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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello ACSS students and families,

The past two weeks at ACSS have been event-filled. We have had Spirit Week, Halloween festivities, a family movie night, Careers Week, dynamic soccer games, and season-ending volleyball games featuring graduating players' honouring ceremonies. Students and staff have participated in these events with zeal, making ACSS a wonderful place to learn, work, and be!

During the week of October 31st – November 4th, our Careers Department, led by Ms. Luteijn and Ms. Gimpel, coordinated lunch & learn sessions every day. One of the highlights of the week was the annual Take Our Kids to Work day on Wednesday, which saw many of our Grade 9 students accompany their parents/guardians to their workplaces while several of our staff brought their own Grade 9 children to ACSS. Thank you to ACSS Careers for consistently emphasizing the importance of career education to our students and community.

Students and staff have continued to work diligently in classrooms and learning areas. As November ensues, with the grey and rainy days, it is important for us all to take good care of ourselves to be able to continue the strong learning that has been experienced thus far. First term report cards will be published to the MyEd student and parent portal on November 28th. This reporting will provide good insight into the successes achieved and the semester completing goals required.

The evening of Wednesday, November 2nd was an exciting night in the ACSS main gym. Our senior girls' and boys' volleyball teams played exciting matches against Brookwood and Rick Hansen, respectively. With an energetic crowd, exciting gameplay, and special moments honouring our graduating players, all in attendance were treated to an excellent ACSS evening out.

As the school year progresses, we continue to have changes to our staffing at ACSS:

Mr. Coulter has increased his teaching assignment by adding ELL classes to his portfolio. We are still in the process of hiring a new Science and PHE teacher.

For the most up-to-date information about school events and happenings please check out our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages, as well as our school website www.acsstotems.ca

Thank you for reading this week's newsletter.

Mr. M. Palichuk
Principal
Aldergrove Community Secondary School





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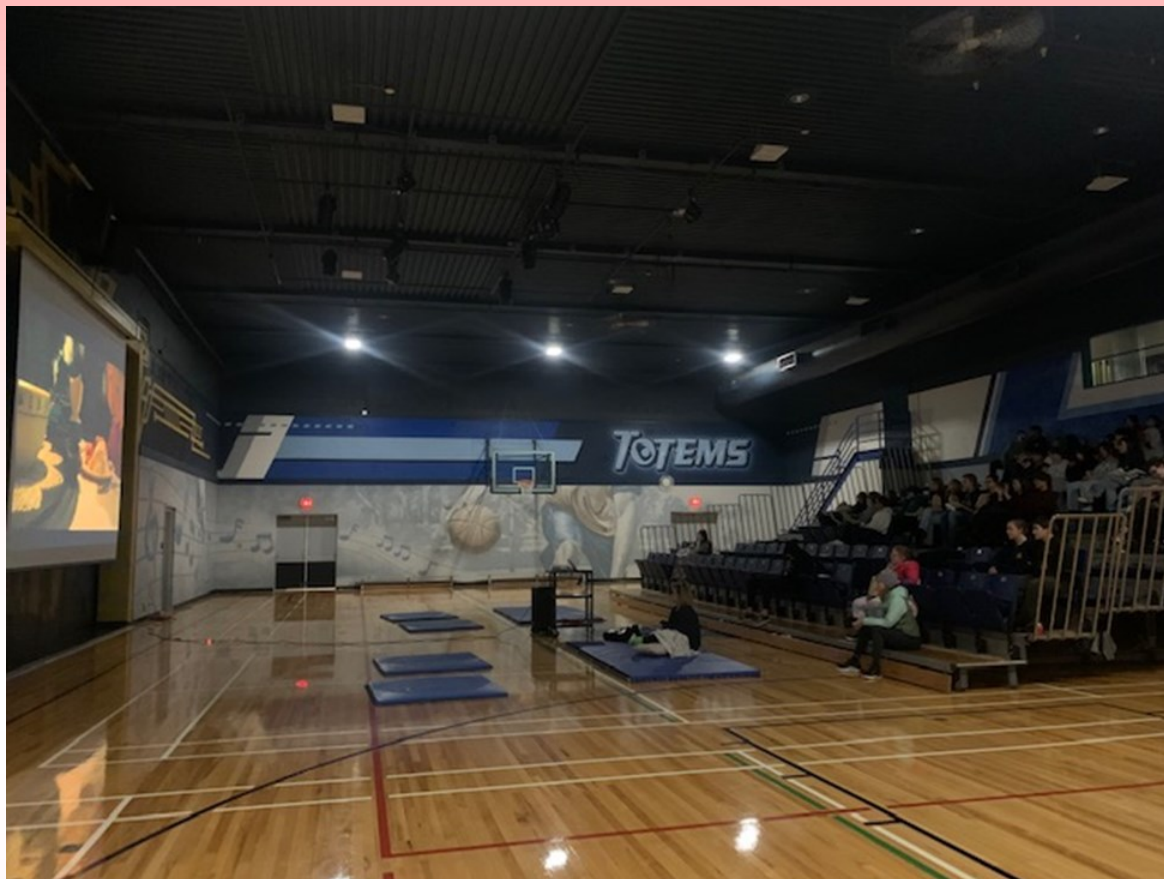
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Family Movie Night: Coraline



