



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving long weekend. As always, Walnut Grove Secondary has been a flurry of activity as our students and staff create experiences and learning opportunities in which students can learn, grow and thrive.

Last night, our volleyball teams had an exciting Seniors Night against Yale Secondary. The girls' team put up a great fight but unfortunately came up short. However, the boys' team celebrated a fantastic victory! Congratulations to all our players for their hard work and dedication. Special congratulations to our Grade 12 student-athletes. Thank you to our coaches for all of their investment of time and energy to support our teams and students athletes. Thank you to all those who were able to come out and support our Gators last night!

In other news, we hosted our Informal Learning Updates with students this week. Students should have brought these updates home, so please check in with them to review their progress. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Informal Learning Update, please contact the teacher directly. Our upcoming parent-teacher interviews are a great opportunity to connect with your student's teachers.

Additionally, we conducted several important emergency drills yesterday, including a lockdown drill, earthquake drill, and fire drill with evacuation. These drills are crucial for ensuring the safety and preparedness of our students and staff. Sincere thanks to our staff for guiding students through the three drills and thank you to our School Liaison Officer, Constable McLaren for coming to support us in the safety drills as well.

Our Grade 9 students had an assembly during Wednesday's HUB time where our Career Education teachers explained the process and criteria for developing their mini capstone presentations. This is an important step in their educational journey, and we encourage parents to discuss these projects with their student(s).

We also hosted our Grad Cruise on October 9th. Despite starting with some heavy rain, the weather cleared up, and our grads had a fantastic evening on the water.





We recently held our annual Clubs Day, where students had the opportunity to visit the cafeteria and explore the various clubs available to them. We have a wide range of clubs and opportunities for students to engage in. For a full list of available clubs, please visit the [Club Directory](#) on our school website.

Lastly, a reminder that parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for October 23 and October 24. This is a great opportunity to discuss your student's progress and address any questions or concerns. Not sure what questions to ask your student's teacher at your parent-teacher conference? The District is sharing this resource to help families plan for their meeting. Families can review this three-page resource for some ideas, questions, and things to consider. Read [here](#). Please see the detailed information that was previously sent home for details on how to book times with your student's teachers.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

Mr. Jeremy Lyndon

Proud Principal



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IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, October 20	Parent/teacher interview bookings close @ 11:59PM
Wednesday, October 23	Parent/teacher interviews, early dismissal @ 1:55PM
Thursday, October 24	Parent/teacher interviews, early dismissal @ 1:55PM
Friday, October 25	Provincial Pro D Day, students do not attend
Tuesday, November 5	Dry Grad meeting @ 6:30PM in WGSS Library
Friday, November 8	Design and Assessment Day, students do not attend
Monday, November 11	Remembrance Day, school closed
Tuesday, November 12	PAC meeting @ 7PM in WGSS Library

ELECTIONS BC

On Saturday October 19th many of our school gyms across the District will be used as provincial election polling stations from 8am – 8pm. As guided by Section 81 of the Election Act “accommodation in a school that is the property of a board of school trustees under the School Act must be made available by the board for use as a voting place.” Please take note of extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area of these sites on election day.

The District appreciates the support and cooperation from families and members of our community. The District is encouraging everyone who is eligible to do their civic duty and vote. For a list of school sites being used, visit the District website [here](#).

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.



PROVINCIAL LITERACY 10 AND 12 ASSESSMENTS **NOVEMBER 2024**

This year, Grade 10's and 12's will be writing the Provincial Literacy Assessments during the week of October 28th to November 1st 2024, if they have English this semester. In general, this assessment is meant to be a more wholistic view of our students' literacy skills, as they near graduation, as opposed to student's understanding of content from a particular English.

All Grade 10/12's are required to write this assessment, and this assessment:

- is meant to be reflective of life, not just one English class
- completed online
- marking rubric is out of 4
- **If you do not write this assessment in this session, you need to make other arrangements with the school for an alternate session**

When do students write?

- All students must show up during their allotted time (see below)
- We appreciate that you may be missing one class, however, all our teachers are aware of this schedule and have planned around it
- We don't want people coming ill, however, this assessment is **necessary to graduate**. Please contact Ms. Harradine through Teams if you are ill.
- Most students will be completed within two hours; however, the assessment is available online for three hours for those who need extra time

On the day of writing the assessment, students, please be aware:

- **Bring your student ID card or picture ID**
- Be prepared to put your phone, purse, earphones, etc. away from the computer
- No food in the Library
- **For those students who traditionally write exams in a Resource room, please contact your Case Manager if you wish to write there**

When will students write?

- Arrive at 8:15AM and write from 8:30 – 11:30AM
- Arrive at 11:45AM and write from 12:00 – 3:00PM



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How do families prepare? Where can I find more information?

