



# ACSS Totem Times

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September 10, 2021

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Warm September greetings ACSS students and families,

We are very excited to be back at school teaching and learning with our students. This past week was certainly one built upon a theme of a "restart". As you know, we have returned to the semester system that we are accustomed to at ACSS. Gone is the quarter system that we used last year – students will now complete four courses in each semester. We were excited to welcome our new Grade 9 students (and Grade 10-12 students new to ACSS) on Tuesday with an assembly, some orientation activities, and a celebratory barbecue. Regular classes began on Wednesday. For the next week(s) we will continue to rearrange student timetables and modify student registration requests as needed. So, while we are restarting, we are really preparing to soon be in full operational mode with our entire community learning and growing educationally every day.

The first meeting of our Parent Advisory Committee is tentatively set for Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Becoming involved with the PAC is an excellent way to get involved in your child's education. Please consider attending the meeting and helping with our school PAC and their initiatives.

Over the summer break we had the mural in our large gym completed. As you can see in the photos below, the design is fantastically eye-opening! You can also see that we installed two large LED multimedia screens/scoreboards. With athletics restarting in schools this year, our new gym is ready for play! Thank you to our district maintenance staff, our custodians, and our mural artist, Dean Lauze, for all their superb work at our school this summer!





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Please also know that we welcome all communication from our students' parents/guardians. We know that education is more powerful and effective when all members of the community are involved. While we work with our students everyday teaching and learning, we appreciate the knowledge and understanding of the educational opportunities our students are involved with outside of school hours. Please contact the school if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, suggestions etc. We are very proud to be Aldergrove **Community** Secondary School!

Please welcome the following new staff members to ACSS for the 2021-2022 school year:

Corene Beach – Office Assistant  
Nick Bruce – Physical and Health Education  
Dylan Coulter – Drama/English  
Anya Gimpel—Career Advisor  
Nanette Jackson – Aboriginal Support Worker  
Devinder Kaur – Resource  
Ruth Kreisch – Resource  
Sarah Schmidt (returning to ACSS) – International Student Coordinator  
Cam Ward – Math/Science/Careers  
Elle Weir – Administrative Assistant  
April Yoo – Educational Software Systems Coordinator

Thank you for reading this week's newsletter. All of us here at ACSS are looking forward to a wonderful school year of learning at ACSS!

Mr. M. Palichuk  
Principal  
Aldergrove Community Secondary School



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, September 23: School Photo Day.**

**Friday, September 24: School Improvement Day (school not in session)**

**Thursday, September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation  
(school not in session)**



## 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.

### Greetings from the Community School Coordinator!

To start the year off right, we're looking for feedback on Aldergrove's needs and interests. Please fill out this short survey. <https://forms.gle/vJ5pn4gMoeNhnaqW8>

Any questions please reach out to:

**Stephanie Eby**

Aldergrove Community Schools Coordinator

c. 604.862.5943 e. [seby@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:seby@sd35.bc.ca)

