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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

It has been an eventful few weeks full of fun School Spirit days, Terry Fox events and important learning around Truth and Reconciliation. On October 27th, students wore orange shirts as a reminder for us to continue to learn, recognize and reflect upon the history of residential schools, the trauma experienced by many, and the honoring of residential school survivors and their families. Students took part in a school-wide action towards Reconciliation while learning about DW Poppy's ongoing commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. On this day of National Truth For Reconciliation, we encourage families to discuss and reflect together as we continue this important learning journey.

Thank you for continuing to engage in our school newsletters. Please note that if you need to access any of the previous newsletters that they are posted on our website [here](#).



Jonathan Harris
Proud Principal
DW Poppy Secondary 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](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
RECOGNITION OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY
(SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2ND
GRADE 8 BBQ – 12PM

THURSDAY, OCT. 3RD
GRAD CRUISE

FRIDAY, OCT. 4TH
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE)

MONDAY, OCT. 7TH
DRY GRAD MEETING (LIBRARY)

MONDAY, OCT. 14TH
THANKSGIVING – NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 15-18TH
INFORMAL LEARNING UPDATES
(INTERIM REPORTS)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23RD
PHOTO RETAKE DAY

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
2PM-7:30PM

WEDNESDAY OCT. 24TH
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
2PM-4:30PM

FRIDAY, OCT. 25TH
PROVINCIAL PRO-D DAY
NO STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE





NEW DW Poppy Spirit Wear 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.

ATHLETICS

The 2024 athletics season at DW Poppy has kicked off with great energy! Our fall sports teams are hard at work, including five volleyball teams, two soccer teams, the largest cross-country team we've had in years, and a strong aquatics team. Practices, games, and training are in full swing, with numerous schedules and activities in motion daily.

Student-athletes are receiving all necessary updates through their TEAMS channels or during practice sessions. If you are a parent looking for additional information, please check with your student. You can also visit our athletics website at [DW Poppy Athletics](#) for schedules and other updates. Our gym practice schedule will also be available on the website shortly.

We are excited to announce the opening of the DW Poppy Athletics Store, where students and parents can purchase Poppy gear. The store is open three times a year for two-week periods, and the current window will close on **October 7th**. You can visit the store here: [DW Poppy Athletics Store](#). Please note that after the store closes, it will take approximately three weeks for orders to be fulfilled.

Upcoming Events Next Week:

- Monday: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No events)
- Tuesday:
 - Sr. Boys Soccer vs. DWP – 3:30 p.m. kickoff
 - Gr. 8 Boys Volleyball at DWP – 3:30 p.m. start
 - Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball – Away
- Wednesday:
 - Jr. Boys Soccer vs. DWP – 3:30 p.m. kickoff
 - Cross Country Meet at Campbell Valley Park
 - Jr. Girls Volleyball at DWP – 3:30 p.m. start
 - Sr. Girls Volleyball at DWP – 7:30 p.m. start
- Thursday:
 - Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball at DWP – 3:30 p.m. start
 - Gr. 8 Boys Volleyball – Away
- Friday: Professional Development Day (No games)

A big thank you to all the coaches, staff sponsors, and community volunteers for your dedication and support of our student-athletes!





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.

CAREERS – CONSIDERING FIREFIGHTING AS A OCCUPATION?

Township of Langley Fire Hall WAVE program applications are open now. Selected students will experience job shadowing the Township of Langley Fire Hall personnel. Students will spend ten 3-hour shifts at an assigned Fire Hall. Apply for this District work and volunteer experience opportunity now! Open to students in Grade 11 and 12!

See your Career Advisor (Mrs. Bhullar) for more info & an application!

Applications Due Oct 2, 2024

FREE ONLINE FAMILY SUPPORT SESSIONS - NAVIGATING A DIGITAL WORLD

The Ministry of Education has once again contracted Safer Schools Together to offer complimentary Family Sessions, designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. There is one session per month. Families can participate in as many as they wish. Sessions can be found by clicking [here](#).



Families will learn:

- Digital media habits, oversharing, and digital addiction
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., sports teams, college admissions, and potential employers)
- The importance of caring for peers both online and offline
- Geo-locational settings and the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- The social and legal consequences of cyberbullying behaviour as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sextortion)
- An anonymous student reporting tool that can help you and your friends stay safe both online and offline

CHOICE PROGRAMS – DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MONDAY, OCT. 21st

Langley School District offers a rich diversity of programs that are designed to meet the specific needs and interests of students. Programs include Fine Arts, French Immersion, Fundamental, Langley Environmental Awareness Program (outdoor education), Montessori, and U-Connect. Registration for Kindergarten entry (for most programs) begins on **Monday, October 7th at 12 noon**, and closes on **Monday, October 21st at 12 noon**. For U-Connect, please contact the school directly. For more information and instructions to register your child, visit our District website [here](#) and review our FAQ choice programs resource [here](#).

PREVIOUS REMINDERS & INFORMATION

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](#).

A reminder that photo retakes are on October 23rd

FALL CLUBS

GAMES CLUB

If you like board games or card games, games club will be starting on **Tuesday, Sept. 17th** at lunch in the library! All grades welcome. Bring a friend, or maybe come meet a new friend.



LITDIVE BOOK COMMUNITY

If you like to read or chat about books, DWP's book community will be having their first meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 17th** in the library during tutorial. Please note, as LitDive meetings are an extension activity, you must be caught up on work to attend. Open to all grades!

DANCE CLUB

For any students interested in joining the Dance Club this year, meetings will be on Mondays at lunch in the Drama room.

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](#)

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](#).



FRASER HEALTH - IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

Fraser Health is sharing important information with families regarding Vaccination Status Reporting and Regulation (VSRR). Families are encouraged to review the following newsletter to help keep our community healthy and safe by clicking the link below.

Keep Immunizations Up to Date - Secondary

For other languages read [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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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](#).