- This is not an assessment you can “cram” for
- More information on Literacy can be found at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>
- Please take some time to familiarize yourself with this site prior to sitting for the assessment

Day of Writing:

We will write in the Library and ask students to write based on their classroom teacher. Students, please check with your English teacher if you need clarification about the write. Again, as mentioned above, **Resource Students may have an alternate time to write. Please see your Case Manager for further details.**

November 2024 Assessment Schedule				
Class	Teacher	Block	Session	Date
ENGLISH 12: ENGLISH STUDIES	Fast, Cynthia	S1A	Mon AM	28-Oct
ENGLISH 12: ENGLISH STUDIES	Fast, Cynthia	S1B	Mon AM	28-Oct
Numeracy 10 assessment - make-up session for grade 12s who have not yet written NME10 (students will be messaged on Teams)			Mon AM	28-Oct
ENGLISH FIRST PEOPLES 12	Brasnett, Stefanie	S1C	Mon PM	28-Oct
ENGLISH FIRST PEOPLES 12	Brasnett, Stefanie	S1D	Mon PM	28-Oct
ENGLISH 10	Findlay, Wade	S1A	Tues AM	29-Oct
ENGLISH 10	Findlay, Wade	S1B	Tues AM	29-Oct
AP ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION 12	Robinson, Kim	FYD (2)	Tues PM	29-Oct
ENGLISH 12: ENGLISH STUDIES	Robinson, Kim	S1C	Tues PM	29-Oct
ENGLISH HONOURS 10	Sommerville, Colin	S1A	Wed AM	30-Oct
Literacy 10 assessment - make up session for gr 12s who have not yet written LIT10 (students will be messaged on Teams)			Wed AM	30-Oct
Canadian Open Math Competition in library			Wed AM	30-Oct
AP ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION 12	Robinson, Kim	FYD (1)	Wed PM	30-Oct
ENGLISH FIRST PEOPLES 10	Heer, Maninder	S1C	Wed PM	30-Oct
Halloween - no assessments			Thurs	31-Oct
ENGLISH 12: ENGLISH STUDIES	Sidhu, Gulnisha	S1D	Fri AM	1-Nov
SPORTS JOURNALISM 10	Salter, Adam	S1C	Fri AM	1-Nov
ENGLISH 12: ENGLISH STUDIES	Heer, Maninder	S1B	Fri PM	1-Nov
ENGLISH 12: ENGLISH STUDIES	Heer, Maninder	S1A	Fri PM	1-Nov
Literacy 12 assessment - for grade 12s who are writing early for UBC admission (students will be messaged on Teams)			Fri PM	1-Nov



CELLPHONE/PERSONAL DEVICE POLICY

Since we are part way through the semester, we have given students a refresher on the new province-wide policies regarding personal devices. We have noticed so many students making good choices with their devices after this new policy came out, but as the weeks have gone by, we noticed some students are still distracted by their phones and watches. With your support, we want to ensure a healthy learning environment while abiding to the new policies.

We have reminded students that this new regulation isn't meant to be a punishment, but by removing the distractions from digital devices, students can focus on their education. Without the distraction of their devices, this leads to better learning outcomes and helps support their mental health and social connections.

Unless otherwise directed by your classroom teacher, personal digital devices have asked to be out of sight.

If guardians need to get ahold of their child, please contact the office.

