides an opportunity for grade 1-12 students from Langley and neighbouring regions to explore areas of interest, get extra help, and stay connected with their learning during the summer.

Registration and full course lists will become available in late Spring 2022. Check back for more information.

General Information

The 2022 Summer Program will run for the following dates:

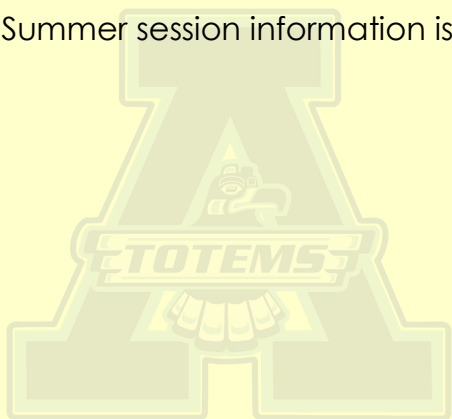
- **Elementary/Middle Program:** July 11, 2022 to July 29, 2022 from 9:00am – 12:00pm
- **Secondary Program:** July 4, 2022 to August 5, 2022 from 9:00am – 12:30pm

Other Information

- All Summer Session classes are based on sufficient enrolment and are subject to cancellation.
- Registration for Summer Session cannot be done by phone or e-mail. If you have questions please email us at summersession@sd35.bc.ca. If you would like someone to call you, please indicate that in your email, with a call back number.

Summer Session Information

Summer session information is available at www.sd35summersession.ca.





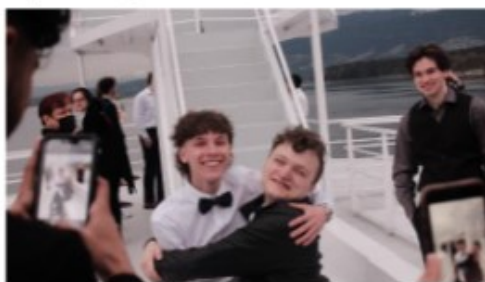
GRAD 2022 NEWSLETTER Thursday, April 14 2022

Grad news provided by Ms. Caines - for any questions, please email kcaines@scd35.bc.ca or call 604-856-2521 ext 244

Grad Cruise done, now onto everything else!



We're one week post Grad Cruise and it looks like everyone has caught up on their sleep! Friday after grad cruise saw a lot of sleepy grad rolling in wearing hoodies and sweat pants. With Grad Cruise behind us, we begin to focus on other grad events like ceremonies, prom, and dry grad. Here are a few extra photos from our roving photographer JP from grad cruise. These can be found on our Social Media. If you would like copies of any photos from grad cruise, please see Ms. Caines.



Grad Ceremonies & Rehearsal

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. Grad rehearsal will take place in the morning; grads will be bused to the facility in their blue gowns to run through the ceremony procedures. We will feed them pizza for lunch then proceed to our grad walk through the feeder schools of Parkside, Shortreed, Betty Gilbert and finally conclude our grad walk at ACSS. At this time we do not know the capacity for grad ceremonies or how many tickets each grad will receive, but we hope to have this information in the coming weeks.



Strawberry Tea & Grad Banquet/Prom

Strawberry Tea and Grad Banquet/Prom is officially scheduled for Thursday, 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. Tickets for grads and their dates will be complementary. Tickets for each family member to attend strawberry tea will be \$12. As we near the date of Strawberry Tea/Prom, we will have further information for you. **BREAKING NEWS: Non-ACSS students may attend as guests to the Banquet/Prom!!**



Yearbook - Last Call

This is the last chance to get Yearbooks for the 2021-2022 school year. We have 85 left to sell and they WILL sell out. There is a large grad section featuring our grads and the events they've had from September to April. Make sure you secure your copy on School Cash Online.

Dry Grad

At last Tuesday's grad meeting, deposit forms for Dry Grad were handed out to each student. This form and the letter from Dry Grad committee is in the newsletter. The Dry Grad deposit form with your \$25 deposit is due April 29th. Dry Grad is scheduled to take place at the Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre from 11:30pm-4am. Dry Grad committee met on Tuesday to discuss the logistics and events for Dry Grad and suffice to say, it is turning out to be an exciting night filled with many activities for our grads. Our parents have really come together to get the ball rolling. We will need to have many parents onsite for supervision on the night of Dry Grad. If you are available to help, please contact Ms. Caines and she can put you in touch with the Dry Grad committee as a parent volunteer. Please see the remainder of the newsletter for more Dry Grad information and watch your email for a message from Dry Grad committee about the upcoming event.



Dry Grad 2022 Update

Parents/Guardians and Grads,

Thank you to all the parents and students that made it out to a very productive meeting on April 12, 2022. We as the grad committee are very optimistic and excited that the grads are going to have a fun filled evening with great memories. Hopefully the GRADS are getting excited as well!

