



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ACSS students and families,

For the most up-to-date information regarding school events and happenings please see the following school media sites:

Website: www.acsstotems.ca

Instagram – @acss.totems

Facebook - @aldergrovecommunitysecondary

Twitter - @acsstotems

Next week all Grade 10 and 12 students will be completing a Ministry of Education student learning survey. The information that the students give us is very helpful as we use it to inform us and guide our practice. We will also be sending a link to a Parent/Guardian survey to all our families as a request for information and feedback. As Parent-Teacher interviews are scheduled to happen on March 9th and 10th, with interviews happening from 2:10 PM – 7:30 PM on the 9th and from 2:10 PM – 4:30 PM on the 10th, we will be sending out a registration link for parents/guardians to book appointments with their children's teachers. In this communication we will also include a link to the parent/guardian survey. Please assist us by completing the survey. Thank you.

This past week at ACSS, as well as in all SD35 schools, was a very important week as we all purposefully designed activities to honour and celebrate Diversity and Respect Week. A big thank you goes out to our students and staff for embracing the events celebrated during this week. Special thanks to our Recreation Leadership class, Gay-Straight Alliance, International Student Program, and Student Council for leading the activities.

As we move into March, we also move closer to spring break. Understandably, this upcoming change in schedule raises emotions, both positive and negative, in our school. Students are encouraged to remain focused on their learning goals and objectives in all their classes. Our hope is to communicate with our students and families especially well in the first two weeks of March, through Parent-Teacher Interviews, surveys, and day to day dialogue. Our staff team wholeheartedly understands our responsibility as, as our school vision statement explains, *we are a caring team of educators committed to cultivating and nurturing a positive, inclusive, inspiring community that instills pride in all learners and empowers them to reach their full potential.* We know that this vision is particularly important at this time of the year.

Wishing everyone in our community a fantastic final weekend in February. Thank you for reading this week's newsletter. See you next week!

Mr. M. Palichuk
Principal
Aldergrove Community Secondary School





Key Upcoming Dates:

- February 28 to March 4 – Student Learning Surveys Administered
- March 9 & March 10 – Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Friday, March 11 – Last Day of Classes Prior to Spring Break
- Monday, March 28 – First Day of Classes After Spring Break

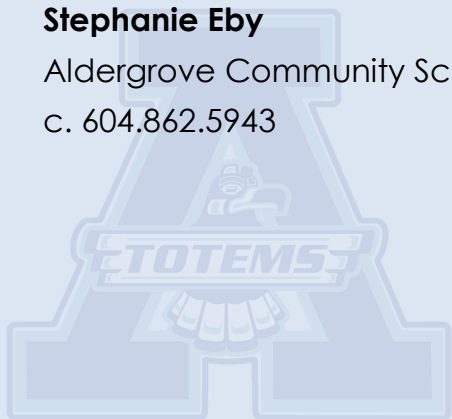
Happy February from your Community School Coordinator

Check out this month's newsletter for workshop information, mobile dental clinics, and more.

<https://sway.office.com/wsDkgQzhe7GmfBMz?ref=Link>

Stephanie Eby

Aldergrove Community Schools Coordinator
c. 604.862.5943





PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW INFORMATION

Parent-Teacher Interviews are approaching rapidly and will be happening on **Wednesday, March 9 and Thursday, March 10**. Dismissal on both days will be at 1:55PM. Interviews on **Wednesday will run from 2:15-7:30** and **Thursday will be from 2:15-4:30**.

The schedule for classes will be:

8:45-9:50 Period 1

9:55-11:00 Period 2

11:00-11:35 Lunch

11:40-12:45 – Period 3

12:50-1:55 – Period 4

As in past years, acss.schoolappointments.com will be used to schedule meetings with teachers. Appointments will be 10 minutes long with a 5 minute break in between time slots. **Parents/Guardians will be able to book appointments from Friday, February 25 at 3:00PM through Tuesday March 8 at 3:00PM.** Instructions for how to book an appointment on the website can be found in this newsletter.

