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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ACSS students and families,

Happy spring break!

This week at ACSS we welcomed elementary school basketball players to our gym on Monday afternoon for an inter-school playday. Teams from Parkside, Shortreed, Douglas Park, James Hill, Nicomekl, and Simonds. The energy in the gym was fantastic, the fan appreciation was electric, and the joy and athleticism within the student athletes was admirable. Congrats to all players, teams, and school officials on a wonderful afternoon of basketball.

Thank you to all parents, students, and families for visiting the school on Wednesday and Thursday for Parent-Teacher Interviews. Our priority of achieving student success for all is attained better when clear communication between school staff, students, parents, guardians, and/or caregivers is in place.

Upon returning to school on March 27th, we at ACSS will embark on our final quarter learning journey with our students and community with eager anticipation. We have much learning to work towards, look forward to and celebrate this year – especially Grad 2023! Please stay tuned to school communication regarding important events happening in April, May, and June.



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Wishing everyone in our community a wonderful weekend and a safe and healthy spring break. Please remember to spring your clocks forward early Sunday morning. Thank you for reading this week's newsletter.

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

Website: www.acsstotems.ca

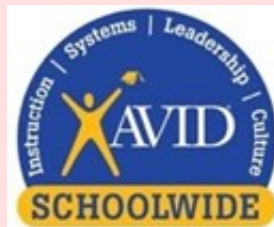
Instagram – @acss.totems

Facebook - @aldergrovecommunitysecondary

Twitter - @acsstotems

Mr. M. Palichuk

Principal





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2023 Upcoming Dates

March

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

April

April 7 — Good Friday — ***school not in session***

April 10 — Easter Monday — ***school not in session***

April 17 — Report Card Prep & Design Day — ***students not in attendance***

April 24 — Term 1 Semester 2 Report Cards Issued

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](#).

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

UBC is hosting this session on March 27th 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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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.

Budget Consultation 2023-2024

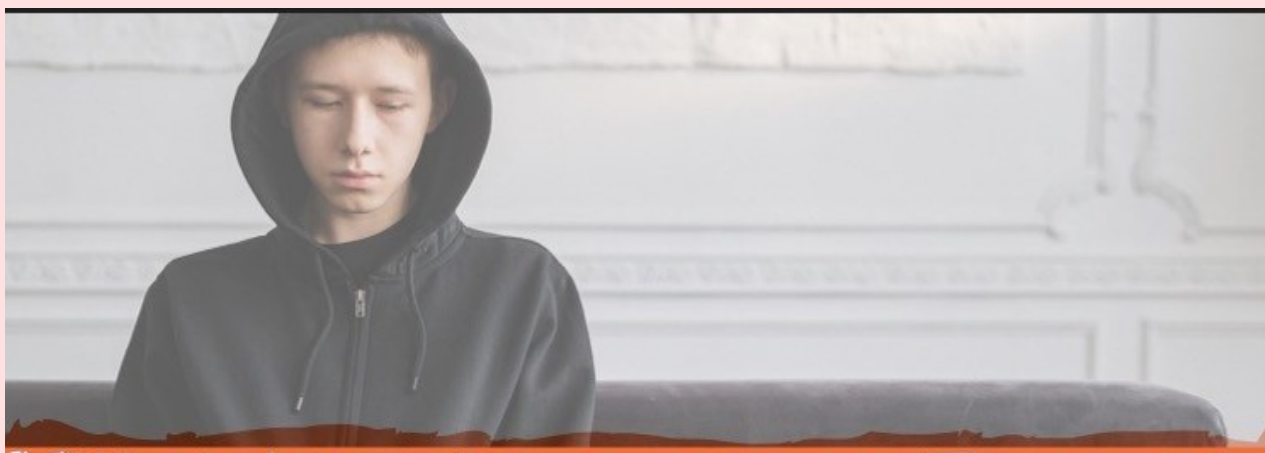
Want to have your say on the District's budget for 2023-2024? The Langley School District is inviting students, staff, parents/guardians, and all members of the public to take part in its Budget Consultation 2023-2024 by completing this 5-minute survey [here](#) or providing feedback by email to budgetconsultation@sd35.bc.ca. **All survey and email submissions will be accepted until March 31, 2023.**

The data gathered will help provide our District Leadership staff and Board of Education with information needed to make decisions impacting education. The District is sharing videos and an infographic located on our webpage which may be helpful to you. For more information as well as translated versions of the survey, please visit our District webpage [here](#).





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**Langley
DPAC**
"We Are Your Voice"

Let's talk



YOUTH AND EXPLOITATION

THURS. APRIL 13

7:00-8:30pm

Langley School
District Board Room
(4875 222nd)

