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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

We have several exciting events coming up that we would love to invite our families to join. Our annual Greg Leino Basketball Tournament and our 36th annual DWP Car Show are happening this weekend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for continuing to engage in our school newsletters so you are up to date with important events. Please note that if you need to access any of the old newsletters that they are posted on our website.



Have a great week!

Jonathan Harris
Proud Principal
DW Poppy Secondary School

LEARNING UPDATES ISSUED

A reminder that student learning updates (report cards) are now available to be viewed using MyEdBC. We do not provide paper copies of report cards to students or families as they are available online, so please practice logging in to the Family/Student Portal on MyEdBC. Report cards are only posted for a short period of time, so it is recommended that you save a copy of your child's report card.

PLEASE NOTE - If you have not been able to login to your MyEdBC Family/Student Portal and access your account information, then please click [here](#) or see the attached document which will help guide you or contact our office administrator by email at EHeyes@sd35.bc.ca.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 28TH
LEARNING UPDATES ISSUED

APRIL 29TH
PAC MEETING – 7PM

MAY 2ND & 3RD
ANNUAL GREG LEINO
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

MAY 4TH
ANNUAL DW POPPY CAR SHOW

MAY 9-11TH
JUNIOR MUSIC TOUR

MAY 15TH
ABORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS

MAY 16TH
PRO-D DAY
NO STUDENTS IN SESSION

MAY 19TH
VICTORIA DAY – NO SCHOOL

MAY 27TH
PAC MEETING – 7:00PM

JUNE 2ND
GRAD SCHOLARSHIP TEA
CHIEF SAPASS THEATRE – 4PM

JUNE 3RD
RUGBY POTLUCK – 5PM





2025 GREG LEINO BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT – May 2nd-3rd

We are less than a week away from this year's Leino Tournament!

Thank you to everyone who's registered to date! Same as last year, it will be \$50 to play in this year's tournament, and it will be \$10 entry for the 3pt contest. So sign-up or for more information with game times click [here](#).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out and email danny.cockburn@gmail.com or brian.dougherty@teamhorizon.com.

36th ANNUAL DW POPPY CAR SHOW

Join us for a day of classic cars, community fun, and family-friendly vibes at the **36th Annual Car Show** on **Sunday, May 4th** from **9:00AM to 3:00PM** at **DW Poppy Secondary**! Whether you're a car enthusiast or just looking for a great way to spend your Sunday, there's something for everyone. Please see the attached poster for more information. We hope to see you there!

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFO.

Summer school will be taking place at LSS and WGSS this year. Registration for students will be available starting on the following dates:

- The middle (Grades 6 to 8) school program – Monday, April 28th at 11:30 a.m.
- The secondary (Grades 9 to 12) program – Wednesday, April 30th at 11:30 a.m.

For more information about what courses are offered along with the step-by-step registration information, please click [here](#).

TRANSPORTATION REGISTRATION 2025-26

Transportation registration for 2025-2026 is open. Please note the instructions to register are different for each category of rider. To help in the planning and creation of bus routes, registrations must be submitted by **April 11th for eligible riders or May 30th for courtesy riders**. The District cannot guarantee approval after the deadline. New and existing riders can find more information on our Transportation Registration webpage [here](#).

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Substance Use Prevention

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with Dr. Hayley Watson, Adolescent Clinical Psychologist and Founder of **Open Parachute** is hosting three free webinars focused in helping you create a personalized step-by-step plan for implementing substance use prevention skills in your home. Dr. Watson will focus on specific steps you can take to ensure



that you and your family are supported as you teach substance use prevention skills to your child/youth.

Key Takeaways:

- Learn the skills that will help prevent your child and youth from using substances
- Navigate the challenges that arise while teaching these skills to your child and youth
- Create a step-by-step plan for implementing substance use prevention strategies
- Increase your ability to effectively support yourself and your child/youth at the same time

Please register in advance by selecting the session which you would like to attend:

- **April 29 – 6:00-7:30pm PST**
- **May 7 – 6:00-7:30pm PST**
- **May 8 – 6:00-7:30pm PST**

DRY GRAD FUNDRAISERS

HANGING BASKETS

Dry Grad has hanging baskets for you to purchase just in time for Mother's Day. Baskets are \$34.99 each and you get a voucher to choose your 12" basket from Clearview Garden Shop. Deadline to purchase is **April 30th**. Vouchers will be distributed on May 5th. Click [here](#) to order.

