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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week at ACSS we celebrated Diversity and Respect Week. Thank you to our GSA and Student Council for organizing events throughout the week. As you can see in the photos below, we also had students and staff place stickers of their birthplaces on a map of the world.





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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (cont'd.)

Wednesday this week our Aboriginal Department organized a snowshoeing trip to Grouse Mountain. Students and staff (thank you Mr. Renaud for chaperoning) had wintery fun in the chill sunshine.







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Four of our Youth Train in Trades students received their Access BC grants this week. Our cohorts of students studying Auto, Carpentry, and Hair all began their programs at the beginning of February.

Youth Train in Trades Access Grants



Mackenzie (Hair) Hannah (Auto) Devin (Auto) Eric

As we near spring break, teachers have been providing student and families with interim reporting communication. Our goal is to communicate progress to students in advance of the parent-teacher interviews scheduled on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact your student's teacher if you need more interim report information. Hope to see you at the parent-teacher interviews!

On February 15<sup>th</sup> the ACSS/BGMS Band played at the District Concert Band Festival.



Tomorrow, Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>, our Jazz Band will play at the Surrey District Jazz Festival. All the best to Ms. Mills and our awesome student musicians.



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (cont'd.)

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](http://www.acsstotems.ca)

Thank you for reading this week's newsletter.

Mr. M. Palichuk  
Principal  
Aldergrove Community Secondary School





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## 2023 Upcoming Dates

### March

March 8 — Parent / Teacher Interviews — **1 hour early dismissal**

March 9 — Parent / Teacher Interviews — **1 hour early dismissal**

March 13 — 24 — Spring Break — **school not in session**

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### Parent/Guardian Information Meeting – AP356

The District is sharing information from the recent Parent/Guardian Information Meeting held to discuss Administrative Procedure 356. The District appreciates everyone who attended the meeting and engaged with our staff. It was an opportunity for attendees to hear from District staff about the procedure and next steps, as well as have their questions answered. To report back to the community, the District is sharing the meeting minutes, presentation slides, as well as questions and answers from the meeting. You can find all this information and instructions to provide further feedback on the District website [here](#).

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### Online Safety & Digital Wellness Session (for Parents & Educators)

UBC is hosting this session on March 27<sup>th</sup> around Connecting Online Safely and helping parents and educators help youth cope with and develop healthier approaches to social media, the internet, cyberbullying and more. The session is open to anyone to attend either in-person or virtually through Zoom. Pre-registration is required. Please go to the link below for more details and to register:

<https://alumni.ubc.ca/event/connecting-online-safely/>



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**erase** | EXPECT RESPECT &  
A SAFE EDUCATION

## **erase Student and Parent Sessions 2022/23**

erase is providing two virtual learning sessions (February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>) for parents/caring adults focused on Establishing Respectful Relationships and Consent. These sessions are best suited for parents/caring adults of students in Grade 8 and above. Here is the [session schedule](#)

Questions regarding general erase training may be emailed to: [erase@gov.bc.ca](mailto:erase@gov.bc.ca)

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## **COURSE PLANNING OVER DUE**

Students should have submitted their course planning already—either in the library in their grade group, to their counselor or to the office. Any students missing course planning for the 2023-2024 school year should come to the office.





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The ACSS Jazz Band will be performing a 30 min. set at the Surrey Jazz Festival this Saturday at 11:10 am. The festival is being held at the Bell Performing Arts Centre in Surrey. This is a provincial-wide festival, featuring school bands and choirs at all levels. Family and friends are welcome to come!



**Surrey Schools  
INTERNATIONAL  
JAZZ  
FESTIVAL**

**February 24-25, 2023**

**The Bell Performing Arts Centre  
6250-144 Street, Surrey**

**Friday, February 24**

- Vocal Jazz Showcase
- REP Band Performances  
- students are selected from teacher nominations
- Performance by Sister Jazz Orchestra

**Saturday, February 25**

- Big Bands and Combos - An evening of celebration and performances by outstanding ensembles

**Daytime Performances**  
8:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Evening Performances**  
Friday: Rep Band 7:00 pm  
Saturday: Showcase 7:00 pm