Register for **FREE**

**FREE to all
Langley parents.
Registration is
required as space
is limited**

**First 100 Registrants will receive a
copy of the parent manual
"Cybersafety from Exploitation"**

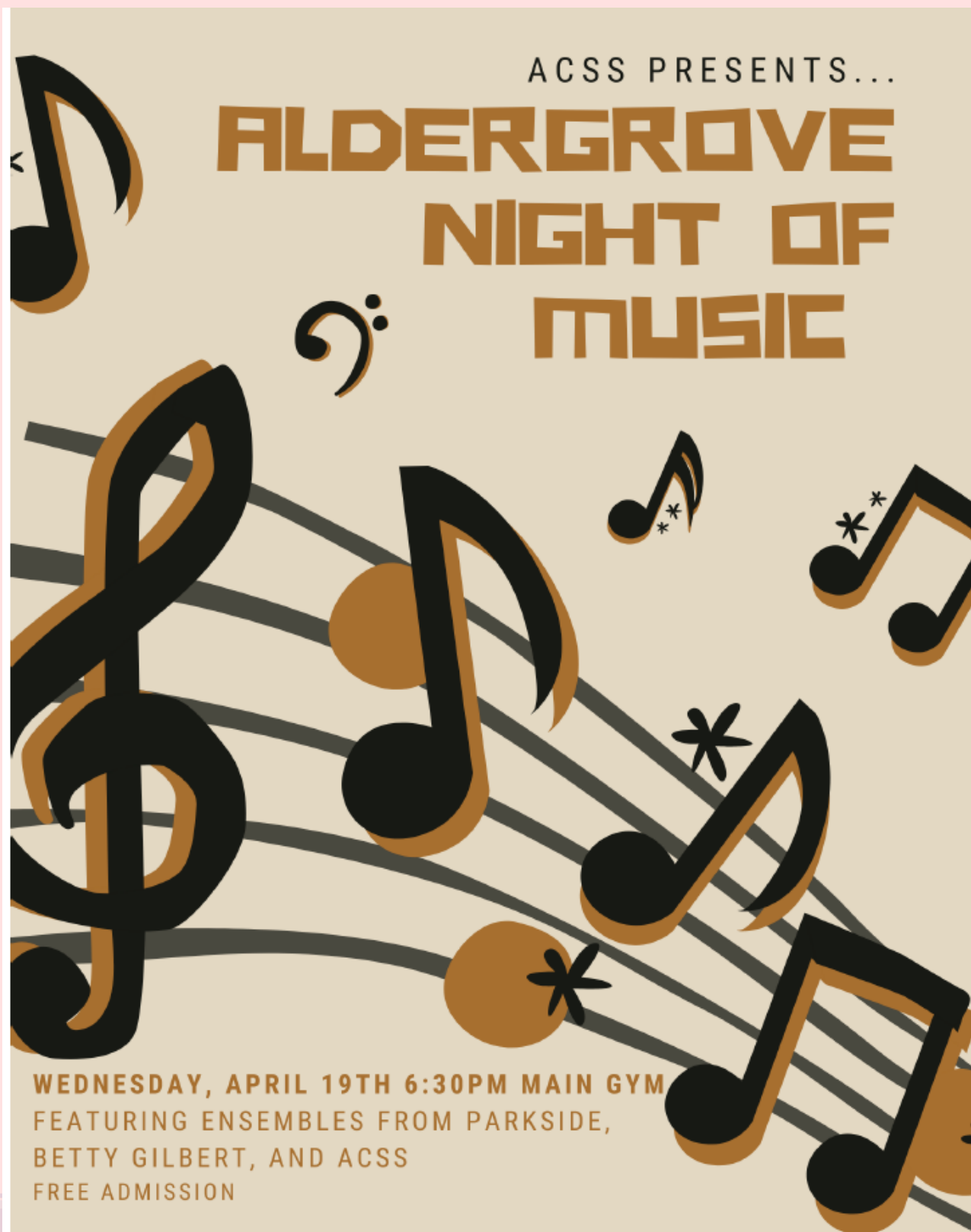
**PRESENTER:
TIANA SHARIFI**

- Tiana Sharifi is a national expert in the field of anti-human trafficking and sexual exploitation and educates parents and caregivers as a means for the prevention of exploitation of our youth.
- Statistics and background on the spike of youth exploitation since the pandemic and how it relates to all of us.
- Tools to address issues like consent, creating healthy boundaries and addressing current trends, grooming tactics and **tips on how to communicate these tools to your youth**





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GRAD 2023

NEWSLETTER

Friday, March 10 2023

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

Important Dates

- Dry Grad deposit due March 10th. \$30 fee can be paid to the e-transfer email listed below or directly to the office or a Dry Grad parent in the foyer.
- Grad Rides (for the yearbook) - Photos will take place on a sunny day before yearbook print deadline in mid-April. 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, they can contact Artona for a studio appointment at their Vancouver location. Unfortunately, due to yearbook and composite printing deadlines, if students choose to get retakes done at Artona, their retake photo will not be used in the yearbook or on the composite.



Yearbooks Are SOLD OUT

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 21st 7pm at Parkside Village Club House

Dry Grad is a parent organized and parent sponsored event that takes place immediately after Banquet/Prom.

Dry Grad deposits were due in to the Dry Grad parents or Ms. Beach in the office by end of day today. Deposits can still be e-transferred to the Dry Grad email at 2023acssdg@gmail.com If we do not get enough grads paying their deposit, the Dry Grad event may be cancelled. At this point, the site has not been secured due to lack of payment and all fees paid are refundable. Once enough grads have submitted payment, the ACUCC will be secured and the Dry Grad deposit will be non-refundable.





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ACSS Class of 2023 Dry Grad After Party!

Date: Friday, June 16th – Saturday, June 17th

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.

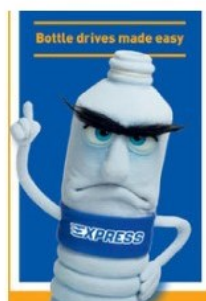
ACSS CLASS OF 2023



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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

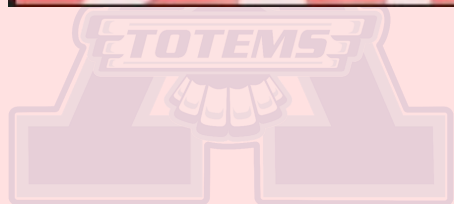
Dry Grad Fundraiser - Just mention Aldergrove Community Secondary

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

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



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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 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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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/>

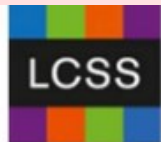


Langley Literacy Network

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 7th

Where: The Welcome Center 6470 201 St.

Contact Megan Zurak for more info. P: 604-533-7920 ext.1308 E: 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-qa-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

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