



June 23, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ACSS students and families,

June 12th – 16th at ACSS:

- We held our commencement ceremony day at the Christian Life Assembly – thank you to all in our community who attended and witnessed our graduates cross the stage.
- Our Grad Walks happened! Thank you to our family schools of Parkside, Shortreed, and Betty Gilbert for welcoming our graduates back into the halls and classes of their previous schools.
- The Strawberry Tea and the Grad Dinner/Dance . Thank you to all in our community for attending the Tea and witnessing our graduates in their elegant dress and graceful style as they departed to the dinner/dance.
- Ms. Luteijn and Ms. Gambrel were each recognized and honoured by the School District for their 30 years of teaching (so far) in the district.

June 19th – 23rd at ACSS:

- Monday night we held our Athletic Awards Ceremony. Thank you to Ms. Polastretti and Ms. Haber for organizing the event...and thank you to all student-athletes, coaches, and team personnel for their contributions to ACSS athletics this year.
- Tuesday night we held our Achievement Awards Ceremony. Thank you to our Awards Committee for organizing the excellent event. Congratulations to all the award winners!
- Wednesday, National Indigenous Peoples Day, was celebrated at ACSS with an honorary traditional acknowledgement display including student-written traditional land acknowledgements. Thank you to Ms. Penner's students for the compositions.
- Thursday was the final day of classes – thank you to the PAC and Student Council for collaborating to give out freezies to the students at the end of the day. Thank you very much to FreshCo for donating the freezies.
- On Friday the office staff as well as the teaching staff worked diligently to finalize the report cards so that they will be ready for publishing to the MyEd portal on June 29th. Thank you to all the staff for their work on the final report cards.



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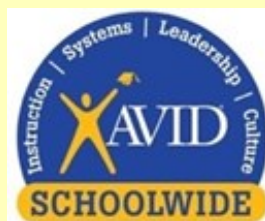
Next week at ACSS...

- Report cards will be published to the MyEd Parent/Student Portal on Thursday afternoon.
- The school office will be open until June 30th.
- Saturday is Canada Day!

Please see the information in this week's newsletter to know what is happening at ACSS in June. We are very excited to be able to hold multiple events that recognize the wonderful achievements of our students. The past two weeks have been especially focused on honouring our 2023 graduates.

Wishing everyone in our community a safe and healthy weekend. Thank you for reading this week's newsletter.

Mr. M. Palichuk
Principal
Aldergrove Community Secondary School





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Dear ACSS Families,

It has been a pleasure to have been a Vice-Principal here at ACSS for the last two and a half years and getting to work with so many of the students I taught during my seven years as a teacher at BGMS before that. I have spent the better part of a decade working with the students, families, and community of Aldergrove. I have made many great personal and professional memories here in the Aldergrove family of schools that will stay with me long after I leave. It is with a heavy heart I leave the area that I have come to love as an educator and move onto the next phase of my career as Vice-Principal at Langley Secondary School. Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me over the years here in Aldergrove and made me feel at home. I know the students here are in good hands with Mr. Powell coming into my role and look forward to seeing the great things they accomplish in the future.

Thank you,

Mr. Kilvert





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Dear Aldergrove and the ACSS community,

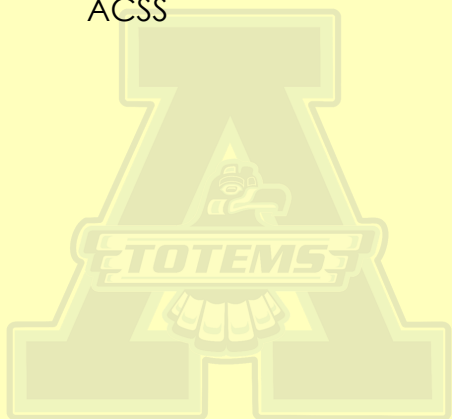
I just wanted to send you message of gratitude for your support of ACSS and the educational programming we strived to provide during my time as Principal. I am very thankful to have witnessed the Grad 21, Grad 22, and Grad 23 classes complete their schooling and I am equally thankful to have made lasting connections with all the students and families of BGMS and ACSS. Although I am moving on to a new school in September, I will forever have ACSS and Aldergrove firmly embedded in my heart. This is an exceptional community with exceptional students and exceptional values – I am so proud to say that I am one of the lucky people who got to be Principal of ACSS. I wish you all a healthy and restful summer break filled with family and friends. All the best to you.

Thank you.

