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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear ACSS students and families,

Happy Halloween! All the best to all of our students and families this weekend celebrating the end of October and, of course, Halloween. Please take care and be safe.

This week at ACSS, Halloween themes flavoured the extra-curricular activities. Staff and students wore Halloween colours on Monday, trivia was offered as a means for Halloween prizes, students got into teams to carve pumpkins for a little bit of competitive fun – we are still awaiting the judge's ruling on the winners of the carving categories. Finally, on Friday, staff and students dressed in costume just for fun. Happy Halloween!

Athletics is still very much in play at ACSS – this week our girls' and boys' volleyball teams played excellent games – the girls teams played in our gym, while the boys travelled to Langley Fundamental for their matches. Also, our senior boys soccer team scored a good win over St. Jean Brebeuf School from Abbotsford. Way to go teams!

On Monday, our excellent Totem Ambassadors (Grade 11 & 12 students committed to organizing positive change events and activities at our school) visited Grade 9 classes during A block. The theme for their visits this session was "the value of organization". Thank you so much to all our Totem Ambassadors for the wonderful work you are doing at ACSS!

Thank you for reading this week's newsletter. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. M. Palichuk
Principal
Aldergrove Community Secondary School



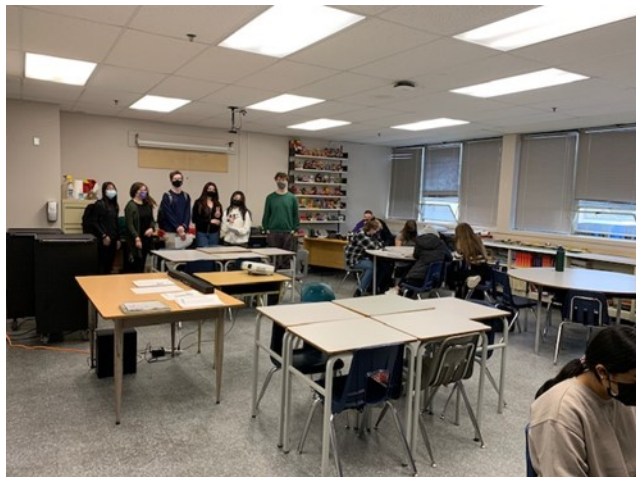
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Totem Ambassadors Session – The Value of Organization





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Totem Ambassadors Session – The Value of Organization



Junior Boys' Volleyball Game at Langley Fundamental School





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Senior Girls' Volleyball Game vs. Abbotsford Traditional School





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Pumpkin Carving Time.....





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Contact Tracing Information

Schools in the District are continuing to assist the Fraser Health Authority in contact tracing and case management. We appreciate the ongoing cooperation from parents/guardians in this process. To help support our families, we are sharing resources from the BC Centre for Disease Control which outline the contact tracing process in schools. You can view the Contact Tracing Infographic [here](#) and Contact Tracing in Schools resource [here](#).



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Breakfast Club



Grab and Go Breakfast Club 8:15-8:40 daily

Thank you to all of our partners, staff and students for their continued support. A huge thank you to Langley Sources for their weekly baked goods, breads, cheese and extras. Langley School Foundation also supports with yogurt, apple sauce and eggs. Also a thank you to the Township of Langley Firefighters Charitable Society for a supply of granola bars. Sincerely yours; The Breakfast Club Team.

Breakfast Club Donations

Did you know that ACSS Breakfast Club operates every day and is open to everyone who would like some! The program is run on funding from Breakfast Club of Canada and donations from the community. If you would like to contribute to the program, you can do so via School Cash Online.

<https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/31506/111/False/True>



Volunteers

Cynthia at Laughing Stock Ranch is looking for volunteers to help with pony rides. Volunteer days and hours are flexible and could possibly lead to a job. Please see Lacey in room 155 if you are interested.