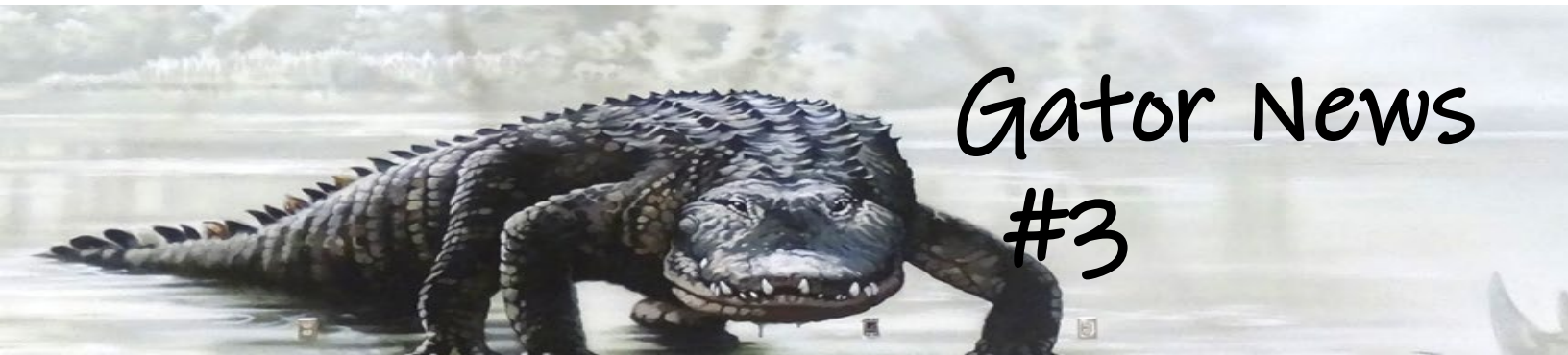
STUDENT DRIVER SAFETY

On occasion administrators are in our parking lots at lunch time and we are proud to say that the majority of our student drivers adhere to the Motor Vehicle Act regulations regarding N drivers. There are, however, a number of conversations we have with students who are not adhering to the limit of one passenger only (not including immediate family) and in some cases the drivers also don't have their N displayed. Please remind your student drivers of the N restrictions that can be found [here](#).

WALNUT GROVE BREAKFAST CLUB

Walnut Grove Breakfast Club needs parent volunteers to assist with our breakfast club from 7:45-8:45AM.

Are you able to assist for one or mornings a week? If so, please email Mr. Powell, npowell@sd35.bc.ca, and he can provide you with more details and connect you with our community volunteer coordinator.



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PLAY
PRESENTS



Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID

Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER

Book by
DOUG WRIGHT

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker
written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements.

NOVEMBER 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH

Friday, Saturday and Sunday Night 7pm
Saturday and Sunday Matinee 2pm
Tues Nov 5th ONLY. Family Karaoke Night

\$24 Regular Admission
\$17 Students (7-17yrs) and Seniors 60+
\$10 Kids (6yrs and under)
\$5 Karaoke Night General Admission

CHIEF SEPASS THEATRE, FORT LANGLEY - 9096 TRATTLE ST.
www.playsociety.ca info@playsociety.ca 604-768-6597

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com



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A festive winter market poster for Gordon Greenwood Elementary. The background is a light teal color with white snowflakes. At the top, a banner reads "GORDON GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY" in green capital letters. Below the banner is a string of colorful Christmas lights (red, yellow, green, blue) and a yellow star. To the right of the star are two green Christmas trees. The main title "Winter market" is written in large, bold, black letters with a white outline. To the left of the title is an illustration of a man and a young girl. To the right is an illustration of a woman holding a red jacket. Below the title is a banner that says "eat, drink, shop & be merry!" in red cursive. Below this banner is a red calendar icon showing "SATURDAY NOV. 23" and "10:00 - 3:00". To the left of the calendar is a green food truck with a red awning. Below the food truck is a red mug with a green holly leaf. To the right of the mug is a woman pushing a shopping cart. At the bottom, a green bar contains the text "9175 206 Street, Langley" in white.

GORDON GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY

Winter market

eat, drink, shop & be merry!

FOOD AND BEVERAGE TRUCKS

OVER 40 LOCAL VENDORS AND MORE!

SATURDAY
NOV. 23
10:00 - 3:00

9175 206 Street, Langley



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YOU'RE INVITED!

ENTRY BY
\$ OR FOOD
DONATION

**JAMES KENNEDY
ELEMENTARY**

Christmas

**CRAFT
MARKET**

**40+ VENDORS
CONCESSION
PHOTOS WITH SANTA**

**SAT. NOVEMBER 30TH
FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM**

9060 212TH ST
LANGLEY





PAC MESSAGE

Hello and Happy Friday from your WGSS PAC!

We held our second PAC meeting of the year on Tuesday, October 8, and were happy to see more parents join us this time. PAC meetings are open to every parent or guardian of a WGSS student. Whether your child is in Grade 8 or Grade 12, we would love to see you there and hear your concerns.

The PAC Executive is currently preparing for the November meeting, at which we will be presenting funding requests to be voted on. Every high school annually receives funds from the BC Gaming Commission, which are disbursed by the PAC and used for extracurricular activities. Funding Request forms went out to student clubs and teachers at the end of September. The PAC Executive vets the requests for eligibility (the use of gaming funds is tightly regulated and not all requests are eligible), and eligible requests will be presented at the November meeting for attending parents to vote on. This is probably the most fun meeting of the year - it's wonderful to see what our student clubs, athletic teams, and various teaching departments envision for the growth and benefit of our students. We'd love to see as many of you as possible on November 12 at 7 pm in the library. Come and let your vote count!

The PAC is also starting to think about succession planning. Every member of the Executive is also "graduating" this year - our children are either in Grade 12 or the positions are ineligible for another term, which means we need an entirely new set of parents to volunteer to run the PAC next year. We'd love to have a plan in place for who is going to take over from us. The position of Treasurer especially requires some advance planning and training for whoever is going to take over, and we are all here to help to ensure a smooth transition.

