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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Dear ACSS students and families,

Welcome back to school after spring break, students, parents, caregivers, families. We hope that you had a good break from school routines and are now looking forward, as we are, to the learning opportunities of the final quarter of the school year. All of us at the school are glad to see the students back in classrooms and learning areas.

From April to June, athletics at ACSS will switch to soccer, rugby, track and field. Badminton will also continue to be a big part of our school activities as well. Next week we will host girls' soccer and rugby games and in the coming weeks our track and field athletes will train and participate in Eastern Valley meets.

Wishing everyone in our community a wonderful weekend. 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:

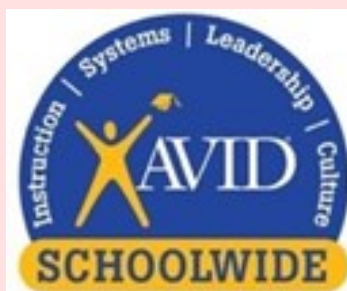
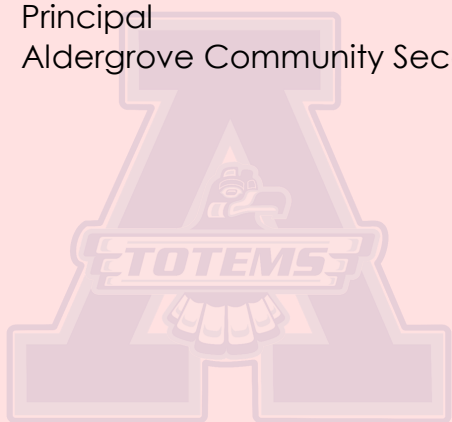
Website: www.acsstotems.ca

Instagram – @acss.totems

Facebook - @aldergrovecommunitysecondary

Twitter - @acsstotems

Mr. M. Palichuk
Principal
Aldergrove Community Secondary School





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2023 Upcoming Dates

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

BGMS Hanging Basket Fundraiser* - 2022/2023

School District #35 - Langley

Orders are due by Thursday, April 13th by 3:00pm.

Orders can be picked up on Monday, April 24th from 2:45 – 3:30 pm at BGMS (in the music room – outside entrance)

Any questions? Please email Mrs. Mills at: mmills@sd35.bc.ca

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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.

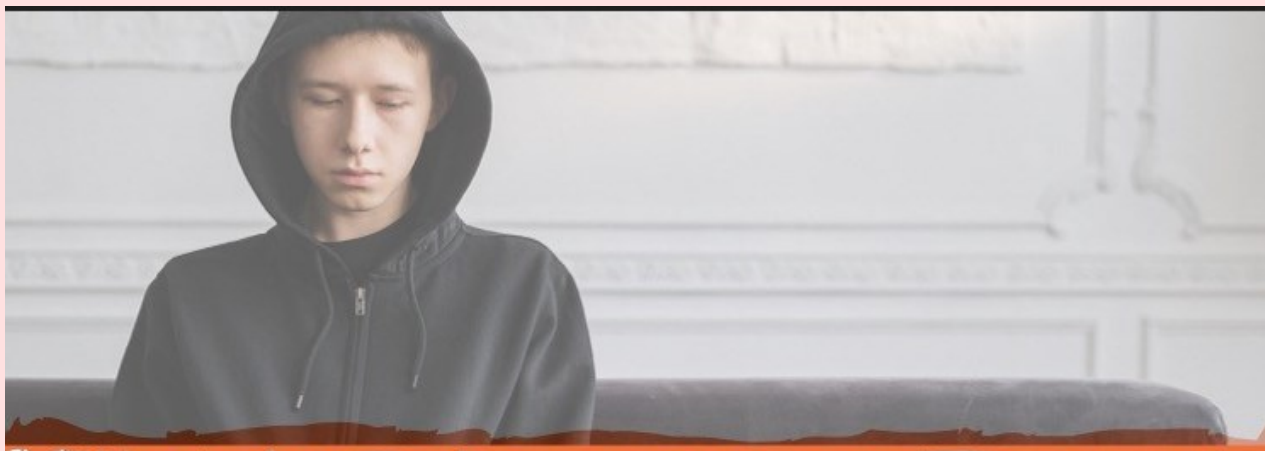
Beedie Scholarships are excited to announce that they are expanding the eligibility criteria for **SPARK (Single Parent Award for Resilient and Knowledge)** scholarships for single parents by removing the requirement that parents be referred by a partner organization. They look forward to granting up to 15 scholarships this year worth up to \$44,000 each to single parents facing financial adversity in BC.

"Single parents, regardless of their situation, face many barriers when trying to further their education, whether it is paying for tuition, finding childcare or balancing work and school with raising a family," says Ryan Beedie. "That is why we are opening up eligibility to the SPARK Program to all single parents across BC. This will give more parents across the province the opportunity to upgrade their education and make life better for themselves and their families."