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Key Upcoming Dates:

- November 1 – 5 Careers Week at ACSS
- November 1 – 5 Provincial Assessment Week
(Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, Literacy 12)
- Wednesday, November 10 ACSS Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly
- Thursday, November 11 Remembrance Day
- Friday, November 12 Report Card Prep/Design and Assessment Day
(students not in session)
- November 15 – November 19 ACSS Wellness Week
- November 22 – November 26 Grad Photo Week
- January 11, 2022—Grade 9 Immunizations
- April 5, 2022—Grade 10 Immunizations

Wellness Week is coming up November 15-19!

This year's theme is Reconnecting – your friends, your family, your community, yourself. The week will include activities during breaks, presentations to classes, and lots of fun ways for students to reconnect. Listen for announcements and watch Instagram and Facebook for lunchtime activities. Wellness Week is organized in partnership with Pacific Community Resource Society. Stay tuned for more details and schedule.

ACSS Totems Face Masks For Sale

We have ACSS face masks for sale on school cash online. \$12 each





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ACSS CAREER CORNER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>November 1</u> <u>Television and</u> <u>Movies</u>	<u>November 2</u> <u>Taking Care of</u> <u>Business</u>	<u>November 3 Com-</u> <u>munity</u> <u>Involvement</u>	<u>November 4 –</u> <u>Video Games</u>	<u>November 5 –</u> <u>World Travel</u>
Think about your favourite inspirational movie quotes. Enter the draw with your favourite movie.	Wear a tie to school day! Learn what interesting jobs your teachers had before becoming teachers. Go online and match teachers to jobs. Due Thursday, announced Friday.	Bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank and earn a point a piece. Your points will go towards your school house team total.	What is your favourite video game? Wear gaming clothing today.	Show on a map where you have travelled to or where you'd like to go.
Each day will have 3 gift certificate winners!				
Bring your lunch and learn about interesting career opportunities.				
Lunch and Learn in Room 213 from 11:50-12:25 Aliza Amarashi from Vancouver Film School. Learn about different careers in the film industry.	Lunch and Learn in Room 213 from 11:50-12:25 Sharon Hummell from CPABC (Accounting). If you are thinking of going into business, this is the presentation for you!	Lunch and Learn in Room 213 from 11:50-12:25 Karen Long from Langley Volunteer Society. Are you looking how to earn volunteer hours? Do you want to help out in your community?	Lunch and Learn in Room 213 from 11:50-12:25 Derek Fisher from Visual College of Art and Design Learn about how to get into the gaming industry.	Lunch and Learn in Room 213 from 11:30-12:05 Kirsten Dawson from NAV Canada Would you like to direct airplanes? Learn how to become an Air Traffic Controller.
All attendees to the Lunch and Learn sessions get a lunch time treat!				



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Future Students Information Session: Learn about Applied Sciences

Date: Wednesday, November 3rd

Time: 8:00-9:00am

Future Students Information Session: Computing Science and Software Systems

Date: Wednesday, November 10th

Time: 4:30-5:30pm

Future Students Information Session: Learn about Applied Sciences

Date: Wednesday, November 17th

Time: 4:30-5:30pm

Future Students Information Session: Engineering Sciences, Mechatronics Systems Engineering, Sustainable Energy Engineering

Date: Wednesday, November 24th

Time: 4:30-5:30pm

Future Students Information Session: Transfer Presentation

Date: Wednesday, December 1st

Time: 4:30-5:30

Future Students Information Session: Computing Science and Software Systems

Date: Wednesday, December 8th

Time: 4:30-5:30pm

RSVP: <https://www.sfu.ca/fas/prospective-Students/events.html>

The zoom link will be sent to students upon registration.



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The UFV Pre-Medical Student
Association Presents

PRE-MED 101

Wednesday, November 10th

Virtually through Zoom

7:00-8:00pm= Information Session

8:00-9:00pm= Q&A Session with Current Medical
Students

Attend for a chance to win one of two Indigo
giftcards!