Having said that, the position of District PAC Representative is currently open, and we would love to see it filled as soon as possible. The District PAC meets once a month on a Thursday at 7 pm. Meetings alternate between in-person at the School District office and virtual, and the DPAC rep then attends the next PAC meeting to report on what's happening in the district. If you think you might be interested, please email us at contact.wgsspac@gmail.com.



Finally, we'd like to ask you again to donate to your PAC. Our fundraising flyer is attached. Every penny helps us raise money for things we can't use Gaming Commission funds for, primarily student scholarships. No amount is too small, and we very much appreciate your help.

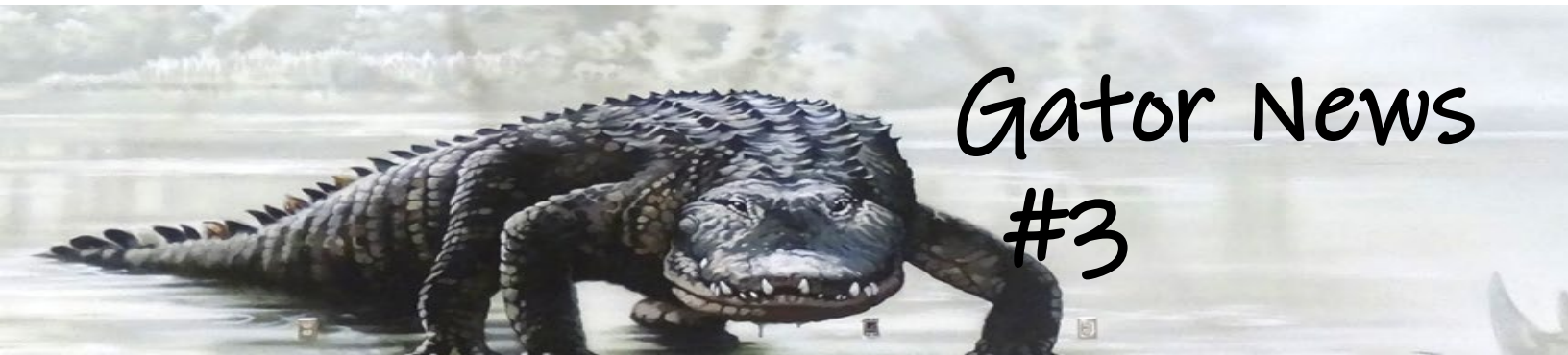
Thank you,

Your WGSS PAC

Find us on Facebook/ Meta as "WGSS PAC", or on our website: wgsspac.ca, or email us at contact.wgsspac@gmail.com.

Here are the dates for PAC Meetings for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

- November 12
- December – no meeting
- January 14
- February 11
- March – no meeting
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10 (Regular PAC Meeting and Annual General Meeting)



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ONE & DONE FUNDRAISER

No selling required! Just your support!

Now that elementary school is behind you, you're probably ready to leave behind all those requests to sell or volunteer! We get it, and we won't ask you to do either.

However, the PAC still needs your support. We continue to fund important school programs and requests that go beyond the standard curriculum, enriching our students' educational experience.

Please consider making a contribution through our ONE-AND-DONE fundraiser. A simple donation—no selling, no volunteering required—just your generous support to help keep these programs going!



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to donate on School Cash Online towards **PAC Donations**

- ✓ **\$15** - Bidding wars at a silent auction? No, thanks!
- ✓ **\$10** - Chasing down corporate sponsors? No, thanks!
- ✓ **\$5** - Selling chocolates or wrapping paper to my friends and family? No, thanks!
- ✓ **Other** - I love this school and I am happy to help!



DRY GRAD 2025 NEWS

We encourage all parents/guardians of Grade 12 students to attend and learn how you can help and get involved in organizing a great and safe event for the Grads of 2025! You can also find us on Facebook at Walnut Grove Secondary Dry Grad 2025.

All meetings will be held in the WGSS Library from 6:30-7:30PM

Tuesday, November 5
Tuesday, December 3
Tuesday, January 7
Tuesday, January 28
Tuesday, February 18
Tuesday, March 11

Future Meeting dates will be determined.



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Fairy Godmother Foundation

Are you in need of grad wear for prom?

The Fairy Godmother Foundation is here to help! We provide FREE grad wear (dresses, suits, shoes, accessories) to students who may not be able to afford them, ensuring everyone has the chance to celebrate this special milestone.

Who Can Apply?

Any high school student in need of assistance with prom attire.

How to Apply:

Visit your school counselor and let them know you'd like to be considered for assistance.

Once applications are reviewed your counsellor will contact you with further details

Let us help you feel like the star you truly are on your big night!

Our team is excited to work with you to find the perfect outfit for your prom night!

**The Fairy Godmother Foundation –
Where every student deserves to shine!**

Apply ASAP as space is limited

For more information, ask your counsellor

