



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ACSS students and families,

May is just around the corner! Happy May – best wishes to all in our community!

One of the main focuses at the school this week was Grade 10 & 12 student completion of the provincial numeracy and literacy assessments. Thank you to Mr. Kilvert for organizing and facilitating the schedule of these assessments. Thank you and congratulations to all students who completed this vital graduation requirement.

This afternoon we are excitedly anticipating the "Our Paper Planes" spoken word poetry event that is happening in the Dramnasium at lunch. Thank you to Mr. Mathai and all participating students for all their creative efforts in producing poetry for all of us to see, hear, and enjoy.

Next week we will have our second Grad Assembly of the year. With two months left in the school year, we will be putting a lot of attention towards our graduation planning efforts – the Grad Walk returns, the in-person ceremony at the Christian Life Assembly auditorium is back, and the banquet/prom/dinner dance, however you prefer to call the culminating celebration, will be once again enjoyed by all Grads Of 2022! Oh, AND the Strawberry Tea, an iconic ACSS tradition, is revitalized! Lots to look forward to in the Grad 2022 world, and we will continue the planning discussion at our assembly on Wednesday, May 4th.

Please check our social media outlets (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and our school website regularly for school event information. Thank you.

Wishing everyone in our community a 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:

May

- 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
- May 17 – PAC Meeting 7:00 PM
- May 20 – Professional Development Day (student not school)
- May 23 – Victoria Day (School closed)

June

- June 20 – Grad Rehearsal & Grad Walk
Grad Ceremonies (6pm – 9pm)
- June 23 – Dry Grad (11pm – 4am)
Strawberry Tea (3:30pm – 5pm)
Grad Dinner and Dance (5:30pm – 11pm)
- June 24 – Last day of school for students
- June 29 – Final Report Cards
- June 30 – Administration Day (students not in school)

Sunny weather brings out the smiles! Our students in Room 106 enjoyed a fun nature walk and played on the cool outdoor gym equipment.





IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UP TO DATE??

Are you moving or leaving the District? The District is reminding families to ensure they have accurate and updated information in the MyEDBC parent portal. Information such as parent/guardian contact details and home address are examples of data required by staff to plan enrolment, transportation services and other programs. Please contact your school office if you have questions about updating student information. The District appreciates your cooperation as this helps plan the next school year.

3rd Annual Jodi Steeves Kindness Scholarship for grade 12 students at Aldergrove Senior Secondary School.

Send in your short essay to kindness@jodiandtheteam.com by May 26th 2022.

We are looking for students who are going out of their way to be kind in their school, community and at home.

Small acts of kindness do change someone's entire day.

Good luck everyone,

Jodi Steeves





STUDENT SUMMER REGISTRATION IS **NOW OPEN !!**



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

Friday, April 29 2022

Grad news provided by Ms. Caines - for any questions, please email kcaines@sd35.bc.ca or call 604-856-2521

IMPORTANT GRAD MEETING MAY 4 DURING RTI TIME

Grad field trip forms & guest passes will be handed out at this time.

DO NOT MISS THIS MEETING!

Grad Rehearsal & Grad Walk - June 20th Daytime

- Rehearsal: June 20th 10:00am-noon - ALL GRADS REQUIRED TO ATTEND
 - Grads bused to CLA in blue gowns to run through ceremony
 - Pizza lunch at CLA
- Grads bused to grad walk 1:00pm-2:30pm - ALL GRADS REQUIRED TO ATTEND
 - Walk through Parkside, Shortreed, BGMS, & ACSS



Grad Ceremonies - June 20th Night time

- Email was sent out to all families; please complete the link notifying us of how many tickets you will need. bit.ly/Ceremony2022Tix
 - Grads who do not fill out the form will receive a maximum of 7 tickets
 - If you do not need all 7 tickets, please fill out the form so we may redistribute any extras
- Tickets will be collected at the door; souvenir tickets will be available for pickup from the school later in the week
- Ceremonies will run from 6pm-9pm
 - Grads need to be at the venue by 5:30pm to lineup for processional.
- All spectators requiring a seat will need a ticket, this includes young children



Strawberry Tea & Grad Banquet/Prom

- Strawberry Tea tickets are available for purchase on SchoolCashOnline
 - Tickets are \$12ea.
 - Grads and their dates **do not** need to purchase a Strawberry Tea ticket.
 - Grads and their dates **must** attend Strawberry Tea if they are attending the Banquet/Prom
- Prom/Banquet tickets are available for purchase on SchoolCashOnline
 - Tickets are \$95ea. Tickets will not be issued to grads until all outstanding fees are settled with the school. This includes previous year student fees, lost or damaged library or textbook fees, athletics fees, automotive/woodworking shop fees, etc.
 - Once approved, Grad Guests will have the ticket fees attached to their account.
- All guests in attendance to Strawberry Tea require a ticket, including children.
- Tickets will be collected at the door. Souvenir tickets will be available later in the week.
- Strawberry Tea runs from 3:30pm-5:00pm in the Big Gym
- Grads will be bused to Clarion Hotel in Abbotsford for the Prom/Banquet
 - Prom/Banquet runs from 5:30pm-11:00pm