RSVP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE
BELOW OR BY EMAIL AT
UFVPMSA@GMAIL.COM





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Langley School District Presents: Scholarship Information Seminar

Time: 7:00PM

Date: Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021

Location: Online via TEAMS Live Event at the link below

- <https://bit.ly/3B4HMCU>

About:

Join Brittany Palmer of Unlock your Future as she leads students and parents through a step-by-step program for navigating the scholarship process. Students in grades 11/12 and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend: it is never too early to get started. This comprehensive presentation covers topics ranging from building your scholarship foundation to crafting a strong personal statement. Contrary to popular belief, students do *not* need 95% averages or international achievements to win scholarships. Through this seminar, Brittany debunks common scholarship myths and breaks down the complex process into a manageable form. Using this program, Brittany and her younger brother Bo collectively won 35 scholarships totaling over \$125,000. Since 2005, she has shared her story and strategies with tens of thousands of students, parents and educators. Through this dynamic and informative presentation, Brittany demonstrates that scholarships are indeed possible.



www.keytoscholarships.com



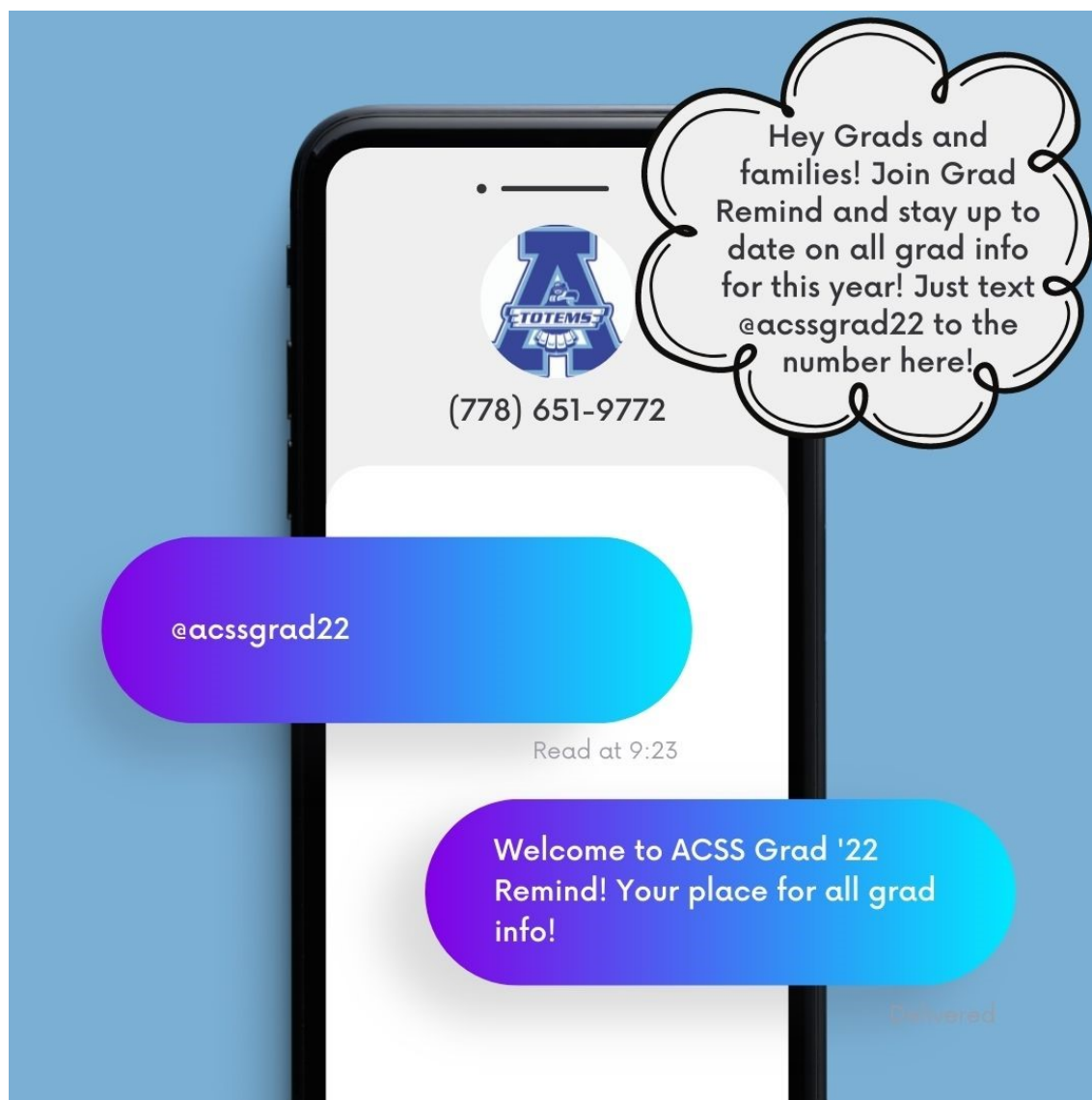
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GRAD 2022





