



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ACSS students and families,

Graduation 2022 took a turn for the real on Thursday evening! For the first time since 2019 (grad 2020) ACSS Grads were able to participate in the yearly-scheduled Grad Cruise event. This event, as you may know, is a longstanding tradition at ACSS, as well as at other SD35 secondary schools. Our gregarious group of 2022 Grads metamorphized quickly at the end of the school day Thursday from clever scholars to sophisticated semi-formally dressed diners, dancers, and celebraters. The weather was welcoming, the lights of Vancouver Harbour, False Creek, and the Lion's Gate Bridge were spectacular, and the grins of the Grads were great! Thank you to the Grads for making the event so much fun! And thank you especially to all the ACSS staff who volunteered to organize, chaperone, and facilitate Grad Cruise 2022.

At the school this week, Grade 5 basketball teams from several SD35 elementary schools gathered for a District Playday on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see the gym filled with energetic elementary basketball players and their supportive family members. Thank you to all the staff from Shortreed Elementary for organizing the event and thank you to all the staff from the ACSS family of schools for supporting the event.

On Wednesday after school, badminton players from around the district gathered for their own District Playday. Once again, it was great to know that the gym was filled with actively learning and excelling badminton players. Thank you to all the staff who helped make this event happen.

Please be reminded that there is an ACSS Parent Advisory Council Meeting on Monday night at 7:00 PM. This will be our first in-person meeting in a very long time. Please attend the meeting to learn more about all of the great things going on at ACSS.

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:

- Monday, April 11 – PAC Meeting
- Tuesday, April 12 – Dry Grad Meeting (6:30pm)
- Friday, April 15 – Good Friday (school closed)
- Monday, April 18 – Easter Monday (school closed)
- Tuesday, April 19 – Report Card Prep/Design & Assessment Day
- April 25 – April 29 – Provincial Assessment Week

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>





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 8 2022

Grad news provided by Ms. Caines - for any questions, please email kcaines@sd35.bc.ca or call 604-856-2521 ext 244



Grad Cruise is in the BAG!

Grads and their guests had a great time at Thursday night's grad cruise! Thanks to Harbour Cruises for hosting a fabulous evening. The weather held off and the grads were able to enjoy the sights of Vancouver's False Creek and harbour, enjoyed a great meal, and danced their feet off.



Grad Assembly

On Tuesday we held our second in-person grad meeting in the Dramnasium. Grads were informed of Grad Cruise procedures and upcoming dates for grad events. With the easing of restrictions and the Superintendents email that went to all grad families on Friday, we are happy to be able to announce the dates for our grad events. Please read on for more information.



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, 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 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.



Dry Grad

At the Tuesday 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. Dry Grad is scheduled to take place at the Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre from 11:30pm-4am. A survey has been sent to all grads asking what activities they would like to have at the event (bull riding, hamster ball race, bouncy castle boxing, hypnotist, magician, character artist, etc.) You can access the survey here: <https://bit.ly/DryGrad2022>. The logistics for the evening of Prom and Dry Grad will come out closer to the actual event.



There is a Dry Grad meeting on Tuesday April 12th at 6:30pm in the Library. All grad parents are encouraged to attend.



Dry Grad 2022

Parents/Guardians and Grads,

As some of you know Castle Fun Park was flooded and closed due to the November 2021 atmospheric river (rains) but GREAT NEWS

The parent ran Dry Grad Committee has found a new venue "Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre". This is a lively, informal event taking place following the Dinner/Dance and provides an inclusive, fun, and alcohol/ drug free evening for all grads and their dates. Participating students will be bussed directly from the Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre to ACUCC immediately following the Dinner/Dance. Here they will be able to change from their formal wear into casual and enjoy the rest of the evening swimming, games, activities, prizes, and mingling with friends and just celebrating their accomplishment of "GRAD". Due to safety concerns, there will be no in and out privileges for students or parent volunteers.

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.

PARENTS

We need your **HELP NOW!** There is a substantial amount of time and money to make up in order to make this event a success for our grads. Attached you will find current fundraisers, please share with friends, family, coworkers (and make sure your grad is helping). We are working on setting up a car wash and drive thru bottle drive as well as a hot dog sale at the Aldergrove Legion further details TBA. You will also find attached a donation letter to again be shared to as many businesses, friends, relatives, coworkers, employers etc.

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. Also needed 2 parents that have their level 1 first aide and a basic first aide kit (1 per shift).

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday April 12, 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

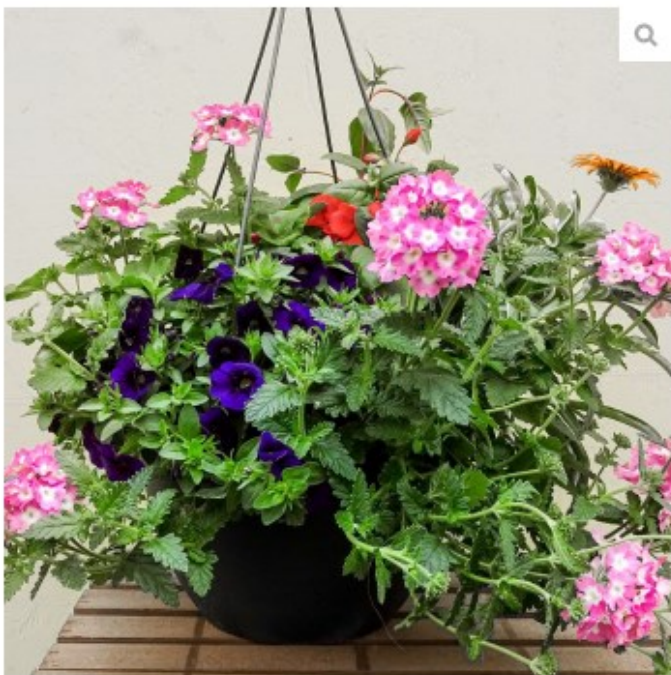
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(604) 466-0508 | [fundraising@meridianfarmmarket.ca](https://meridianfarmmarket.ca/fundraising)





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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

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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/>



This week, our Home Economics department had a cupcake decorating competition! The Photography and Yearbook classes collaborated with us to take pictures of students decorating their cupcakes and the beautiful final products. The Foods students chose their cupcake and icing flavours, designed their decorations, baked cupcakes, and decorated their cupcakes according to their design. Students got to learn and practice icing piping techniques in preparation for this competition. Staff and students participated in judging the cupcakes for being most creative, most visually appealing, and reflects the theme best. Check out the amazing photos that the Photo students took of the creative cupcake designs and hard work!





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:

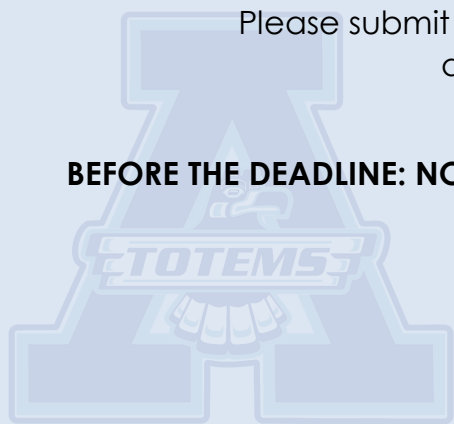
Please include the following information in your package:

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.

CREATING A TRUSTING PARENT-YOUTH RELATIONSHIP



PCRS
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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.





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



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 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.





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.