APPLY NOW - INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOMESTAY FAMILY

Embark on a rewarding journey of cultural exchange! The District is seeking homestay families to host International Student Program (ISP) students for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond. There are many benefits including learning a new culture, sharing your family traditions, and developing life-long friendships. Homestay families are provided \$1200 per month to offset costs. Start your journey by clicking [here](#) for the application.

SPRING ATHLETICS

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|-----------------|---------------|
| • GOLF | • PICKLEBALL |
| • RUGBY | • BADMINTON |
| • TRACK & FIELD | • FLY FISHING |

DW POPPY SPIRIT CLOTHING STORE

Our DW Poppy online Spirit Store is now Open! New items will be added throughout the school year and are available for order at any time. You can check out all of our Redhawks Spirit Wear that is available to purchase online by clicking [here](#). **All questions regarding orders should be directed to the vendor through the chat feature.** Orders will be delivered directly to the DW Poppy school office.

Please note that our school spirit store is separate from the athletics clothing store.





ILLNESS/ABSENCE

It is always best to keep sick children home from school. If a student is away for an extended amount of time, please contact their teachers to arrange for work that they can complete at home or on TEAMS.

The school uses an automated absence reporting system called SafeArrival, offered through SchoolMessenger. With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three convenient methods:

1. SchoolMessenger App
2. SafeArrival
3. Toll-Free Phone Number - 1-833-294-4837

For information on how to use these methods for reporting your child's absence click [here](#)

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

The front entrance of the school parking lot is very busy during drop-off and pick-up times as we have many students who are bussed to school. Please do not drop off or pick-up your children directly out front of the school between **8:00-9am or 1:00-3:30pm** as it causes challenges when busses arrive to unload or pick-up. We appreciate your cooperation in minimizing the traffic at the front of our school.

PREVIOUS INFORMATION & REMINDERS

POWER OUTAGES & SCHOOL CLOSURES

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. If you **did not receive a text or email** message during our power outages, then please ensure you sign up for our schoolmessenger system. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).

With storm season upon us, the District is reminding families about procedures during emergencies such as power outages. The District will post important information on school and District websites as well as on social media channels. The District may also send special instructions in emails and text messages (for those that opt-in) via SchoolMessenger. In the event of power outages, schools have an emergency phone line operational. Please avoid calling the school unless it is an emergency as this ties up the phone line.

As per the District's procedures, schools in the District may be closed to students by the Superintendent for weather related emergencies such as power outages or other causes related to health and safety. The decision to close a school due to a power outage is based on many considerations including expected power restoration time, operational emergency





lighting, access to water and washrooms, among other factors. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school (or keep their child at 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. For more information on school status information, read [here](#).

The District thanks students, families and staff for their cooperation during recent power outages impacting schools.

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 X (formerly 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.

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR SCHOOL

Schools and families continue to work together to ensure success for students. If you have an issue or concern but don't know who to speak with, the District encourages you to read these helpful Communicating with your School guidelines for parents/guardians found on our District website [here](#). As an additional reference, review this one-page resource [here](#).

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES & RESPONSE

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Schools follow emergency procedures to ensure students, staff, and any visitors in our schools or sites are safe when unexpected incidents or events happen. At the start of every school year, administrators,

teachers, and staff review these emergency procedures. Schools practice a set number of drills annually in preparation for unexpected situations. The District encourages families to become familiar with these staff emergency procedures and the drills that are completed in schools. You can read them in the Staff Emergency Procedures Poster [here](#) or find them



posted in areas throughout District buildings. If you have questions or concerns about emergency procedures, please contact your child's teacher or principal.

STUDENT SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

The Langley School District is committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility, and support optimal learning. Trauma Informed Practices and Procedures promote the creation and maintenance of safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, and nurturing school environments. The District expects all students to follow the Student Code of Conduct [AP 350](#).

The District is sharing a reminder that no one can have **“any weapon for any purpose”** on school property. This means that weapons are not allowed to be used as part of an educational project, drama production, or themed costume. Examples of weapons include but are not limited to knives, brass knuckles, swords, decommissioned firearms, replicas, air soft guns, bb guns, and toy guns. The possession or use of fireworks, firecrackers, explosives, or similar devices or objects is also prohibited on school property. Failure to follow these expectations may result in confiscation, intervention, and consequences.