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GRAD 2022

Dear Sir/Madam, The Aldergrove Community Secondary School Dry Grad Committee is planning the Dry Grad event for the 2022 graduating class. Dry Grad events are held at many high schools throughout the province to provide a safe, substance free, chaperoned after-party for the graduating class.

The ACSS Dry Grad committee is comprised of parents who are charged with organizing safe transportation to and from the dinner/dance and planning the Dry Grad event. When students finish the dinner/dance, they will be transported to the Dry Grad venue for a safe, all night party complete with great music, food, entertainment, activities, prizes and more!

Our goal is to encourage all grads to attend this farewell party and to make this a fun, safe and memorable event. In order to make this year's event successful, we are seeking community support. Please consider whether your business/organization would be able to provide sponsorship, a cash donation or prize donations to use towards this special day. In return, the ACSS Dry Grad committee will ensure that your business/organization will be recognized as a sponsor/donor at the Dry Grad event and in the community.

We look forward to your support and thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, do not hesitate to contact parents of the ACSS Dry Grad committee via email acssdrygrad2022@gmail.com

Sincerely,

ACSS Dry Grad Committee



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GRAD 2022

Hey Parents & Guardians of ACSS Graduating Class of 2022!

Make sure you contact the parent run dry grad committee ASAP (so we can obtain your contact info) in order to forward you important information about your grad's Graduation events.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:30pm in the school library

Looking forward to an exciting year of graduation events for the Class of 2022!



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GRAD 2022



Aldergrove Community Secondary School Grad Fall Favorites Fundraiser



Enjoy our top quality meats and sweets with our easy to use
online ordering system!

All of your favorites are just a click away...

Orders In By: Tuesday, November 16th 2021, end of day

Pick up: Friday, November 26th 2021, 4:30 pm



We need your support now more than ever! Please share this
link with family and friends!



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New Daily Health Check Form – Digital and Print Version

Thank you for continuing to conduct a daily health check with your child. It is an important measure to help keep our school community healthy and safe. To better assist families, the Ministry of Education has developed an online K to 12 Health Check which can be found here: <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck>

A mobile phone app version can also be downloaded, called K to 12 Health Checker.

Print versions are available in multiple languages on our District website [here](#).



Fraser Health COVID-19 School Update – Immunization for 12-17 year olds

Health Canada has approved the use of the Pfizer vaccine for youth aged 12 to 17. British Columbia is expanding the COVID-19 Immunization Plan to include this age group.

Youth are excited to protect themselves and their families.

Children aged 12 to 17 can register to get vaccinated now by going to www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated, calling 1-833-838-2323 or in person at any Service B.C. centre. Once child(ren) are registered in the provincial system they will be contacted at a later date via the method they indicated (either email or text) to book their vaccine appointment.