Mr. M. Palichuk

Principal

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GRAD 2023





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GRAD 2023 THE (ACTUAL) FINAL NEWSLETTER

Thursday, June 22, 2023

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

We said last newsletter that it was the final Grad News, but it turns out **THIS** is the final newsletter. Here is some additional information for our grads:

PHOTOS, PHOTOS, AND MORE PHOTOS

Thank you for your patience as we waited for the photographers to send us the photos from Grad Walk, Strawberry Tea, and the Banquet Photobooth. We featured some photos on our social media pages and while we would have liked to share all of our grads on Social Media, unfortunately we are bound by the constraints of FOIPPA and are prohibited from publishing photos of minors to our social media without their consent. If you brought a student from another school to grad as your date we are unable to share those photos on social media (or in the newsletter.) Your photos can be found on our Grad OneDrive. Please note that you will need to login with your @langleyschools email to access these photos.

At the time of newsletter printing, we are still awaiting the final proof of the group photo from Strawberry Tea (there was a "bird" that needed to be removed.) We hope to have that photo uploaded before the weekend. We are also awaiting the Grad Walk video and hope to have the link to that after the weekend. Info will be sent out on Teams when the photo and video are ready.

ACCESS PHOTOS HERE:

<https://bit.ly/Grad2023Photos>

Grads will retain access to Teams and all files on OneDrive until August 30th. At that time, all access will be disabled and grads will be 'removed' as students from the system. It's a sad rite of passage, but make sure all of your files are saved from OneDrive before this happens.

Yearbooks were handed out on June 21st. If you have not picked yours up, it is in the library.

CAINES SIGNING OFF

After 8 years of running grads at ACSS and organizing everything from booking venues, buses, and cruises, to picking up flowers and giving up weekends to water in the greenhouse, coordinating grad hoodies, stage crossings, running grad assemblies, distributing rental gowns, and liaising with Dry Grad committees, it's time for me to turn in my grad cap and retire from my duties as Grad Coordinator. Thank you to all 1200+ grads and families over the past 8 years for making this part of my job so enjoyable and for allowing me to be a part of your exciting year. Please make sure you come back to visit, the ACSS library is always open to Totems Alumni! 🥳





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HAIRDRESSING YEAREND

Students and teachers celebrating the end of the year with their favourite animals and a manikin head because it is hair dressing.

Enjoy your summer!





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2023 Upcoming Dates

June

June 22 — Last day of classes

June 29 — Final Report Card (posted on MyEd)

September

September 5 — First Day of School for grade 9's and new students to ACSS

September 6 — First Day of School for All Grades

ACSS would like to extend a big **"Thank You"** to **FreshCo** for donating the freezies that were given to students on the last day of classes! We really appreciate the kindness and support that FreshCo has given us this year."





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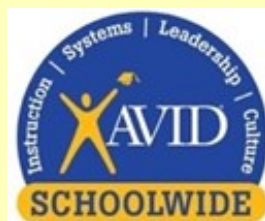
Harvest Foods is hosting free workshop.

Eating Well on a Budget

This one-hour interactive workshop will teach you how to eat well on a budget without compromising nutrition. This workshop will be presented in English. Use the registration link below to find a date/time that works for you to learn more about this topic.

Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yZZpim-EQhi0Qz2VF8LUGA#/registration

- Tuesday, Jul 4, 2023 @ 6:30 PM ET / 3:30 PM PT
- Thursday, Jul 6, 2023 @ 12:30 PM ET / 9:30 AM PT
- Thursday, July 13, 2023 @ 4:00 PM ET / 1:00 PM PT
- Friday, July 14, 2023 @ 12:00 PM ET / 9:00 AM PT





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A scenic photograph of a large waterfall cascading over a rocky cliff into a pool of water. The surrounding area is lush with green vegetation and trees.

ACSS Travel is Back!

**Croatia, Spring Break '24
Last Call!
First deposit due now**

Contact: Ms Ross, aross@sd35.bc.ca, for details!
<https://insightgloaleducation.com/high-school/>

A photograph of a coastal town in Croatia, featuring a large stone fortress on a rocky peninsula overlooking the sea. The town has many buildings with red-tiled roofs.

Croatia



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Childcare Needs

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare, our work to support children and families includes both education and childcare. As we work to support families in the best way possible, we are asking families to complete a short questionnaire about their childcare needs.

This questionnaire is anonymous and is meant to inform us about childcare needs in our community. It will help with planning and programming for the Langley School District Early Learning & Child Care team. We work closely with our community partners and together we are working to provide quality, accessible, and affordable childcare for families. We acknowledge that this Childcare Needs Assessment is occurring on the lands of the Kwantlen, Katzie, Semiahmoo, and Matsqui First Nations.

If you have any questions about the questionnaire or Early Learning Programming, please contact District Principal of Early Learning and Inclusion, Kim Anderson @kander-son@sd35.bc.ca.

CHILDCARE NEEDS QUESTIONNAIRE





SCHOOL DISTRICT
Langley
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM



\$1050
per MONTH
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effective
SEPTEMBER
2023

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Have a life changing experience and welcome an international student into your home!
Homestay families are provided **\$1050/month** to offset costs!

Visit our International Student Program website (Homestay section):
www.studyinlangley.com
and complete the online Homestay Application.