Please note that this year, parent-teacher interviews will be held in-person. All parents/guardians coming to the school for a meeting are required to wear a mask, sign in, and sanitize their hands upon entry to the building. Vaccine passports are NOT required to attend parent-teacher interviews. We will still accommodate parent requests for alternate appointment formats. If you would like to book a phone or virtual meeting instead, you are able to do so by selecting one of those options on the booking site.



School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to acss.schoolappointments.com
2. Register for an account by clicking the "REGISTER" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "Register Now" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "Add a Student" button. Click "Insert New" button to add more children.
4. Click the "date" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments.
5. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with. Use the "Ctrl" or "Command" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.
6. Select how your meetings will be held. The default is in person. You only need to do this if you want a phone or Teams meeting.
7. Then click the "View Calendars" button.
8. Click on available time slots to book your appointments to make your bookings.



Appointments Will Be: ☒ Virtual Meeting
☐ By Phone



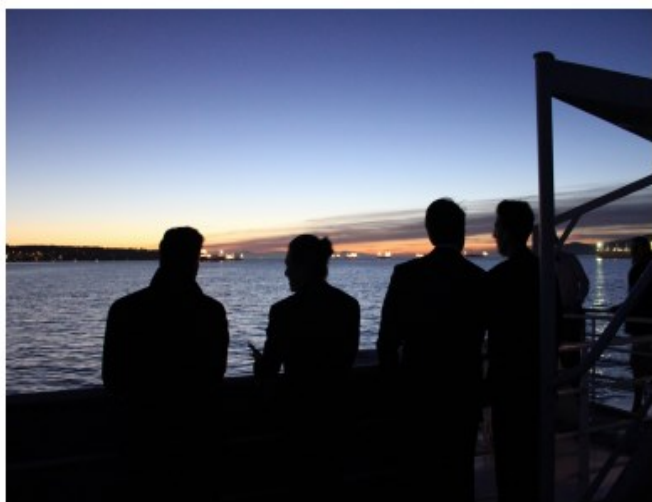


GRAD 2022

NEWSLETTER

February 25, 2022

Grad news provided by Ms. Caines - for any questions, please email kcaines@sd35.bc.ca or call 604-856-2521 ext 244



Grad Cruise is ON!

Grad Cruise is ON!! We have scheduled Harbour Cruises for April 7th. We have added the grad cruise fee of \$85 to School Cash Online. All students planning on attending Grad Cruise must have this paid online by April 1, 2022. All guests invited by a grad must also pay the fee. Fees can be added to the guests' School Cash Online account OR on the graduate's account. Grads will be receiving permission forms for the grad cruise on February 28th. These permission forms will need to be signed by parents/guardians and returned to Ms. Caines by March 11th. Any grad wishing to take a student from outside of the grad class (grade 11 student from ACSS) must pick up a guest form from the office or library. These will also need to be returned signed by parents/guardians and returned by March 11th. Guest interviews with admin will take place after spring break. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to have guests from outside of ACSS attend grad cruise.



Grad Ceremonies

Grad ceremonies are tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 20th at Christian Life Assembly (where many grad ceremonies for the Langley School District occur) next to Langley Secondary School and the Langley Airport. Our hope is that we can resume regular in-person grad ceremonies, our last full school-wide ceremony at CLA took place in June 2019. It seems so long ago! We will have further updates about grad ceremonies, grad walk, and prom as we near grad season.





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 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





Trinity Western University Spartans – Spring Break Rugby Camps

This camp is for all intro level and experienced rugby players who want to improve their skill and technical abilities while learning within the “Complete Champion” environment of TWU. Spartan coaches and athletes, who love seeing young athletes grow and improve, will teach each session. Skills will be developed through game-based learning, with a focus on the foundations of attacking and defensive skills in a safe environment. Athletes will develop a solid knowledge base of both rugby 7's and 15's. Participants will be grouped appropriate to their skill level to ensure the safest and most enjoyable experience possible for everyone. Come, have fun and raise your game to the next level!

MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS: 40 per session

DATES & TIMES: Camp #1 – Monday 14th March-Thursday 17th March

AM Session for boys and girls Grades 6-8 – 10am-Noon

PM Session for boys and girls Grades 9-12 – 1pm-3pm

Camp #2 – Monday 21st March-Thursday 24th March

AM Session for boys and girls Grades 6-8 – 10am-Noon

PM Session for boys and girls Grades 9-12 – 1pm-3pm

COST: plus tax

REGISTRATION: <https://gospartans.ca/sports/2022/2/1/2022-rugby-camps.aspx>

Boot Exchange

Outdoor sports are returning to ACSS this spring with Girls Rugby and hopefully girls soccer as well. With this in mind we are looking for some gently used soccer boots that are not being used anymore and you wish to clear some space in your closets. If you have something you would like to donate please drop them by the PE office for Mr. Hunter to collect. A Big Thanks in advance as this saves an extra expense to some of our athletes trying out new sports.



ALDERGROVE

YOUTH SOCCER CLUB



SPRING 2022 REGISTRATION

Boys & Girls Ages 4–15

March–June

REGISTRATION CLOSES

MARCH 18, 5:00 PM!

Our Goal is “Fitness & Fun”

www.aldergrovesoccer.com/play

AYSC – INSTILLING TEAMWORK, HEALTHY LIVING & LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS

The Aldergrove Youth Soccer Club (AYSC) is a duly registered BC non-profit society operated by volunteers that develops, promotes and organizes community soccer for boys and girls.

- AYSC players come together across school and neighborhood boundaries (Aldergrove, Langley, and West Abbotsford)
- very reasonable registration fees – quality soccer programs and coaching
- strong emphasis on community soccer – every child is given an opportunity to play, regardless of skill level or physical development
- AYSC players have received soccer scholarships to universities such as TWU, UFV, and UNBC
- instills teamwork, healthy living and lifelong friendships

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Scholarship Opportunity Alert!!!!



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Sassy Rotary  **AWARDS™**
Service Above Self Student Youth

**\$14,000
TO BE AWARDED!
7 CATEGORIES!**

Seven exceptional youth
will be recognized for the
following award categories:

- SPORTS LEADERSHIP
- YOUTH LEADERSHIP
- COMMUNITY SERVICE
- LEADERSHIP IN ARTS, CULTURE
- INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
- ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP
- LEADERSHIP BEYOND ADVERSITY

more information and
nomination forms
are available at:
sassyawardslangley.ca

Know an exceptional youth
aged 15-21 that is making a
positive impact in our
Langley communities or
even around the globe?
NOMINATE THEM TODAY!

All nominees participate in a
**Red Carpet
Awards Ceremony
May 5th, 2022**

Winners receive a
**Cash Award,
Charity Donation,
& SASSY Trophy!**

**Apply now! Nominations
close March 11th**



Daily Health Check and What to Do When Sick

As the province continues to update its online K-12 Health Checker, the Ministry of Education is sharing a new document with the school community to help guide families and keep everyone healthy and safe. Please review the **Daily Health Check and What to Do When Sick** guide as needed [here](#). You will notice an update on symptoms and protocols to help manage illness. Families are encouraged to continue using the Thrive **BC COVID-19 Assessment Tool** only to check symptoms and determine if you need a COVID-19 test.