**Honouring Eleanor Collins  
- Canada's First Lady of Jazz**

**Long & McQuade  
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

**TOM LEE  
Music**

**White Mountain  
BOOKLINE SERVICES**

**Global  
BC**

**980 | CKNW**

**Sister Jazz  
Orchestra**

**Free Admission—Donations to Surrey Schools Meal Program gratefully accepted**

**Surrey Schools  
LEADERSHIP IN LEARNING**

**KATHLEEN TAN**  
Education Services | Arts Education  
604-595-5311 | tan\_k@surreyschools.ca  
[www.surreyschools.ca/jazzfestival](http://www.surreyschools.ca/jazzfestival)





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## Langley Secondary Musical Theatre Company

Langley Secondary Musical Theatre Company would like to invite you to see this year's show, Mary Poppins! (We had hoped to also stream the show, but Disney has removed all their full shows from the streaming license, so live is the only way to see the show.)

We have a cast and crew of 50 students plus a full orchestra made up of students and community members, all working hard to make the magic of the show come to life. Audiences of all ages will enjoy the story of the world's most famous nanny.

See below for show times and the link for purchasing tickets online. You can also pay in cash at the door (\$12 for seniors or students, \$14 for adults). Just reserve your seats by emailing [lssmarypoppins@gmail](mailto:lssmarypoppins@gmail) with the show date and number of seats requested.

Thursday Feb 23 @ 7 pm

Friday Feb 24 @ 7 pm

Saturday Feb 25 @ 2 pm

Saturday Feb 25 @ 7 pm

Thursday March 2 @ 7 pm

(Alumni and Staff night!)

Friday March 3 @ 7 pm

Saturday March 4 @ 2 pm

Saturday March 4 @ 7 pm

Tickets can be purchased online here: <https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/44195/111/False/True>

**See you at the theatre!**

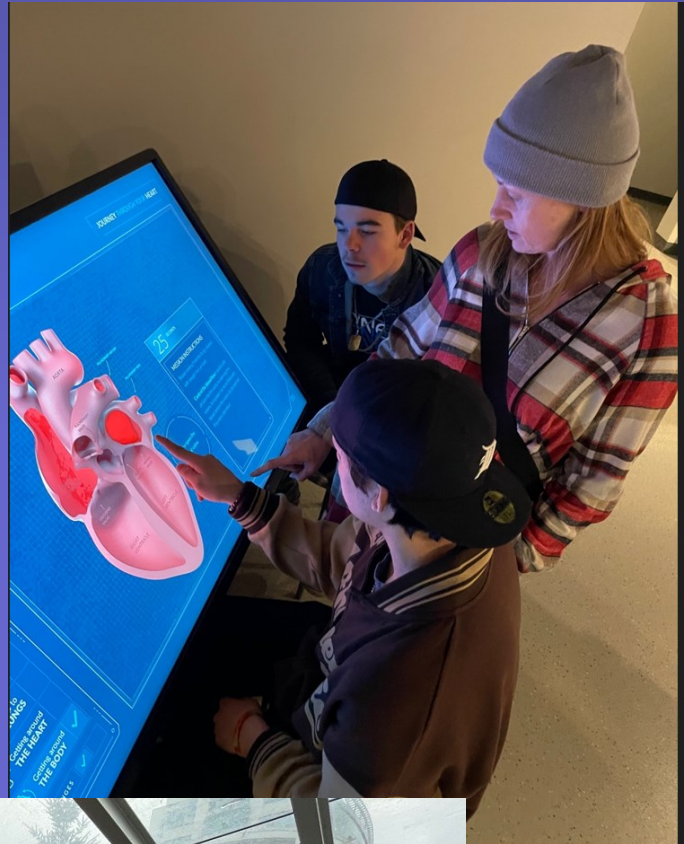




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Tanisi - Ɂəy̯ sweyəl

Students enjoyed a trip to Science World who are apart of the Indigenous Programming. Two schools (Betty Gilbert and ACSS) collaborated for the special outing. It was the last week of the local Indigenous Exhibit for students to see and experience. hay čxʷ ǵə / Thank you to everyone who came along and our staff.





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# SPRING into Wellness

FAMILY GATHERING



Join the S.D. #35 Aboriginal Program and Lower Fraser Valley Aboriginal Society as we gather and learn how to care for our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health.

