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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello December, ACSS students and families,

As we move further into the holiday season and enter the two-week winter break, all of us at ACSS would like to wish all our students, families, and community members a restful and peaceful time away from the school. Thank you to all for your contributions to our learning community – we will miss you during the break, but we look forward to seeing you again in 2023 when we will resume our daily routines supporting each other to improve every day and become the best learners we can be.

Our final school week of 2022 began with an exciting schoolwide assembly celebrating the successes of 2014 ACSS graduate, Joel Waterman. Joel and his family and friends joined us at the school to reflect upon the importance of community, family, friends, coaches, teachers, and teammates in in success. Joel delivered an inspiring message of hope, communicating how the supports he received here at ACSS and in Aldergrove were extremely beneficial to his personal success. Joel inspired us all to strive to achieve our dreams and to welcome the supports available at ACSS and in Aldergrove. Thank you to Joel, the Waterman family, and their friends for visiting ACSS, making the day very special. Joel's Team Canada jersey will be mounted on the ACSS Wall of Honour.

Thank you to Ms. Mills and all the ACSS/BGMS students for delivering another fantastic concert on Wednesday evening. The performances were astounding, the audience was mesmerized, and the atmosphere in the school was brightened. Thank you to all in our community who came out to see and hear the concert.

On the last Friday before the winter break, it is an ACSS tradition to host a school-wide pancake breakfast! This year's breakfast was a wonderful experience with Santa Claus even making an appearance – thank you Santa for making time to visit us, as we know that you, Mrs. Claus, and the elves are very busy these days.

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Once again, ACSS community, please enjoy a safe, peaceful, restful, and meaningful winter break with family and friends. Your ACSS family will certainly miss you, but we are encouraged to know that we have six more months of wonderful teaching and learning experiences remaining in the 2022-2023 school year.

For the most up-to-date information about school events and happenings please check out our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages, as well as our school website www.acsstotems.ca

Thank you for reading this week's newsletter.

Mr. M. Palichuk

Principal

Aldergrove Community Secondary School



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2022/2023 Upcoming Dates

December

December 16 - January 2, 2023— Winter Break - school not in session

January

January 3 — School repones

January 31—Semester turn around day - school not in session



Congratulations to our recently accepted students going into dual credit University Trades Programs while still in high school!

Youth Train in Trades programs are an Industry Training Authority (ITA) youth initiative that provides financial support to School Districts/Independent School Authorities to provide industry training opportunities to youth. ACSS has 3 of these programs on site: Auto, Carpentry and the Hairstylist Program. Langley School District has 4 other Youth TRAIN programs for students as well: Piping & Plumbing, Electrical, Cook Training and Horticulture.

