Do you know a single parent in British Columbia who is deserving of this award? Applications are open now until April 21, 2023 at 9am (PDT).



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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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SUNDAY APRIL 30 2023

COUNTRY CAR SHOW

ALDERGROVE COMMUNITY SECONDARY SCHOOL



Reg 7a.m. till full
\$20 with \$5 going to the
School's automotive program.

Free admission
for spectators
Show: 9a.m. to 3p.m.
Raffle at 2:30p.m.



Special thanks to
our sponsors:
**Sunrise Trailer
& Fresh Co**

Special Features: Students Displays
of Special Autos & Auto related
items, BC Vintage Truck Museum
Cloverdale.



Hosted by the Central Fraser Valley Chapter of VCCC

For Info - Regan Lewis 604-856-2755
Darren Jones Auto Teacher
604 999 8453

Food Available - Dash Plaques
Entertainment - & Much More!



Support
Youth Entering
the Automotive
Profession

Aldergrove location

FRESH CO
Lowering food prices

Aldergrove Community Secondary School 26850 29th Ave. Aldergrove



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New Rugby Academy at DW Poppy Secondary – Beginning September 2023

Are you passionate about rugby? Want to earn graduation credits playing the sport you love? DW Poppy Secondary School together with the Langley School District is inviting students with a strong interest in rugby to apply to our new Rugby Academy. The academy, based out of DW Poppy Secondary School, is open to all students and is offered in grades 10, 11, and 12 beginning September 2023. This is the first Rugby Academy in the Fraser Valley and one of only four in the province!

The Rugby Academy combines provincial curriculum, rugby-centred curriculum, as well as a focus on athletics, health, well-being, and safety. The goal of the academy is to develop students holistically, as people and as players. To register your child, attend an upcoming information session, or learn more about the academy, visit this webpage [here](#).





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The poster has a light beige background with a pattern of black and gold musical notes and a treble clef. The notes are stylized with gold outlines and some have small black stars. The treble clef is large and black with a gold outline. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font.

ACSS PRESENTS...

ALDERGROVE NIGHT OF MUSIC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH 6:30PM MAIN GYM
FEATURING ENSEMBLES FROM PARKSIDE,
BETTY GILBERT, AND ACSS
FREE ADMISSION



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GRAD 2023

NEWSLETTER

Friday, March 31 2023

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

Important Dates

- **March 29 2023** - Grad Ride photos were completed this week and will be printed in the yearbook.
- **March 31st 2023** - Dry Grad deposit due \$30 fee can be paid to the e-transfer email 2023acssdg@gmail.com or directly to the office.
- **April 28th 2023** - \$50 Grad Fees Due. These cover a portion of the cost of gown rental as well as student transportation to and from rehearsal.
- **May 1 - 12 2023** - Grad Stage Crossing Writeups Due. This will be read as you cross the stage and will be provided to our ASL interpreters. We will talk about this at our next grad meeting (TBD).
- **May 12 2023** - Any grad enrolled in online coursework (through LEC, AVS, CHO, etc.) needs to be at 75% completion and in a position to pass the course. Students must show counsellors/admin their progress reports.
- **June 7 2023** - Scholarship Luncheon Presentation. Students receiving Scholarships and/or Bursaries will be invited to a catered luncheon for themselves and guests in the ACSS library. More info to follow.
- **June 8 2023** - Grad Gown handout after school. More info to follow.
- **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).

Yearbooks Are SOLD OUT

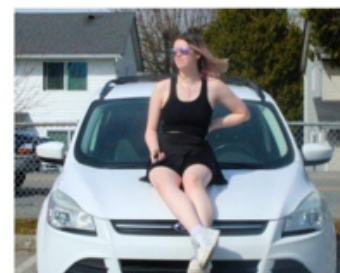
Yearbooks are **SOLD OUT** for this school year. We may have limited copies available in June but will not know until distribution time.

Dry Grad

DRY GRAD IS IN DANGER OF BEING CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF STUDENT DEPOSITS

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

In 25 years of hosting Dry Grads, the 2023 ACSS Dry Grad is in danger of being cancelled if enough deposits are not received. This means that the after-grad activity that is scheduled to take place at the Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre may need to be forfeited and Dry Grad committee will turn to plan be (as yet to be determined). Dry Grad events take place across the district annually are designed to create a safe and memorable drug and alcohol free evening for our graduates. We have received significant funding from the community to put on the event, unfortunately we have not received the commitment from the grads and families to ensure the event takes place. Please have your \$30 Dry Grad deposit sent to 2023acssdg@gmail.com or dropped off in the office.

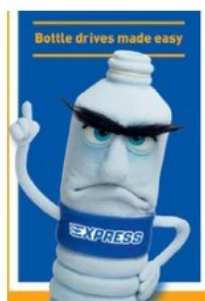




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CLASS OF 2023 ACSS DRY GRAD BOTTLE RETURN FUNDRAISER!



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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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](#)