Household and group vaccination options are also available to make it easy for households to be immunized at the same time. Multiple young people in a household can attend one booked appointment and be vaccinated together. Young people accompanying adults to the adult's new vaccine appointment can register on site and do not need to be registered or booked in advance. Just let clinic staff know you have arrived.

Ensure all family members bring identification and ideally, their personal health card if they have one.

In the coming days, schools will receive an information package to be shared with families with key information such as how to prepare for and what to expect during your child's vaccine appointment.

More information can be found at www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated and at www.fraserhealth.ca/vaccine



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COVID-19 Guidelines 2021-22 – Frequently Asked Questions

Why is there no mask mandate for students in K-3?

As announced by the province, masks for students in K-3 are no longer required. The District will be encouraging students in K-3 to wear a mask. Mask wearing for these students continues to be a family/caregiver choice. Masks are only one layer of protection. As per public health, the best way to protect everyone is for people who are eligible to get vaccinated.

As announced by the province, masks will continue to be required for all K-12 staff, students in grades 4-12, and visitors when indoors and on buses (with exceptions). See further information regarding bussing [here](#).

Masks are not required for students, staff, and visitors when outdoors.

Why is there no vaccine mandate for students and staff?

As announced by the province, students, staff, and visitors are not required to be vaccinated but it is strongly recommended. The District is encouraging all students, staff, and visitors to get vaccinated before the start of the school year. As advised by public health, vaccines are the best way to keep everyone healthy and safe, especially those in the community who are not eligible to get vaccinated.

Walk-in vaccination clinics are available for anyone over the age of 12 years old. For more information on vaccine clinics in Fraser Health, read here: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/vax#.YSw77tNKibs>

Why is there no vaccine passport required for students and staff?

As announced by the province, students, staff, and visitors are not required to show proof of vaccination. As per the province, schools are controlled environments with comprehensive health and safety measures already in place and attendance of students, staff, and visitors is taken daily. Half of K-12 students are under 12 years old, not eligible for vaccines, and therefore, the vaccine passport would not be applicable.

A vaccine passport could be applicable, when and if schools host an event (like a concert open to parents/public). Schools will share additional information with the community where and when appropriate.

Why are there no cohorts and physical distancing required?

As announced by the province, cohort and physical distancing is no longer required. However, the District will be working with administration and school staff to develop creative ways to maximize space amongst students and staff in classes. Strategies may include using directional arrows and posters in hallways, spreading out desks and tables in a classroom, and encouraging everyone to respect others' personal space. Taking classes outdoors will continue to be encouraged.

Will the District improve ventilation in schools?

The District upgraded HVAC systems with MERV 13 filters in all sites including portables prior to last year school year. These upgrades meet and exceed provincial ventilation requirements.



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Will students be able to take online courses online if they feel unsafe? Will there be the Transition Support Model in September?

There continues to be a range of choices for students and their families in September. The District will not be offering the Transition Support Model for this school year. Students will be able to learn online through Distributed Learning programs offered at [U-Connect](#) (Elementary, Middle, Secondary) or [Langley Education Centre](#) (Secondary). Students also have the option of [homeschooling](#). If you have questions about options for your child, please connect with your school administrator.

If a student enrolls in a Distributed Learning program or chooses homeschooling, will they be able to save their spot at their catchment school or choice school?

Due to significant increases in student enrolment K-12 in the Langley School District, if a student chooses to enroll in a Distributed Learning program or is homeschooled, the school will not be able to save a student's space at their catchment school or choice school. In the event a student leaves for the school year, they will have to re-enroll for their catchment or choice school and follow regular procedures regarding registration and timeline. If you have questions, please connect with your school administrator.

Why can't the District implement its own guidelines?

The District takes direction from the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Office regarding public health matters. The District also follows regional and local health and safety measures developed by the Fraser Health Authority. Changes to any health and safety guidelines can only come from public health authorities. The District defers to health authorities on decision making as they base their advice on science and data collected by public health. The District trusts health experts and their work to help keep our students, staff, and community safe.

