

VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Good afternoon! The sunny, warm spring weather has finally arrived. I hope everyone gets the chance to spend some time outside enjoying it after the rainy, cool spring we have had so far. The spring semester has continued to fly-by, and we are well into a full schedule of events for the month of May. There are two non-instructional days coming up in the next two weeks, Friday, May 19 is a district wide Professional Development Day and Monday, May 22 is Victoria Day. School is not in session on either of those days for students. Between field trips to the aquarium, kayaking trips, and post-secondary institution visits there have been a lot of students travelling all around the lower mainland experiencing a range of activities to enhance the learning that has taken place in the classroom here at ACSS. Thank you to all of the teachers who have taken the time to organize and chaperone these trips the last few weeks. Sports seasons have begun to draw to a close, with our senior badminton team narrowly missing out on winning the Eastern Valley Championship banner earlier this week.

Grad is rapidly approaching for our grade 12 students. If you have a student in Grade 12 please have a conversation with them about ensuring they are checking their teams and completing the tasks that they need to get done before the big events. Between stage crossing writeups, permission forms, gown pick-up, guest interviews, grad of the year voting, and more, there is a lot that needs to get done and it is crucial they stay on top of things. Grade 12 students also need to make sure they are in a passing position in all of their courses by Friday, May 19 in order to ensure they remain on the grad list and get to participate in all grade events.









VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE cont'd.

To draw attention to a few of the many event's coming up in the next two weeks, we have a PAC meeting here at the school on Monday, May 15. All parents are welcome to attend in the library. The Langley School District's Aboriginal Achievement Awards ceremony will be taking place on Thursday, May 18 and we have many ACSS graduates and returning students who will be celebrating for their achievements in arts, athletics, academics, leadership, and other categories throughout the evening's events. We are also very proud to announce that one of our student teams participating in Langley's IDEA X summit 2023 will be giving their final pitch to the judges at the Langley Events Center on Tuesday, May 23 as they vie against other Langley school teams. The Youth art display at the Aldergrove Kinsman Community Center continues to display a wide array of art projects created by our ACSS art students under the leadership of Ms. Courtney. A big thank you to her and the students for all of the work they did putting the display together.

Thank you, parents and guardians, for all the work you have done so far to support the work being done in our school by our students. As we head into the final weeks of the year, please keep an eye out for any signs of stress and anxiety as the crunch of the final weeks begins to settle in for the students. As always, reach out to teachers, counsellors, administrators, or other school staff you are connected with if you have any concerns about your child. Have a wonderful next two weeks of May!

Greg Kilvert

Vice-Principal

Aldergrove Community Secondary School





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2023 Upcoming Dates

May

May 19 — Professional Day — **students not in attendance**May 22 — Victoria Day — **students not in attendance**

June

June 12 — Graduation Ceremonies

June 16 — Strawberry Tea and Prom

June 22 — Last day of classes

June 29 — Final Report Card

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.





PLANT SALE

Wednesday, May 17th Aldergrove Community Secondary School

3 pm to 4 pm... anything leftover will be sold the next day, same time!

Those wonderful students have been working with a program with LEPS since February on growing and community outreach.

All proceeds go to Langley Meals on Wheels Services Society.

Tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins, cucumbers and MORE are all going for \$1, \$2 and \$4.

Cash only! Bring your change and overwhelm the students with your support, and plant your summer garden after this hot weekend!

Park on 29th Ave or in the school parking lot, and let's support ALDERGROVE!!



May 12, 2023

Last weekend, both our Concert and Jazz bands represented our school at the Cantando Music Festival in Whistler. We had the opportunity to enjoy performances from other schools and organizations including The Naden Band of The Royal Canadian Navy which our whole school was lucky enough to experience when they visited ACSS last Tuesday. We were fortunate to work with adjudicators and specialists after our sets to better improve our sound and had the opportunity to speak with professional musicians about their skill and dedication. We all had a great time exploring The Village including the Olympic Rings, local shops, and food vendors. On the first night of our stay, the band dined at the All-Seasons Grill which serves internationally inspired food with locally provided ingredients. The members of the ACSS bands are feeling grateful for the trip and to Mrs. Mills who without her guidance and support, this would not have been possible. By Jordan Mynott

















GRAD 2023

NEWSLETTER

Friday, May 11 2023

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

Important Dates

- 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.
- May 12 2023 Deadline to have orange grad rehearsal/walk, pink banquet, and yellow/white guest forms submitted to the office
- ** NEW** May 18 2023 6pm Deadline to have Dry Grad deposits paid. There will be no further extensions after this date and those not paying the deposit will be unable to attend by paying late. Dry Grad must have final numbers in for food, prizes, and swag bags by this date.
- 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).
- June 16th 2023 Dry Grad event at ACUCC immediately after banquet.