**WHERE?** H.D. Stafford Middle School  
20441 Grade Crescent

**WHEN?** Friday March 3rd from 5-8 pm

**WHAT?** A fun evening of wellness, community, and healing. Available workshops include traditional and contemporary ways of getting your body moving like dancing, yoga, and Zumba! Joining us with info tables about their organizations and services will be LFVAS, Encompass, Foundry, and Inclusion Langley. There will also be a smudging/cedar brushing station for those who wish to participate. Dinner provided.

see you there!







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## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

This is a reminder that NOW is the time to apply for scholarships. The package that included the Langley Foundation Scholarships and District Authority Award Scholarships sent out in a previous email to all parents and students is due to be completed by February 28 to be considered. There are many categories for scholarships other than high grades, and all those planning to attend a post-secondary school after graduation should apply. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Gimpel, the Career Advisor, at [agimpel@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:agimpel@sd35.bc.ca)

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## Substance Use Decriminalization Information for Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Child Care, has developed an information sheet on substance use decriminalization for parents, guardians, and caregivers. [Talking to Children and Youth about Decriminalization and Substance Use: Resources for Parents/Guardians and Caregivers](#) is now available on the erase website.



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## GRAD 2023

# NEWSLETTER

Friday, February 23 2023

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

## Important Dates

- Grad Rides (for the yearbook) - Photos will take place on a sunny day before Spring Break. Stay tuned for more information.
- 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).

## Grad Photos

Grad photo retakes took place on Feb 21/22nd in the library. If students missed retakes, the closest location to access the photographers (without going downtown to Artona's studio) is at Seaquam Secondary in Delta from February 28-March 5. Unfortunately, due to yearbook and composite printing deadlines, if students choose to get retakes done at Seaquam, their retake photo will not be used in the yearbook or on the composite.

## Yearbooks

Yearbooks are SOLD OUT for this school year. We may have limited copies available in June but will not know until distribution time.

## Dry Grad

### NEXT MEETING March 1st 7pm

Dry Grad is a parent organized and parent sponsored event that takes place immediately after Banquet/Prom. Students were given access to a poll last week to select the activities they would like to do the night of Dry Grad. This information has been passed onto the Dry Grad parent committee to coordinate the event in June.

Dry Grad minutes from the February 7th meeting were emailed to all parents and graduates. In order to make Dry Grad a successful evening, we need parent volunteers. Please consider volunteering a small portion of your time during the evening event or consider volunteering to fundraise. Any questions about Dry Grad can be sent to [2023acssdg@gmail.com](mailto:2023acssdg@gmail.com) or find the ACSS 2023 Dry Grad Committee on Facebook.







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## ACSS Class of 2023 Dry Grad After Party!

Date: Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

Time: Approximately 10:30pm – 4:00am

Where: Aldergrove Credit Union Community Center

Guests: Non-ACSS guests are permitted, details will be provided in the Spring.

This party is a safe, no drug, no alcohol, all-night, parent supervised event. In the coming weeks, Grads will be asked to vote on what entertainment they want at the event, such as a magician, hypnotist, photo booth, mechanical bull riding, sumo wrestling, extreme skate/surf/snowboarding, hamster balls, airbrush/henna tattoos, DJ/dance floor, karaoke, pool table, mini-golf, etc. The pool and hot tub will be available 11pm-12:30am. Food and beverages will be served throughout the event.

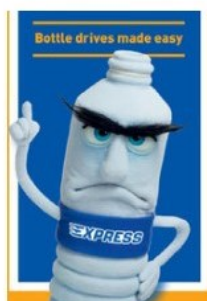
## ACSS CLASS OF 2023



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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!