## ACSS Totems Face Masks For Sale

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





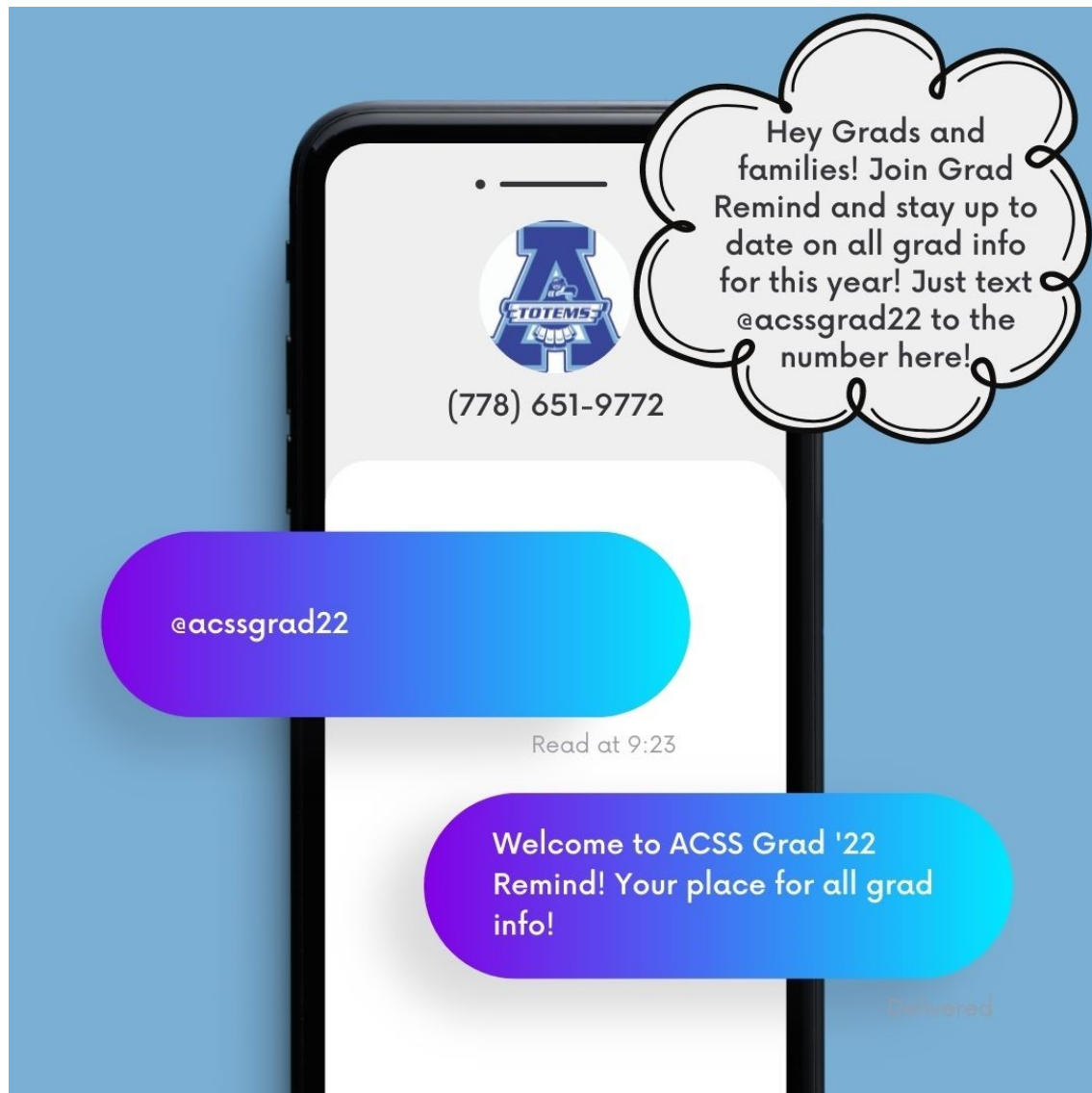
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GRAD 2022





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GRAD 2022

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*Grad 2022 Hoodies are available to order on SchoolCashOnline for \$55 each. This order will run until mid-October and will be delivered to students before Christmas break. We will run a second and final order in January for delivery before Spring Break.*

*Hoodies are available in Navy Blue and Light Grey with the above design. We only order exact amounts and will have no extras.*







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## ACSS Athletics

The Fall sports season is officially underway!! The following teams will be starting up shortly:

Cross Country

Volleyball (girls/boys; Jr. and Sr.)

Soccer (Jr. and Sr. boys)

Soccer tryouts for boys all ages will begin Tuesday, September 14 and Wednesday, September 15 starting both days at 3:15 — 4:30pm on the large turf field behind the high school.

Don't forget you can purchase PHE Strip on your school cash online account! Shirts and Shorts are \$10 each or both for \$20. They are great quality and a great way to represent your school! If you have any questions please email Ms. Weir at [eweir@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:eweir@sd35.bc.ca)





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## Work and Volunteer Experience (WAVE) Information for SD35 Students

Student requirements:

- Be in grade 10-12
- Have parent/guardian permission
- Follow expectations from SD35, your school and your employer
- Work/volunteer up to 170 hours with an employer
- Arrange your own transportation to/from the employer
- Complete school requirements in order to participate in a placement

Ready to register?

- Complete a WAVE Registration Form with your Career Advisor
- WAVE Registration Form is available at [careered.sd35.bc.ca/registerforWAVE](http://careered.sd35.bc.ca/registerforWAVE)

Have questions?

Reach out via:

- School Career Advisor
- Email: [careered@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:careered@sd35.bc.ca)
- Phone: 778-736-0710

What it is:

A high school course that students normally complete outside of school hours at an employer's place of business. Students are placed with employers/organizations to perform the duties of an entry level employee and/or job shadow. Students use the skills they have learned in school and apply them at the workplace. Students gain experience and new skills in the workplace they wouldn't be able to get at school.