Dry Grad

- Email was sent out from Ms. Caines to all families & grads regarding Dry Grad
- Deposit for Dry Grad due in the office by Friday April 29th
 - Payments can be made via cheque or cash (\$25) and dropped off with Ms. Beach in the office. As this is a parent-run event, we are unable to put Dry Grad deposit fees on School Cash Online
- All grads attending Dry Grad **must** attend Prom/Banquet. There will be no in/out privileges at Dry Grad.
- Dry Grad will take place at the Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre from 11:30pm-4am. Grads will be bused from Clarion Hotel to ACUCC for Dry Grad event. Grads are not expected to stay until 4am and may be picked up by parent/guardian at any time in the evening.
- Grads not attending Dry Grad will be returned to school for parent pickup immediately after the Banquet/Prom
- The following Dry Grad fundraisers are taking place to reduce the costs of Dry Grad:
 - May 5th Krispy Kreme, Popcorn, Cotton Candy sale in the Front Foyer - [volunteers needed - need volunteer hours see Ms. Caines to sign up!](#)
 - May 14th 10am-2pm Car Wash, Hot Dog sale, Bottle Drive @ Aldergrove Legion - [volunteers needed - need volunteer hours see Ms. Caines to sign up!](#)



Dry Grad 2022 Update

Parents/Guardians and Grads,

June is creeping up and there is still a lot to do and raise in a very little amount of time!

Reserve your dry grad ticket NOW! Fill out the form attached and return with the \$25.00 deposit (non-refundable unless shut down by Covid) to the school. Due date has been extended to May 6, 2022.

Fundraisers:

Popcorn, Cotton Candy & Krispy Kreme Donuts – May 5th at Lunch in the front foyer of the school. Four grads are needed to sell with the help of 1 Dry Grad Committee member. See Ms. Caines to sign up

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

Grads if you plan to attend Dry Grad you need to sign up to participate in the car wash to help raise funds. Please see Ms. Caines to sign up

Parent volunteers are still needed to help with this event. Please email:

ACSSDRYGRAD2022@gmail.com to volunteer.

PARENTS

June 23, 2022 (Dry Grad) – PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, or this event will not happen! Security, set up, clean up etc. On the deposit form there is an area for you to sign up or email acssdrygrad2022@gmail.com. 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!

ACSS April 29, 2022



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



ACSS April 29, 2022



Thursday May 5 at Lunch

Popcorn & cotton candy

All proceeds support
Dry Grad 2022

\$5.00 each

Front Foyer



**Krispy Kreme
Donuts
\$10.00 dozen**

ACSS April 29, 2022



CAR WASH



Saturday May 14th
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Support Aldergrove Community Secondary
Dry Grad 2022**

**DRIVE THRU
BOTTLE DRIVE**



Aldergrove Legion Parking Lot, 26607 Fraser Hwy

ACSS April 29, 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

On Wednesday, the girl's rugby team played Robert Bateman at home. The girls had a strong first half of the game. Hard rucking, teamwork and communication contributed to their successful first half. Their last home game is Wednesday, May 4th at home. Kick-off is 3:30 pm. Come out and support our seniors in their last home game as a TOTEM!





April 20, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff:

Re: Information Bulletin

With less than three months left in the school year, it's that time of year for our schools to be busy planning various field trips, events and celebrations. We are so encouraged to know that in our current state, we can run these activities in a more traditional way. The District welcomes this gradual change to what we experienced before the pandemic.

COVID-19 Guidelines Update

The District continues to take direction from the Ministry of Education and Child Care and works closely with Fraser Health. As of this week, schools are operating under revised guidelines which be found [here](#). These guidelines support the continued transition to sustainable communicable disease management. The District will continue to share updates as they become available. Below is a summary of key changes.

Health Awareness

Health awareness reduces the likelihood of a person with a communicable disease coming to school when they are infectious. A daily health check is no longer required for students, staff or visitors upon entering a school or bus. As the District shared earlier in the year, individuals can continue to use this daily health check resource [here](#) to support their own health awareness. Please continue to stay at home when sick to help keep our community healthy and safe.

Personal Practices

Students, staff and visitors will focus on their own practices such as health awareness, practicing proper hand washing, respiratory etiquette, and wearing a mask or face covering based on personal choice.

Space Arrangements

Spaces will be arranged to best meet learner needs and preferred educational approaches.

School Gathering and Events, including Graduations:

Gatherings and events on District sites can return to 100 per cent capacity. This change means schools can hold graduation commencements and year-end celebrations in the same way as prior to the pandemic. Schools will be communicating details related to any potential events in the coming weeks.

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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.