Why are the guidelines in schools different from other community settings (e.g., restaurants, stores, recreation centers)?

The District takes direction from the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Office. As per the province, all schools follow the health and safety outlines in the [BCCDC's Public Communicable Disease Guidance for K-12 Schools](#). Other sites within the Langley School District (non-education sites such as the school board office) follow WorkSafeBC guidelines which are different from school settings. Other community settings will have health and safety measures in place implemented by the province and/or regional/local authority.

Isn't the District concerned about COVID-19 exposures in schools due to increasing case counts/Delta variant?

The District shares the community's concern over COVID-19 cases. The District acknowledges that as long as there is COVID-19 in the community, there will be exposures in schools. The District understands the more eligible people are immunized; the less likely school exposures may lead to transmission. The District is confident the COVID-19 measures in place for the school year will help in protecting the health and safety of students, staff, and community members.



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MyEducationBC



Family Portal



Haven't
logged in
for over
90 days?

Passwords are good for 90 days to protect your child's data.
You will be prompted to change your password.

Invalid Login
after changing
your password?

Forgot
your
password?

Click "I forgot
my password" on
the Log on screen.

The recovery
process asks for your current
Login ID, Email address, and
your security question.
They are **Case Sensitive**.

Invalid
Login?

☒ Both Login ID and Password
are **Case Sensitive**.

☒ Pop-ups are **Enabled**.

☒ **Close your browser
completely*** and try again
or **try with another
browser**. (Chrome, Firefox,
Microsoft Edge etc)

* Closing browser completely
on Mobile/Tablet, click [here](#).



Login ID: sd35-xxxxxxx
both logins and passwords are case sensitive.
Logins should be all lower case.



One login ID
should give parents access to all their
children's information.



Published Report Cards

It is recommended that you save the PDF documents as the report card is only posted on the Family Portal for a limited time.



How to use the Family Portal
Please visit our website [here](#).



Need Help?

Please submit a request through our website
<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/myedbc-family-portal-help/myedbc-request-for-assistance-form/>

For more information

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SD35 Family Portal 2020

Instagram: @acss.totems

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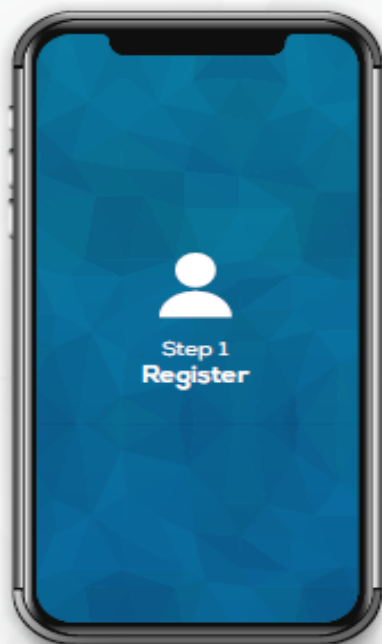
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Welcome to SchoolCashOnline

Fast. Safe. Convenient.

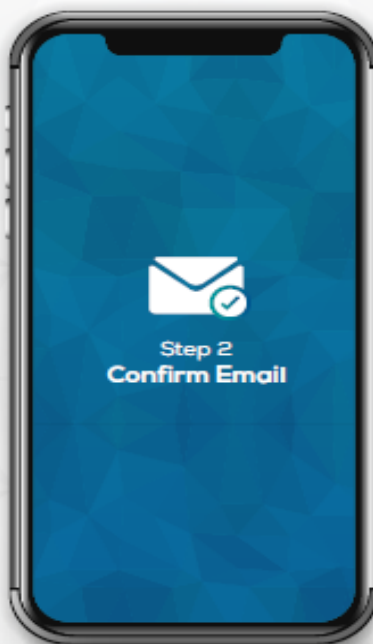
For safety and efficiency reasons, Langley School District would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE!
It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child.



Step 1
Register

Go to
<https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com>
and click on **Register**.