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## Student Benefits:

- Complete course credits outside of a school in an area of interest
- Earn up to eight elective credits towards graduation (equals two courses)
- Get paid or gain volunteer experience while earning school graduation credits
- Gain experience in almost any industry/occupation
- Have a placement with a new employer or continue where you are already working/volunteering
- Acquire skills and experience employers want
- Get a head start on your career
- Have a smoother transition from school to work
- Potential to be offered paid employment with employers
- Take more than nine courses in a school year, does not impact current school schedule
- Find your own employer or connect with the assistance of a teacher





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## Breakfast Club

### Grab and Go Breakfast Club 8:15-8:40 daily, starting September 15.

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.



## Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or [www.sd35.bc.ca](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). Updates are also posted to Twitter @LangleySchools and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](https://www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict). If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.



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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](http://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](http://www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated) and at [www.fraserhealth.ca/vaccine](http://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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## **COVID 19 Notification Process**

The Ministry of Education has informed the District of the COVID-19 Notification Process. The District will continue to follow the protocols as set out by Fraser Health to help keep our students and staff healthy and safe.

Here is what we can share with you now:

Public health will continue to prioritize schools for contact tracing. Public health will directly follow up with anyone identified as a COVID-19 case and determine if other students or staff were close contacts.

- [Close contacts](#) are followed up with directly because they may be at greater risk of infection. They will be directly informed by public health if they need to take action, like self-monitoring or self-isolating.
- People at school who are not close contacts are not at increased risk, so don't need to take any additional actions beyond continuing to follow general public health recommendations.
- In line with practices for other community settings and workplaces, school notifications to the broader school community, such as letters or exposure notices on regional health authority websites, will be used when public health deems them necessary to support contact tracing or outbreak management.
- Public health continues to monitor transmission of COVID-19 across the province, with the latest data on COVID19 available from [BCCDC](#).



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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

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/myedbc-family-portal-help/>

SD35 Family Portal 2020

Instagram: @acss.totems

Facebook: Aldergrove Community Secondary School

Twitter: @ACSSTotems





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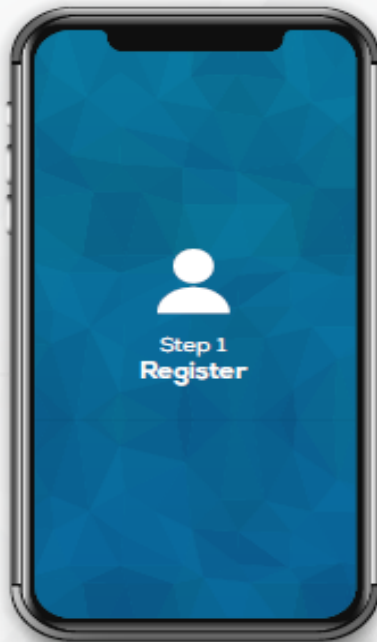
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## Welcome to SchoolCashOnline

Fast. Safe. Convenient.

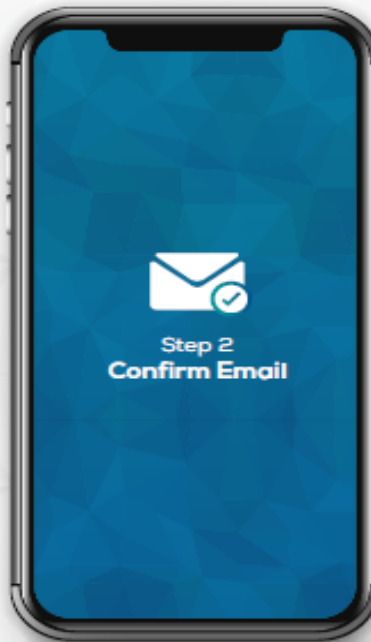
For safety and efficiency reasons, Langley School District would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE!  
It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please 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**.

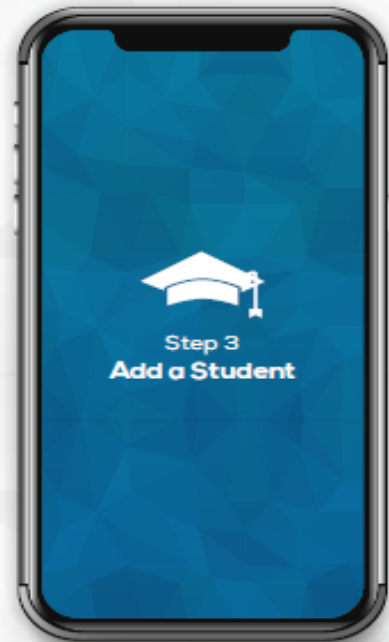
- ✓ Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
- ✓ Select a security question.
- ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications



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.support@schoolcashionline.com](mailto:helpdesk.support@schoolcashionline.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](https://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.