Our Jazz Band & Ms. Mills at the District Jazz Festival





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2022 Upcoming Dates

November

November 11 — Remembrance Day - ***school not in session***

November 18 — Report Card Prep/Design and Assessment Day - ***school not in session***

November 28 — Term I Semester Report Cards Issued

December

December 16 — Winter Break - ***school not in session***

January

January 3 — School reopens

January 31—Semester turn around day - ***school not in session***

It is a long-standing tradition for schools to support our veterans and the efforts of the Royal Canadian Legion. Once again this year, our school will be receiving a poppy for every student and distributing them to classes. We will continue to collect funds this year in support of the Legion's Poppy Campaign but kindly ask students and their families to donate online via School Cash Online:

<https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com/>

Please do not send cash or cheques with your child to school.



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GRAD 2023

NEWSLETTER

Friday, November 4 2022

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

Important Dates

- **November 13 - 16th** - Formal Grad Photos - used in Yearbook, on wall composite, in Aldergrove Star grad supplement, and at convocation ceremony. Book online at <https://artona.com/schools/AGOV/programs/graduation>. There is a \$60 sitting fee for photos. While it is not mandatory, anyone paying the \$60 sitting fee will get 16-20 formal and casual poses taken as well as a professionally printed proof book. If a package is purchased, the sitting fee will be deducted from the end price of the photo package. **Those not wishing to pay the \$60 sitting fee will have the complimentary formal cap and gown photo taken and the opportunity to purchase those photos.**
- **December 5-9th** - Grad Yearbook Quotes & Baby Photos submission, grad height registration. More info to come, but time to start thinking about the witty (school appropriate) comment you want next to your photo in the yearbook. Heights are collected (with regular shoes on) to ensure that the appropriate length gown is ordered for each grad.
- **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).
- **Dry Grad** - location and times TBD, but this takes place in the evening immediately after Banquet/Prom



IMPORTANT PHOTO PERMISSION INFO

The majority of our 2023 Grads submitted their photo permission forms during photo/retake day(s). There are still a small handful of grads who have not signed the form. Without this permission form signed, we will be unable to use their grad photos in the yearbook, have their photo on the composite in the hallways, or use their grad photo at the commencement ceremonies. Please check with your student that they have signed the photo consent form!

Dry Grad

Dry Grad is a parent organized event that takes place immediately after Banquet/Prom. The purpose of Dry Grad is to provide a drug and alcohol free event and ensure our graduates have a safe afterparty. Minutes are sent out to all grad parents via school messenger (make sure your email is registered with Ms. Beach in the office. All parents of graduates are encouraged to participate in the Dry Grad committee. While the school is unable to actively participate in Dry Grad fundraising and organization, we are more than willing to assist with communication to the grads and their families as well as attend occasional organizational meetings and provide logistical support.