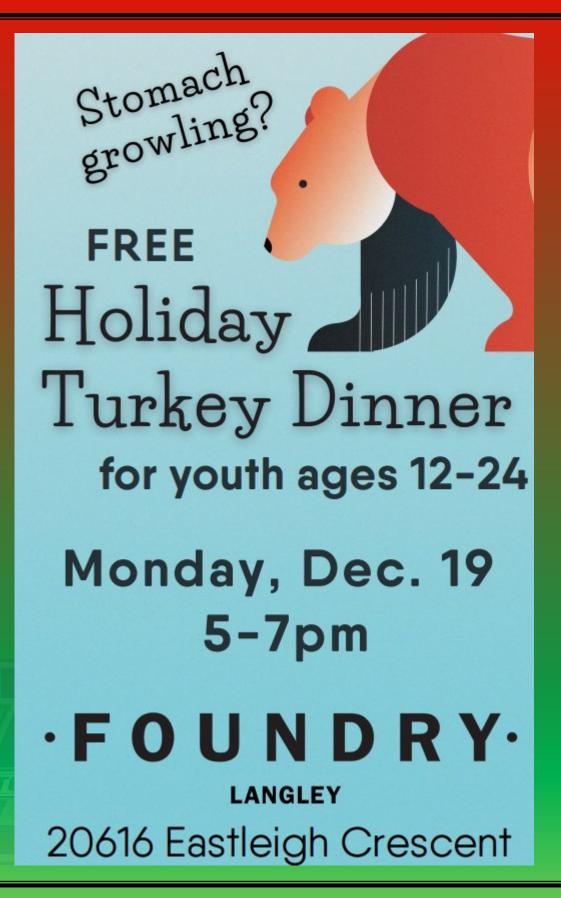




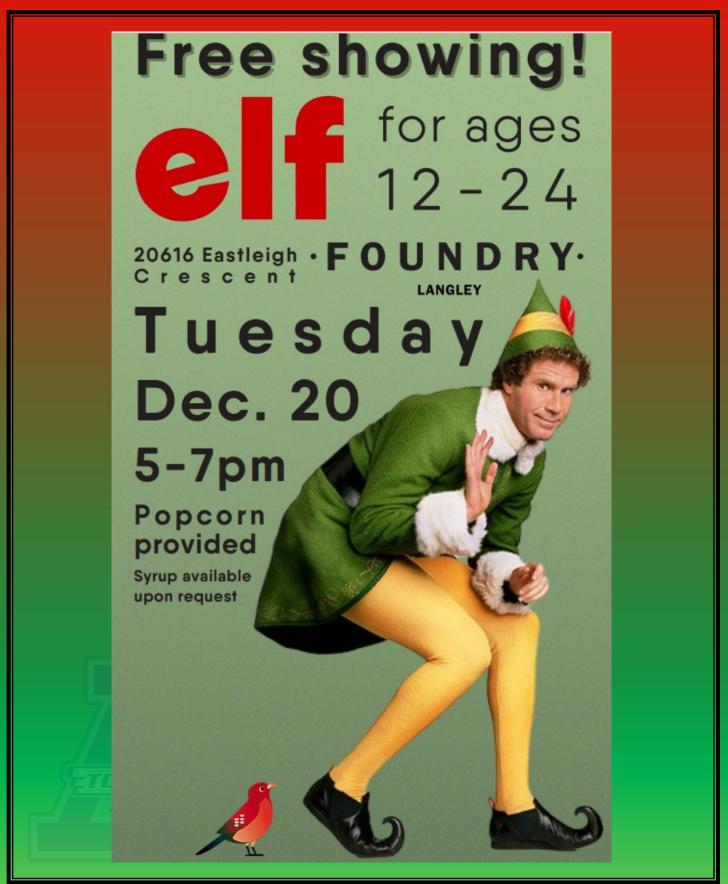
















Soup of the day w/bun......\$4.00
Sandwiches of the day.....\$5.00
muffins, cookies and more.....\$3.00
Coffee.....\$2.00

Specialty Coffee.....\$2.75

HOURS

December 14-31

Open

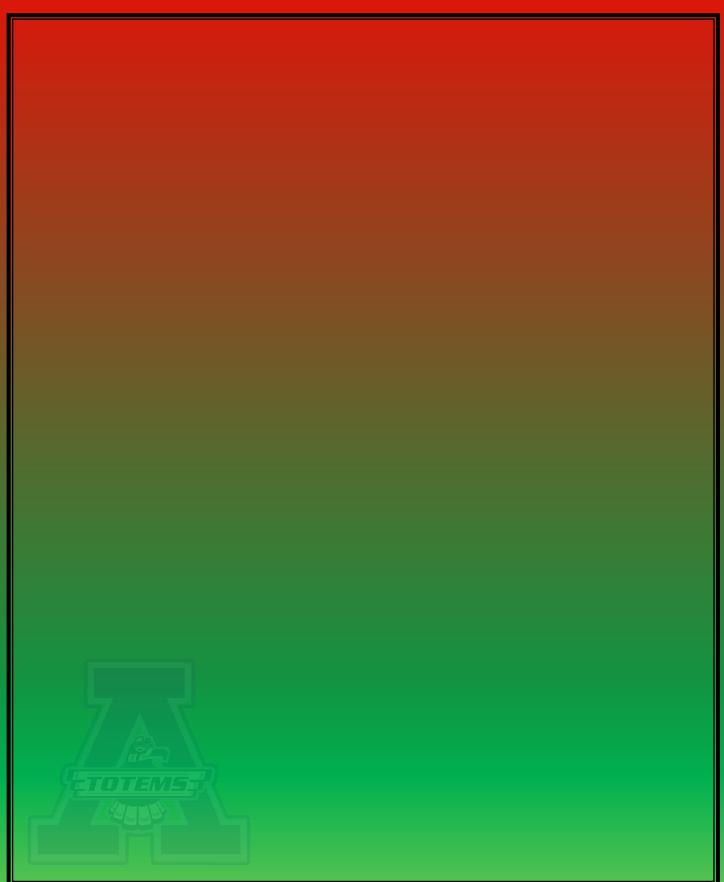
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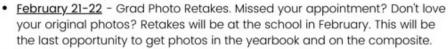
GRAD 2023