Reporting School Absences

The school appreciates the work of families in following our processes when it comes to reporting student absences. As per Ministry guidelines, students and their families are being asked to indicate if the reason for the absence is due to illness. As per Ministry guidance, students do not need to disclose if their absence is specific to COVID-19; however, those who test positive for COVID-19 should be diligent in ensuring their school is aware their absence is illness-related. Providing us with accurate information regarding the reason your child is away, is extremely critical in helping keep our school community safe. This data will help our school, the District, and Fraser Health work together to assess and make decisions about closures which could impact operations and student learning. The attendance information families provide remains confidential, will not be shared, and is only used for reporting and planning purposes. If you have any questions about reporting absences, please feel free to contact the school.





COVID Procedures for Managing Illness

To help students, staff, and families in the weeks ahead, the District is sharing a document outlining information and public health guidance regarding COVID Procedures for Managing Illness. Please see attached.

SD35 (LANGLEY)

COVID-19 Procedures for Managing Illness

January 11, 2022

As shared with the community in the District's Continuity of Learning Plan, Fraser Health's process for contact tracing, case management, and exposure notifications is changing. The former processes that have been in place previously will not continue. This resource will help guide students, staff, and families on public health procedures related to COVID-19. It is important to note, these guidelines/procedures may change.

1. I am a student or staff who is sick and was at school on a given day. What should I do?

Stay at home until your symptoms are gone. Seek medical attention if needed. Use the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine guidance and recommendations for testing.

If you have any concerns, feel very sick, or your symptoms are not improving, contact your family doctor/nurse practitioner or call 8-1-1.

Students/staff should report their absence at school/work to their administrator. As per Ministry guidance, students and staff do not need to disclose if their absence is specific to COVID-19; however, those who test positive for COVID-19 should be diligent in ensuring their school is aware their absence is illness-related.

2. I am a student or staff who tested positive for COVID-19 either through a rapid test or PCR test. What should I do?

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should follow advice from the BC Centre for Disease Control, found [here](#). Please note, guidance and recommendations vary depending on an individual's vaccination status.

As per the BCCDC, if you test positive for COVID-19, you need to do the following:

- ▶ [Complete an online form to report your test result](#)
- ▶ [Self-isolate and manage your symptoms](#)
- ▶ [Let your close contacts know](#)

Students/staff should report their absence at school/work to their administrator. As per Ministry guidance, students and staff do not need to disclose if their absence is specific to COVID-19; however, those who test positive for COVID-19 should be diligent in ensuring their school is aware their absence is illness-related.

3. Why is there no contact tracing or exposure notifications in K-12 schools?

The Omicron variant spreads rapidly and, as such, contact tracing is a less effective measure in the timely management of COVID-19. Public Health is no longer able to contact everyone who tests positive.

As Public Health is not contacting every person who tests positive, school exposures will not be issued by Public Health for individual cases. In the event of a declared outbreak, Public Health will issue a public notification.

Public Health will continue to work with schools if, for example, there is a significant increase in absenteeism that is atypical for the time of year and actions are to be taken, such as notification to the parents and guardians of the affected grade or school community.

Langley
Schools



New School COVID Measures

As we continue to ensure that we are all safe and healthy while at school, we ask that you:

- Wear your mask at all times when in the building (except when you are eating lunch).
- Sanitize your hands whenever you enter or re-enter the building.
- Try to maintain physical distancing in classrooms.
- Do not hang out in the hallways during transitions between classes.
- Wash your hands frequently.

What has been re-instated or changed?

Entrances to the building will be assigned per grade (the same structure as the 2020-21 school year).

- Gr. 9 and 10's must enter through the library foyer doors only.
- Gr. 11 and 12's must enter through the main foyer doors only.
- No other doors are to be used to re-enter the building (unless for an emergency). This includes the main gym foyer doors.
- BGMS students will only be accessing the Art room entrance

*Students may continue to eat lunch in a classroom, in the hallways (as long as they are sitting and physically distanced) as well as outside.

There will be a limit of two people at a time in washrooms.

Please do your very best to abide by the COVID-19 protocols that are structured for schools to keep you and every one healthy and safe.



Information About 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 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.