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DON'T MISS OUT!

Yearbooks on sale now!
\$65 until Christmas Break
\$70 after Christmas
We will sell out!
Order on SchooCashOnline



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We have many opportunities for families to take part in Early Years Programming in our district. All of our programs are FREE, DROP-IN, and open to all caregivers. Families are welcome to attend any of the sessions available, regardless of their catchment school.

EARLY YEARS PROGRAMS

Many people have an important role in raising a child. Adults will gain skills and knowledge to support children beyond the session. Any family member or caregiver is welcome to participate along with children ages 0-5 years.



StrongStartBC

The StrongStart program provides rich learning environments designed for early learning development – language, physical, cognitive, social, and emotional.

Qualified SD35 Early Childhood Educators lead shared learning activities where children connect and interact with other children of similar ages. Caregivers are encouraged to participate in activities such as storytelling, games, and sharing healthy snacks. Join us to learn new ways to support your child, find information about community services, and connect with others. StrongStart is free for families to attend and is found at 8 locations Monday to Friday on days school is in session. Program times are listed:

Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary School - 8:45am - 11:45am
Douglas Park Community School - 9:00am - 12:00pm
Langley Meadows Community School - 9:00am - 12:00pm
Nicomekl Elementary - 9:15am - 12:15pm
Parkside Elementary - 8:45am - 11:45am and 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Simonds Elementary - 9:00am - 12:00pm
West Langley Elementary - 9:00am - 12:00pm
Willoughby Elementary - 1:00pm-4:00pm



Story Time

Join Sam Collie for an interactive caregiver participation group story time complete with rhymes, books and felt stories. Children birth to 5 years are welcome. **This is a FREE, DROP-IN session and space is limited.**

Mondays 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary - 7844 204B St, Langley

A **FREE, DROP-IN** play based, child friendly environment for families and their children aged birth to 5 years. Come As You Are will provide opportunities for wellness, socialization, and growth. Each week has a different community speaker, for casual conversation. Coffee and light snacks provided (please bring a travel mug - lid included). For our list of speakers please visit our website or contact scollie@sd35.bc.ca

Wednesdays 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary - 7844 204B St, Langley

Come as You Are

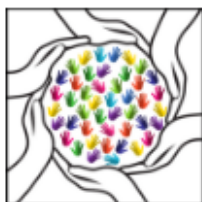
For more information please visit our website at:

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/programs-initiatives/early-learning-birth-5-yrs/>



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Gifts and Gatherings



You are invited to join Early Childhood Educator,
Sam Collie, for a **FREE**, Ready, Set, Learn Session

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in playful activities
designed for all ages

During each session, participants will receive a gift that will allow
families to continue to explore their learning at home

DROP IN SESSIONS - NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Langley Meadows Community School

Tuesday, November 15th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, February 2nd, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, April 6th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, May 18th, 1:00-2:00pm

North Otter Elementary School

Thursday, October 6th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, November 29th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, February 9th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, April 18th, 1:00-2:00pm

Coghlan Fundamental Elementary School

Tuesday, November 1st, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, January 17th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, March 2nd, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, May 4th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary

Tuesday, October 4th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, November 17th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, February 7th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, April 13th, 1:00-2:00pm

Parkside Elementary School

Thursday, October 13th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, January 10th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, February 21st, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, April 25th, 1:00-2:00pm

Douglas Park Community School

Tuesday, October 11th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, December 1st, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, February 16th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, April 20th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Shortreed Community School

Tuesday, October 25th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, January 24th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, March 7th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, May 9th, 1:00-2:00pm

Dorothy Peacock Elementary School

Tuesday, October 18th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Friday, January 13th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, February 23rd, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, April 27th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Simonds Elementary School

Tuesday, November 8th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Friday, January 27th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, March 9th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, May 11th, 1:00-2:00pm

James Hill Elementary School

Thursday, November 3rd, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, January 19th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, February 28th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, May 2nd, 1:00pm-2:00pm