# BLACK & LEE

Dry Grad Fundraiser - Just mention Aldergrove Community Secondary

When your grads purchase or rent their formal attire from us for **any Grad event**, we contribute to your grad celebration

<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	
We send your grad class a cheque for <b>\$150</b> when <b>10+</b> shop with us.	We send your grad class a cheque for <b>\$250</b> when <b>20+</b> shop with us.	
<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>	
We send your grad class a cheque for <b>\$400</b> when <b>30+</b> shop with us.	We send your grad class a cheque for <b>\$700</b> when <b>50+</b> shop with u	



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THE **LSS MUSICAL THEATRE**  
**COMPANY** PRODUCTION OF

DISNEY AND CAMERON MAKINTOSH'S

**MARY  
POPPINS**

A MUSICAL BASED ON THE STORIES OF  
P.L. TRAVERS AND THE WALT DISNEY FILM

ORIGINAL MUSIC AND LYRICS BY

RICHARD M. SHERMAN AND  
ROBERT B. SHERMAN

NEW SONGS AND ADDITIONAL  
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY

GEORGE STILES  
AND  
ANTHONY DREW

CO-CREATED BY

CAMERON MACKINTOSH

BOOK BY

JULIAN FELLOWES

**PERFORMANCES AT 7PM:**

FEBRUARY 23, 24, 25

MARCH 2, 3, 4

**2PM MATINEE:**

FEBRUARY 25, MARCH 4

**CONTACT**

**[LSSMARYPOPPINS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LSSMARYPOPPINS@GMAIL.COM)**

**FOR TICKETING INFORMATION**

MARY POPPINS IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL AGREEMENT WITH MUSICAL THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI). ALL AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI. [WWW.MTISHOWS.COM](http://WWW.MTISHOWS.COM)





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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](http://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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## GLOBAL COFFEE FUNDRAISING



### *Prom Night* - **LIGHT ROAST** \$17.50

This lighter blend will give you a bold flavor that wakes you up, and a smooth flavor that will make you happy you didn't hit that snooze button.

### *Memory Lane* - **MEDIUM ROAST** \$17.50

A carefully crafted blend designed just for Aldergrove Community Secondary Grad Students, specially roasted to create a rich, sweet coffee. A favorite all-day coffee!

### *Forever Totems* - **DARK ROAST** \$17.50

This is not your average joe. This four bean blend is roasted to perfection and will have you chugging your mug and begging for more.

### *Dry Grad 2023 Decaf* - **SWP DECAF** \$17.50

All the flavor of real coffee without the jolt! This Brazilian decaf offers a traditional rich, bold cup of coffee, using the 100% chemical-free "Swiss Water Process" of decaffeination.

### **NEW!** *ACSS Classic* - **PREMIUM HOT CHOCOLATE** \$17.50

The kids need something fun! Stock up with a 454 gram bag of specialty gourmet hot chocolate.

Help Support  
**ACSS GRAD  
2023**

by purchasing  
fresh roasted  
coffee!



Coffee is  
Fresh  
Roasted in  
Maple Ridge!



### ABOUT OUR COFFEES

Organic & ethically sourced coffee available in whole bean or ground. Packaged in 454 gram re-sealable bags with valves. Fresh roasted in Maple Ridge, BC. Roasted only after your group order is submitted.

ORDER YOUR COFFEE ONLINE AT  
[WWW.GLOBALCOFFEEFUNDRAISING.CA/ACSS](http://WWW.GLOBALCOFFEEFUNDRAISING.CA/ACSS)

Global Coffee Fundraising • [www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca](http://www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca) • phone: 604.618.6085



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# Reading Buddies



Reading Buddies is a program that pairs high school students in Grades 10 to 12 with kids in Grades 1 to 3 who need extra help with reading.

To learn more or to apply online to be a big or little buddy:  
<https://langleyliteracynetwork.com/reading-buddies/>



**Langley Literacy Network**

*Weaving Literacy Throughout The Community*





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Langley Community  
Services Society

AND

THE CHILDREN'S  
FOUNDATION

PRESENTS

# TAMING THE WORRY DRAGONS

Thought Stopping Relaxation

Courage Exercise  
and Diet



Mindful Breathing



What: FREE 8 Session Psycho-Educational Group for kids who struggle with anxiety. Parent Participation Required.

Who: Children ages 5-7

When: Every Tuesday 5-6:30 pm starting February 7<sup>th</sup>

Where: The Welcome Center 6470 201 St.

Contact Megan Zurak for more info. P: 604-533-7920 ext.1308 E: [mzurak@lcss.ca](mailto:mzurak@lcss.ca)





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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/>

## 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](mailto:seby@sd35.bc.ca)

To book an appointment,  
click [HERE](#)