



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ACSS students and families,

This week the students and staff began their new, semester two, classes. We would like to remind and encourage students to do their best in their classes, staying organized and focused on the little things necessary daily to ensure success weekly and semesterly. Interim report cards for semester two are communicated soon – February 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>! And remember, first semester final report cards have been published to the MyEd BC parent/student portals today. If you need assistance accessing your child's report card please contact the school.

While we are preparing to have a good second semester of this school year we are also, believe it or not, already beginning our preparations for the 2022 – 2023 school year. The month of February is especially important to our course planning process – in the next few weeks we will be holding a course planning information evening for students/families of Grade 8 – 11 students, grade 8 – 11 assemblies, a 2022 Grad assembly, as well as meeting with all students to work towards choosing courses for next year. All the group meetings/assemblies will be done through TEAMS as we are still following COVID protocols. Please see the “upcoming dates” section below for the exact date of each event. We will send out a TEAMS meeting invite/link for the February 10<sup>th</sup> information session.

Wishing everyone in our community a wonderful and restful weekend. Thank you for reading this week's newsletter. See you next week!

Mr. M. Palichuk  
Principal  
Aldergrove Community Secondary School





## Key Upcoming Dates:

- Thursday, February 10 – Grade 8 to 11 Student/Family Course Planning Information Evening 6:30 PM
- Friday, February 11 – Professional Day (classes not in session)
- Monday, February 14 – Grade 8 Course Information Assembly at BGMS
- Monday, February 14 – Grade 8 to 11 Course Information Assembly
- Thursday, February 17 – Grad 2022 Assembly
- Thursday, February 17 – Online Registration Opens
- Monday, February 21 – Family Day
- February 21 to February 25<sup>th</sup> – Diversity & Respect Week

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**Our Totems Athletics Team Store** will be accepting orders from January 30 - February 11. The Spring collection includes:

- Rec Leadership
- Gift Cards
- PHE Gym Strip
- Spirit Wear
- Coaches Gear
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Track and Field
- Rugby

You can find all of this at [www.totemsathletics.com](http://www.totemsathletics.com). Get ahead of the game and order your Semester 2 PHE Gym Strip and Totems Athletics Gear now!

Jaime from PCRS challenges staff and students and do one kind act every day of February





A brutal exploration and survival game set in a procedurally generated purgatory inspired by Viking culture.

Battle, build, and conquer your way to a saga worthy of Odin's patronage!

If you are interested in playing THIS GAME, after school, a couple days per week.

See Mr. Bilesky – room 123 – AT LUNCH—February 7 - 10





# 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](http://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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## OH CANADA CLUB

**STARTING FEBRUARY 2022**

**?DO YOU WANT TO LEARN SOME SIGN LANGUAGE?**

WALK BY MY OFFICE DURING YOUR BREAKS IF IM IN, I'LL  
TEACH YOU THE SIGNS FOR

**OH CANADA**

**A FEW AT A TIME.**

BY JUNE, WE CAN SIGN THE WHOLE SONG, AT OUR  
YEAR END ASSEMBLY!!!!

I'LL THROW IN THE ABC'S AND 123'S AS WELL!

ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO ASK. MY NAME IS **MS.**

**SOLVEY**

AND

MY OFFICE IS IN THE COURTYARD HALLWAY ON YOUR  
WAY TO THE CAFETERIA.

# GO CANADA

# The Garden Broom



Tidy up outdoors using the environmentally friendly Garden Broom. Perfect for cleaning patios, decks, driveways, garden paths and the lawn. Sturdier than a broom and handier than a rake, the Garden Broom works perfectly in all weather conditions including rain and snow.



The product is manufactured from the coconut palm leaf that has perished and fallen off the tree.

*A great way to recycle!*



Hand made to the highest quality standards.

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[gardenbroom@gmail.com](mailto:gardenbroom@gmail.com)

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## Sustainable

Environmentally friendly, manufactured from leaves that have fallen from the coconut tree. The midrib of each leaf is hand-woven into a broom. The weave is made from the coconut husk, with a small coconut shell cap.



## New Tool

Functions in-between a corn broom and a rake. Stays firm and strong even when wet. Has the density to sweep fine debris. Great for pine needles, wet leaves and light snow.



## Ethically Traded

Handcrafted in Sri Lanka. Our award-winning manufacturer maintains a high level of social responsibility. The Garden Broom is a great choice for today's socially and environmentally conscientious consumer.



## Versatile

Easy to use on decks and doormats, sidewalks, patios, lawns and garden beds, cement floors, exposed aggregate and more. Works on any surface, wet or dry.

**\$20 each**

50% of proceeds to ACSS 2022 Dry Grad  
Email orders to [acssdrygrad2022@gmail.com](mailto:acssdrygrad2022@gmail.com)

Order Deadline: February 18th, 2022



## Durable

Long-lasting, strong and made to the highest quality standards. Does not fall apart from heavy use.



## Class of 2022

### ACSS Dry Grad 2022 Fundraiser

Name of Grad student: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Phone #	Quantity	Total cost (\$20 per broom)	Paid

\*\*\*\*Orders are due **February 18<sup>th</sup>** Pick up @ ACSS **6pm March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Any questions please email to [acssdrygrad2022@gmail.com](mailto:acssdrygrad2022@gmail.com)

Cash, Cheque payable to ACSS Dry Grad 2022





## Scholarship Program for Langley Students

- \* The Langley School District Foundation works with hundreds of donors to provide a range of financial support in order to reward Langley students for their academic and extracurricular achievements.
- \* All scholarship donations are tax receiptable.
- \* Would you like to create a legacy while helping a Langley student fulfill their educational goals by establishing your own award? We can help!
- \* Contact Langley School District Foundation for more information about setting up a student scholarship, bursary, or award.





## **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](#)

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**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.



## 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](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). Updates are also posted to Twitter @LangleySchools and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](https://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.