FAIR NOTICE RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES/STUDENTS

The Langley School District is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. Our schools take all threatening comments and behaviours seriously. Our schools follow procedures when responding to threat-making behaviour to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. The following resource [here](#) outlines what information students and families need to know in relation to how the District responds to threat-making behaviour in our schools. Everyone has a role in helping keep our students safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school administrator.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photos are now available for access through the Artona Website. You can either scan the QR code available on the card students brought home last week or follow the link [here](#)

If you click photo day box, a new window will pop up with order information and timelines. If you click on the view and order button at the bottom, you can enter the QR code number and view/order photos.

If you misplaced your order card from Monday and need a new way to access the photos, it can be found [here](#)

If you need any additional support in accessing your photos, you can find multiple ways of getting in touch with Artona [here](#).

NEW TECHNOLOGY GUIDELINES: PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES



Electronic devices can be distracting to student learning. There is a significant body of research showing that increased technology use is linked to problems with mental health, focus and the development of relationships and academic skills.

The Langley School District recognizes the importance of establishing clear guidelines to ensure that personal digital devices are used in a way that supports educational goals and maintains a safe and respectful learning environment.

During hours of instruction, personal electronic devices must be turned off and stored away in backpacks or lockers, unless otherwise instructed by school staff for educational purposes. This includes during study blocks, tutorial and any school sponsored activity such as an assembly or talk by a guest speaker.

To read the new guidelines as set out by the Langley School District click [here](#).

SCHOOL FEES

Every year, there are fees payable to the school for different items, including student fees, grad fees, donation items, any athletics related items, workbooks, etc. The Langley School District uses an online system to collect these fees as it is user friendly and saves students from having to carry cash. Please go online at <https://schoolcashionline.com/> to register your child(ren). You will get an email notification any time a new "item" is available for purchase and the first item you will see are the student fees for the coming year. Please email Mrs. Brake at sbrake@sd35.bc.ca if you have any questions regarding school cash online or school fees.

BELL SCHEDULE

Please note the **Bell Schedule** below:

BELL	SCHEDULE	M	T	W	Th	F
Welcome	8:50	Day 1/2	Day 2/1	Day 1/2	Day 2/1	Day 1/2
Period 1	8:55 – 10:05	A	B	ABCD	C	D
MTSS	10:10 – 10:45	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00	B	A	BADC	D	C
Lunch	12:00 – 12:35					
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50	C	D	CDAB	A	B
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05	D	C	DCBA	B	A

TUTORIAL TIME





Tutorial is instructional time built into the DW Poppy daily schedule that supports students' learning. During tutorial time, students may choose to meet with teachers for support within their timetable or work in areas of passion to extend their learning. Tutorial time (Multi-Tiered Student Supports, or MTSS) is scheduled each day for 35 minutes.

Welcoming Bell	8:50
Period 1	8:55 -10:05
Tutorial	10:10 – 10:45
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00
Lunch	12:00 – 12:35
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05

CALENDAR & MY SCHOOL DAY APP

Students use the “My School Day” App to help stay organized with the daily block order and find updates to the school calendar. Check it out under “Student Life” on our website or click [here](#) for information on how to download it. Homeroom teachers will help students navigate this App as it is a tool that all students are encouraged to use.

Click [here](#) for the District Calendar.

STAYING CONNECTED – COMMUNICATION TOOLS

Good communication between home and school is critical to ensuring student success. We have a few structures in place to help share information. For students and parents to stay informed, please be sure to use the following online methods.

REDHAWK RELEASE

Good communication between home and school is a critical factor in student success. We encourage parents to read the monthly newsletter “Redhawk Release” and pay close attention to school emails for important information. We welcome your involvement, and your suggestions.

SCHOOLMESSENGER

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. As we welcome our new families to our schools, some parents/guardians may receive a text message notifying them about SchoolMessenger. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).



My School Day App - [Click here](#)



Website: <https://dwps.sd35.bc.ca>

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Instagram: @dwpoppysecondary



Facebook: @DW Poppy Secondary Parent & Guardian Page

DW POPPY SECONDARY – STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

At DW Poppy Secondary, we maintain high expectations for our students and want students to excel. We want our students to be able to empathize with others and have the moral courage to make the right decisions. We are confident our parents will partner with us in using Restorative Action, where all adults in our school community establish and reinforce clear expectations. Please refer to the District Code of Conduct on our school website or [click here](#).