



October 21, 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello ACSS students and families,

Thank you to all the parents, guardians, students, and families that came to ACSS for the Parent-Teacher Interviews on Wednesday and Thursday. Our goal is to ensure that the lines of communication between the school, the student, and the family are clear, open, and meaningful. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns throughout the school year please contact me or any of your child's teachers, preferably via email.

During the week of October 11 – 14, teachers communicated with students and parents/guardians through interim reports. If you have not heard from your child's teachers regarding progress made thus far this year, please contact the teachers and/or the school office. Later in the fall, on November 28th, ACSS will issue the first official report cards through the MyEd Portal.

Speaking of MyEd, as you may know, it is now possible to log in to the system using a BC Services Card. Please see the [New Option to Access MyEDBC using your BC Services Card](#) section of the newsletter for detailed information.

Grade 11 & 12 students were able to learn more about post-secondary school opportunities on Monday, October 17th when a variety of colleges and universities visited ACSS to set up information sessions.

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

Mr. Chisholm is teaching the new Science 10 class in semester one.

We will be hiring a new ELL teacher soon.

We wish all the best to Ms. Boyd who has left ACSS to take care of her family – a new Science and PHE teacher will be hired soon.

Please be reminded that we will be publishing the ACSS newsletter bi-weekly this year. 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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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 repones

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

Trinity Western University is running an academy on Wednesday evenings from now until the winter break at the Langley Events Centre. The academy is for all male and female athletes from 15-18 years old. There are numerous options to attend one, some, or all of the remaining sessions. The academy is being run under the leadership of TWU player/coach, Toronto Arrows professional, and Canadian international Guiseppe Du Toit, with the assistant of Spartans men and women student-athletes.

This is a great chance for the high school athlete to develop their skills during their club season, and in advance of the school season and perhaps in preparation for university rugby for those graduating athletes. While the first couple of sessions have passed, there are still several sessions left to take advantage of.

For all the details and information, please click the link below. Any questions can be directed to Guiseppe Du Toit: Guiseppe.DuToit@twu.ca

<https://gospartans.ca/sports/2022/2/15/academies.aspx>



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GRAD 2023

NEWSLETTER

Friday, Oct 7 2022

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

Important Dates

- **October 26th** - School Photo Retakes. Any students who missed their ID card photo day in September can sit for retakes. We encourage all grade 12s to sit for photos as these photos will be used for GoCards/Student ID, in MyEd (staff view) and in the Library system.
- **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

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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ALDERGROVE COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

PLAYING: CORALINE



OCTOBER 27, 2022 | 6:45 PM DOORS OPEN
ALDERGROVE COMMUNITY SECONDARY SCHOOL

We encourage you to bring along a gently used jacket/coat/warm fuzzy socks as we will be collecting them as donations!

****Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult ****



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2022-2023
ALDERGROVE COMMUNITY SECONDARY SCHOOL
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TOTEM VISION

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

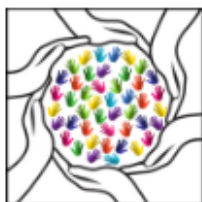
For more information please visit our website at:

<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

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

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

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

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

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

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

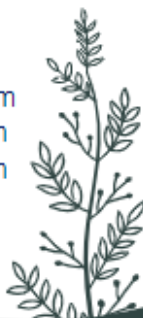
West Langley Elementary School

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



For more information please visit our website at:

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



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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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LOCAL SCHOOLS**

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Each bag will contain one individual unit of products shown above, fresh fruit to be supplied on day of delivery.
Products and brands may be different than shown as a result of supply challenges.



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Hey Totems, All students in PHE this year can purchase PHE strip on our school athletics store. Orders can be made till Oct 21!

Link to the website:

<https://totemsathletics.com/collections/phe-gym-strip>

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 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