To reserve your dry grad ticket please fill out the form attached and return with the \$25.00 deposit (non-refundable unless shut down by Covid) to the school no later than April 29, 2022.

Fundraisers:

Meridian Meats/Ralph's Farm Market Orders Due April 22, 2022

Clearview Hanging Baskets last day to place your online order April 29, 2022

NEW – Carwash, Drive Thru Bottle Drive and Hotdog & Crispy Cream Donut Sale
Saturday May 14, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Aldergrove Legion Parking Lot

Please mark your calendars and plan to help. Grads there is a sign-up sheet in the learning commons with Ms. Caines. We need as many hands on deck as possible!

We have received some amazing donations from businesses within our community, but we still have a long way to go.

PARENTS

June 23, 2022 (Dry Grad) – we will need as many parent volunteers as possible for setting up, security, clean up etc. On the deposit form there is an area for you to sign up. The event will run from 10:00pm (Set up), grads and dates will arrive around 11:30ish and they will be there until 4:00am. We will need parents to stay and help clean up as we need to be out before the facility opens at 6:00am. We are hoping to have enough parent volunteers on this evening to possibly have 2 shifts (minimum 25 parents per shift).

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday May 3, 2022, 6:30pm in the school library. All grad parents and grads welcome and encouraged to attend!

Dry Grad Parent Committee



DRY GRAD NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT FORM

Please detach & return with your \$25 payment. Payment can be made by cash or cheque no later than April 29, 2022. Cheques made payable to **ACSS Dry Grad 2022**

Student Name:

Parent Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

REQUIRED

Available to
volunteer at event

Yes or No please circle one





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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

\$10 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100

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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

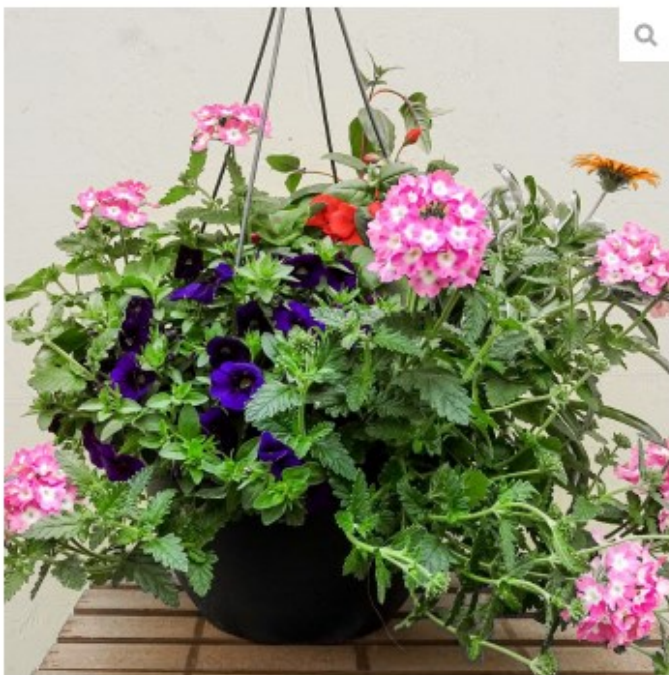
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(604) 466-0508 | [fundraising@meridianfarmmarket.ca](https://meridianfarmmarket.ca/fundraising)





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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

Description

Description

\$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/>

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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.

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ACSS PAC Scholarship Application - cont'd.

2022 Application Package:

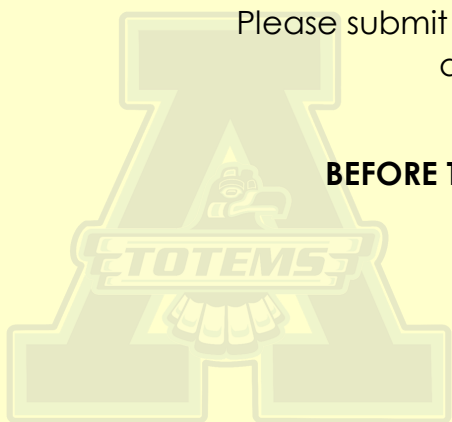
Please include the following information in your package:

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.**

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.

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CREATING A TRUSTING PARENT-YOUTH RELATIONSHIP



PCRS
Thriving, healthy communities

An online forum for parents
Thursday, April 21st from
7:00pm - 8:00pm

E-mail jarthurs@pcrs.ca
or connect with any
prevention worker
for the invite.



ACSS April 15, 2022



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





BADMINTON

Congratulations to the Senior Badminton team on a solid performance at the first Eastern Valley Athletics tournament this year. ACSS hosted the tournament, and all players represented our school well. Congrats to William Yeh and Joanna Hu on finishing 2nd in mixed doubles, which was our top finish in this tourney. Good luck to all players in all the upcoming tournaments in April and in May.

Go Totems Go!

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:

April 27th - vs. Robert Bateman @ [Home](#)

May 4th - vs. Poppy @ [Home](#)

Away:

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](#)


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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.





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.