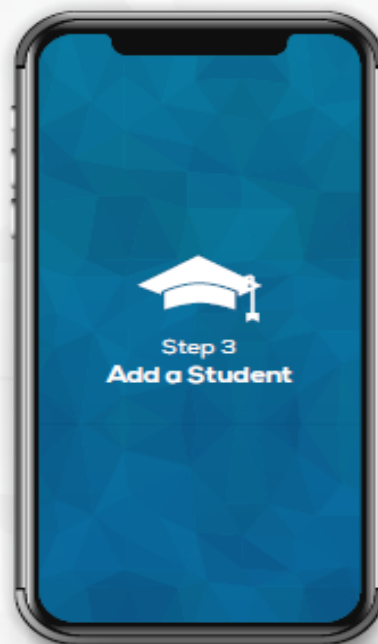
- ✓ Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
- ✓ Select a security question.
- ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications



Step 2
Confirm Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account (check spam).

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site, prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password to log in.



Step 3
Add a Student

This step will connect your child to your account.

- a) Enter the School Board Name.
- b) Enter the School Name.
- c) Enter Your Child's **Student Number, Last Name, Date of Birth**.
- d) Select Continue.
- e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select Continue.
- f) Your child has been added to your account.

If you require assistance, select the **SUPPORT** option in the bottom right hand corner of the screen or go to helpdesk.supportschoolcashionline.com

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FAQs

I've forgotten my password

Click on the "Forgot your password?" link to reset your password. A temporary password will be sent to the email address registered with your account.

How secure are my purchases?

KEV Group's top priority is to keep your personal information safe. Go to <https://helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com> and see Security for Security Policy and Privacy Policy.

What if I can't find my student?

Contact your school to confirm your student's details (sign up criteria) to ensure it matches exactly with what was entered in your school's records.

What if I can't see any items?

Each school creates their own items for purchase and assigns them to students. Once assigned, they will appear online under the student tab.

Need Help?

Go to helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com



Langley
Schools

School District #35 - Langley



Contact your school office directly for the following issues:

- ✓ You require a refund for items purchased on School Cash Online
- ✓ When adding to the cart, the item displayed prevents you from completing your purchase correctly
- ✓ You made a purchase on an item incorrectly and want to change your order
- ✓ You are missing items that you thought were available to purchase. Items are created by the school and School Cash Online displays those items for parents to purchase

How To Make Online Payments for Your Student Fees using

SchoolCashOnline

Powered by **KEVGROUP**

Fast, safe, convenient.

Welcome to SchoolCashOnline



School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.

- ✓ Conveniently make payments for student fees online
- ✓ Stay connected and informed of all school activities
- ✓ Never miss out on field trips, school events, yearbooks and more

All you have to do is register, attach your students and in no time, you will be able to make payments online.

How to Register

1. Go to <https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com/> and click on Register
 - ✓ Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
 - ✓ Select a security question.
 - ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications
2. A confirmation email will be sent to you
 - Check spam
3. Follow the instructions in the email.
Your email is used as your username in your profile.

How to Add a Student

1. Sign In to School Cash Online
2. Go to MY ACCOUNT.
3. From the drop down menu, select My Students.
4. Click to add a student.
 - a. Type in your School Board Name
 - b. Select School Name from the list.
 - c. Enter Student Criteria (as set by your School Board)
 - d. CONFIRM

You can add up to 8 students on your profile.

How to Make a Payment

1. You will be able to view any available items attached to your students that are set up on your account.
2. Select the item that you would like to purchase and click "add to Cart".
3. Once you have finished adding items to your cart, select "Check Out" to make payment.

You can pay for multiple student's items in one Check Out.

Payment Types Accepted



Credit Cards



eCheck



Stay connected by receiving email notifications of new fees.



Never miss out on field trips, yearbook sales, and school events.



Pay required fees any time, any where.



Students no longer risk carrying cash and checks to school in their backpacks.