Dry Grad

DRY GRAD IS HAPPENING AND THE VENUE HAS BEEN SECURED

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

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 and because of this, Dry Grad at the ACUCC immediately after the banquet will be happening. Please ensure you have paid your \$30 Dry Grad deposit to 2023acssdg@gmail.com, drop off your cash deposit in the office with Ms. Beach, or pay on SchoolCashOnline.

















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!



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 gra	d class a cheque	We send your grad	class a cheque
for \$150 when 10+ shop with us.		for \$250 when 20+ shop with us.	
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FALL 2023/2024 REGISTRATION

Boys & Girls Ages 4–17
September–February

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE - REGISTER NOW!

Our Goal is "Fitness & Fun" 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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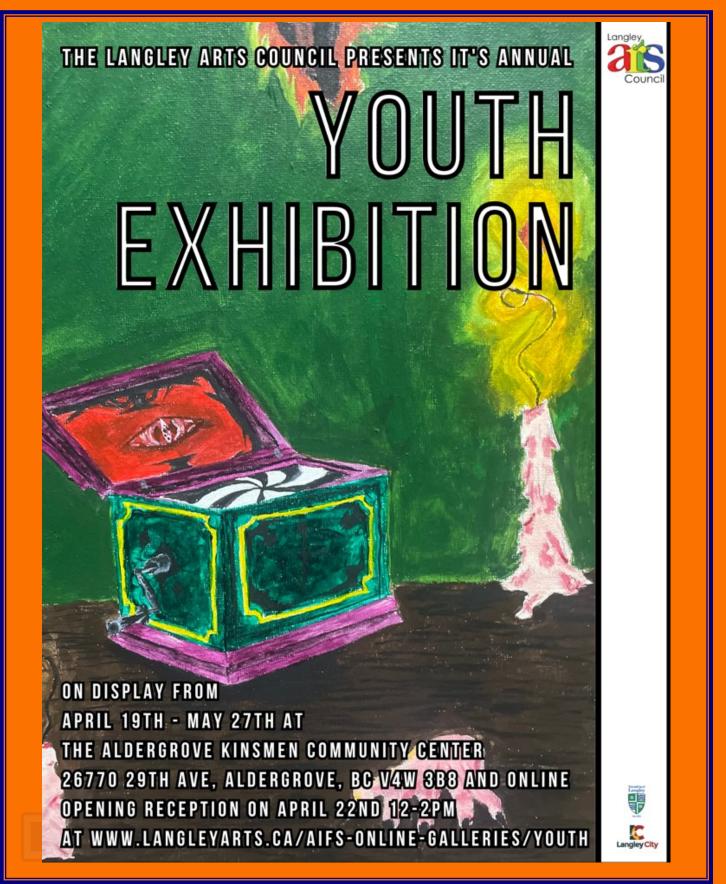


















Come as a Visitor, Leave as a Friend

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
Brookswood 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

Twitter: @ACSSTotems

<u>Transportation Registration 2023-2024</u>

Transportation registration for 2023-24 is now open. Please note the instructions to register are different for each category of rider. To help in our planning and creation of bus routes, registrations must be submitted by May 15 (eligible riders) and June 18 (courtesy riders). The District cannot guarantee approval after the deadline. New and existing riders can find more information on our Transportation Registration webpage **here**.





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 <u>HERE</u>









Help Us Revamp Our Logo

1

Design your logo. It must include CUPE 1260 & Langley Schools. The rest is up to you!

2.

Send your entry to cupe1260@gmail.com

3.

1260 Staff: Include your name and employee number in this email

SD35 Students: Please include your name and school in this email.

There will be prizes for the final 4!

We are looking to change up our logo and would love our community to help us with this. The contest is open to all CUPE 1260 staff and SD 35 Students



Contest will close on June 3rd.

Our executive will pick the final four. We will then vote on the winner as a membership at our general meeting on June 12th