



Redhawk

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Redhawk families! It was a fabulous week of events and learning opportunities for students. Our recent Halloween costume contest was a great success as it was fun seeing the students showcase their school spirit by dressing up in their costumes. We are looking forward to building more DW Poppy spirit at our Fall pep rally next week.

Yesterday students had an opportunity to listen, observe and reflect during our Remembrance Day assemblies. Thank you to all the students and staff who helped make it such a beautiful ceremony. We also had our Junior/Senior Music showcase concerts which featured some of our students demonstrating their amazing musical talents. Check out our instagram page by searching "dwpoppysecondary" to see some of the photos of these recent events.

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

POWER OUTAGES & SCHOOL CLOSURES

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. If

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
REMEMBRANCE DAY
NO SCHOOL IN SESSION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
DRY GRAD MEETING - 7PM
LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 19-20TH
ABORIGINAL STUDENT
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 21ST
DRY GRAD MEETING - 7PM
LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 22ND
LEARNING UPDATES
(REPORT CARDS) PUBLISHED

NOVEMBER 26TH
PAC MEETING - 7PM

NOVEMBER 29TH
ABORIGINAL WINTER SOLSTICE
FAMILY GATHERING - 5PM

DECEMBER 4TH
ESPRESSIVO WINTER CONCERT
5PM - LARGE GYM

DECEMBER 5TH
HOMECOMING DANCE - 7PM

DECEMBER 6TH
HOMECOMING BBALL GAME

DECEMBER 11-14TH
GRAD PHOTOS





you **did not receive a text or email** message during our recent 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.

GRADE 8 EXPLORATION CLASS SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

Our grade 8 students will begin their new exploration classes starting on **Tuesday, November 12th**. Please have students check their schedules prior to Tuesday as they have been updated and adjusted. Students who are unsure of their new exploration class can come to the office on Tuesday for additional help.

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.

GRAD 12 TRANSCRIPTS

Counsellors met with Grade 12 students during the week of October 7-11th to help them sign up for the Student Transcript Service (STS). This service allows universities to access their grades and it is the only way to receive a student's official transcript. Transcripts are only available through the Ministry of Education through the STS. It is the student's responsibility to



sign up, and they can order transcripts now and in the future. Students can locate their PEN on any of their report cards or on MyEd. STS instructions are available on the DW Poppy website under the Counselling Center tab, or on the Poppy Grad 2025 Teams. Thank you for helping our grade 12 students stay on top of their post-secondary plans.

ELECTRICAL CAREER WORKSHOP (GR. 10-11)

Interested in becoming an Electrician?

If you're a grade 10 or 11 student interested in the **electrical field**, there will be an electrical workshop held at **DW Poppy on Tuesday, December 17th**. This workshop will run from 8-11am, with the intention of providing insight on the industry. Additionally, you will get the opportunity to participate in a hands-on activity with current BCIT students. The application deadline is **December 3rd** and there are very limited seats available.

Please see Ms. Bhullar for an application form.

HAIRSTYLING CAREER WORKSHOP (GRADE 9-12)

Interested in working as a Hairstylist? Want to learn more about the Hairstylist Program? Students in **Grade 9 to 12** are invited to join us for a workshop at **Langley School District's Youth Train in Trades Hair Lab at Aldergrove Community Secondary School**. Students will observe a training demo and participate in some hands-on activities!

WHEN: Thursday, Dec 5, 2024 - 1:00PM-2:30PM

See your **Career Advisor Mrs. Bhullar** for an application! **Applications due November 21, 2024.**

GRAD PHOTOS

Grad Photo Dates: Dec. 11th to Dec. 14th 2024

Location: Mobile Studio in the West Parking Lot

How the Grad Photo Session Works

1. **Book an appointment at www.artona.com.** There is no cost to book an appointment but we do require a credit or debit card to secure the booking. Students are not charged until the time of their session.
2. **Get photographed and pay the \$60 deposit.** At the time of their session, students pay a \$60 deposit they can use toward a purchase later. We take both casual and formal photos, including one for the yearbook. If students choose not to order, we'll refund the deposit within 30 days.



3. **View and order photos online.** Students and families can purchase their photos online, with both [digital and print options](#) available.

Keeping Grad Sessions Accessible

Artona believes in keeping the graduation photography experience accessible to all students. **If you have students facing financial barriers who would benefit from our Financial Aid Program, please complete this [form \(Artona Financial Aid Application\)](#).** The team will be in touch with students directly to book a session and receive a complimentary photo package.

DRY GRAD FUNDRAISERS

VANCOUVER GIANTS

The 2025 grads are selling Vancouver Giants tickets to 2 games. Join us for a fun night and support your grads! Thanks in advance for your support!! Vancouver Giants Tickets \$25.00 each and tickets will be emailed at a later date.

Ticket Options:

- Dec 4th Game VS Regina 7pm
- Jan 3rd VS Wenatchee 7pm
- **Tickets are available for purchase on [School Cash Online](#)**

PURDY'S CHOCOLATE

Yes, it's that time of year already! Your 2025 grads are selling Purdy's chocolates. Shop Purdy's Online Catalogue through the link below and 25% of sales goes to the after-grad party fundraiser! Deadline to order is **November 18th** and pick up is at the school **November 29th at 6pm**. Thanks in advance for your support! Click [here](#) to purchase your chocolate.

MUSIC FUNDRAISER

We are selling **beautiful** plants to raise money for our Music Programs Spring Tour! Plants are a great way to encourage our friends to get out into the garden while choosing to support a healthy fundraiser! Click [here](#) to place an order!

PHOTO RE-TAKES

The school photo retakes are available for access through the Artona Website. You can either scan the QR code available on the card students brought home or follow the link here: <https://artona.com/schools/DWPY>

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 or old student ID card and need a new way to access the photos, it can be found here: <https://artona.com/orders/find>
If you need any additional support in accessing your photos, there are multiple ways of getting in touch with Artona here: <https://artona.com/contact-us>

NEW 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.

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.

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](#)





PREVIOUS INFORMATION & REMINDERS

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](#).

FALL CLUBS & TEAMS

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| • CURLING | • LITDIVE BOOK COMMUNITY |
| • GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – grades 8-12 | • GAMES CLUB |
| • BOYS VOLLEYBALL | • CONVERSATION CLUB |
| • AQUATICS | • DANCE CLUB |
| • BOYS SOCCER | • PRIDE SIDE CLUB |
| • WRESTLING | • YEARBOOK CLUB |
| • INTRAMURALS | |

FREE ONLINE FAMILY SUPPORT SESSIONS - 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

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](#).

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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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](#).