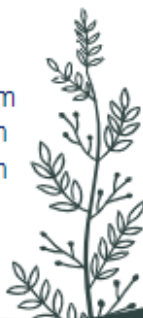
West Langley Elementary School

Thursday, November 10th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, January 31st, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, April 4th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, May 16th, 1:00-2:00pm



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New Option to Access MyED BC using your BC Services Card

On Monday, October 17, the Ministry of Education and Child Care together with Service BC is providing another option for students and parents/guardians to access MyEDBC. This new option enables students and families to link their BC Services Card Mobile Phone App to their MyEDBC account. By choosing this new method, all you would need is your BC Services Card Mobile Phone App to log in to MyEDBC at any time. If a student or parent/guardian chooses this method, they will be able to go back to the old login method but will require assistance from District MyEDBC support staff. **Moving forward with choosing this new option means that you will never need a username and password.**

The old method of using a username and password to login to My EDBC will remain the same. There may be some students and families who do not want to use the new login method for reasons which may include:

- You are satisfied with the current process of using a username and password
- You don't have a BC Services Card
- You don't have access or don't want to use a mobile phone or the BC Services Card App to log into My EDBC

Below are resources and instructions from the Ministry to help you get started.

- [BC Services Card Authentication FAQs](#)
- [Student User Guide for BC Services Card Authentication](#)
- [Parent User Guide for BC Services Card Authentication](#)

As this is a new change, please understand District and school staff are still learning about this additional option and instructions to help support families.



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Happy Fall from your 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](#)

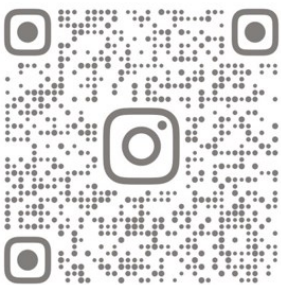




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Hey Totems, All things Athletics and Rec Instagram- follow @aldergrove_totems on Instagram

for news about totems athletics, sports, Rec leadership, inter-murals and more!



ALDERGROVE_TOTEMS

Aldergrove Athletics is looking for basketball coaches. The following teams need coaches for their season.

Sr Boys Basketball

Jr Boys Basketball

Grade 9 Boys Basketball

If interested in coaching, please contact Ms. Pollastretti by email.

emily.pollastretti@sd35.bc.ca

**BASKETBALL
COACHES NEEDED**



**SR BOYS COACH
JR BOYS COACH
GRADE 9 BOYS COACH**



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Date Sep 15, 2022

Grade 9 routine immunizations are starting soon at school

Public Health will send home an immunization consent package for grade 9 students.

When students are in grade 9 we review their immunization records and offer all routine vaccines they need to be complete for their age.

When the consent package is received:

- ✓ Review the consent package (which will include all immunization history)
- ✓ Confirm the immunization record is complete. If it is not complete you can submit the record by:
 - Including it with the signed consent form and returning it to the school
 - Submitting it online to us at: fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform
- ✓ Complete and sign the consent form
- ✓ Return the signed consent form to the school sealed in the envelope provided

COVID-19 and Influenza (Flu) vaccines

Please note that COVID-19 and Influenza vaccines are only available at COVID-19 and Influenza immunization clinics and will not be offered at the school immunization clinics.

The COVID-19 and Influenza vaccines are provided free to everyone who is eligible. For more information and to learn how to book a vaccination appointment, please visit:

- COVID-19 vaccine – gov.bc.ca/GetVaccinated
- Influenza vaccine – immunizebc.ca/clinics/flu

For more information, please contact your local public health unit or visit our website at: fraserhealth.ca/immunizations.

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www.fraserhealth.ca

Regional Immunization Program



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The Langley School District Scholarship Handbook has been updated for the 2022-2023 School Year and can be found on the District Website at the link below. As well, the District provides a very comprehensive database of scholarships available for our students to access for post-secondary funding. This database is updated and maintained each year by District staff. The link to the database is also provided below.

[Scholarship Handbook](#)

[Scholarship Database](#)



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