NEWSLETTER Friday, December 16 2022

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

Important Dates

- December 16th Last day to submit (appropriate) Grad Yearbook Quotes & Baby Photos.
 - · We extended this due to only a small portion submitting the required grad quotes by the deadline. Please check with your grad to ensure that grad yearbook quotes, baby photos, and heights were submitted online.
 - · Your one-stop-shop link can be found here: https://bit.ly/ACSSGrad2023



- June 12th 2023 Grad Rehearsal, Grad Walk, Grad Convocation Ceremony (more info to be provided in due course, but this date has been confirmed and booked at Christian Life Assembly in Langley.)
- June 16th 2023 Strawberry Tea & Grad Banquet (Prom). More info to be provided in due course, but this date has been confirmed and booked at Clarion Hotel in Abbotsford (by Castle Fun Park).
- . Dry Grad ACUCC immediately after Grad Banquet. Last year's grads had an excellent time with the bull-riding, photo booth, eliminator obstacle course, all you can eat food, and raffles throughout the night and we are happy to have the grads back at a local spot for their Dry Grad event. Grads and their guests will be bussed to the facility. Any grads or guests not wishing to participate in Dry Grad will be bussed to the school for guardian pickup.

Proof Grad Quotes

Grad yearbook pages will be posted on the windows of the library in February after retakes are completed. Pease ensure that you have proofed your grad yearbook quote before it is sent to the publisher.

Dry Grad

Dry Grad is a parent organized and parent sponsored event that takes place immediately after Banquet/Prom. The next Dry Grad meeting will take place on Tuesday January 10th at 7pm in the school library. Dry Grad is working to develop a fundraising plan to make sure that all grads get the lowest price for their event tickets. While the school is not involved in the organizing of Dry Grad, we work with the committee to send information out to our grads and families. Minutes are emailed home to all parents from Ms. Caines. Please consider joining the Dry Grad committee. Many hands make work light!







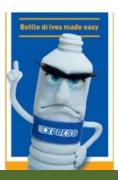


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CLASS OF 2023 ACSS DRY GRAD BOTTLE RETURN FUNDRAISER!





Bring your unsorted containers in transparent bags to any Return-It Express location



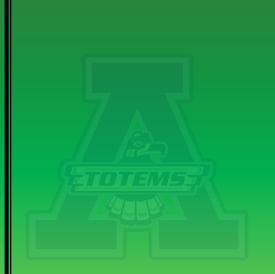
Log in at the Express label stand using the ACSS phone number 604-856-2521



Using the label stand, print off the labels, tag each of your bags, and leave them with Return-It staff



They'll sort your contains and credit the Class of 2023 ACSS Dry Grad account!



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Meet our Community School Coordinator – Stephanie Eby

See link here: https://www.sd35.bc.ca/news-events/district-board-news/view/ connecting-with-the-community-ga-with-community-school-coordinators/

Happy Fall from your Community School Coordinator

Did you know that you can reach out to me for needs like food, housing,

program support, and other community needs?

My role is to connect students and families to community supports, provide out of school programming, and bring resources into the community.

You can reach out by phone or email or book an appointment through the link below.

Stephanie Eby

Aldergrove Community Schools Coordinator

- c. 604.862.5943
- e. seby@sd35.bc.ca

To book an appointment, click <u>HERE</u>

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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
Brookswood 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

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