



# Redhawk

## RELEASE

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Issue # 1

### Welcome Back!

I sincerely hope that all our students and their families have had a wonderful summer and have had an opportunity to enjoy time away from the hectic school schedule over the past two months. Summer is a great time to rest, relax, recharge and enjoy some downtime with friends and family. With September fast approaching, it is almost time for students to head “back to school.” I am very excited to be starting my first year as Principal of DW Poppy Secondary. Having been the vice principal for the past six and a half years at Poppy, I know Poppy is a special school with a rich history with many programs and opportunities for students to get involved and pursue their passions. I look forward to reconnecting with our grade 9-12s as well as meeting all our new grade 8 students in the next few weeks. I also look forward to getting to know the parents and community members over the next few months. I know many parents and students are anxious for information about school start-up so what follows is some important school start-up information along with other information to help keep parents connected and up to date on what is happening throughout the year.

Dean Pacheco  
Principal

### Upcoming Events

Tuesday September 3 – First Day for Grade 8s (12:30pm)

Wednesday September 4 – All students attend school

Wednesday September 11 – School Photo Day

Thursday September 12 – Grade 11/12 Assembly

Friday September 13 – Grade 9/10 Assembly

Friday September 20 – School Improvement Day – No School in Session

Wednesday September 25 – Grade 8 Parent Evening – 6:00 pm

Wednesday September 25 – Grade 12 Parents Information Evening – 7:00pm

Thursday September 26 – Terry Fox Run/Colour Day

Monday September 30 – Orange Shirt Day





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## First Day of School for Grade 8s: Tuesday September 3 at 12:30pm

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The first day of school, Tuesday September 3, is only for Grade 8 students. This gives our incoming crop of new grade 8's a day to become familiar with the school and routines of high school before all of our students arrive on Wednesday. Grade 8 students will attend school from 12:30 to 2:30 pm on Tuesday September 3. When students first arrive to school, they will need to find what homeroom they will be in. Homeroom class lists will be posted in the front foyer of the school. We will begin the day with an assembly in the Dramnasium followed by time in their homeroom. In homeroom, students will be assisted by some of our Grade 11 and 12 Leadership students. These senior students will assist grade 8 students with their lockers, timetables, and will also provide the grade 8's with a school tour. Grade 8's will also be provided with a final copy of their timetable as well as student fee and information forms. For those students who take the bus to school, our school buses will be running on this day. The bus pick-up time will be 4 hours later than regular, so if you normally get picked up at 7:15 am, the pick-up will be at 11:15 am. School buses will depart at their regular time of 2:40 pm afterschool.

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## First Day of School for All Students: Wednesday September 4 at 8:05am

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The first official day of school for all students, grade 8 to 12 is Wednesday, September 4. This is a full day of school starting with the welcoming bell at 8:05 am and ending at 2:30 pm. School buses will be running at their regular pick up and drop off times. Students will begin the day by attending their homeroom. Homeroom assignments will be posted in the front foyer in the morning. During homeroom, students will receive their locker assignments, student fee forms, and an updated version of their official timetable. After homeroom, students will follow a regular A1 schedule – A1, B1, C1, D1.

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## Student Timetables Released via MyEd BC: Friday, August 23 at 3pm

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Student timetables/schedules for 2019/20 are still being finalized. Over the summer, there were many changes to our timetable due to summer session, staffing changes and other enrollment pressures. As a result, any previous timetables students may have received are tentative in nature. We will be releasing final student timetables for the 2019/20 school year via MyEDBC this coming Friday, August 23. Students will be able to access their official timetable by logging into their MyEDBC account starting Friday after 3 pm. Please note that all student MyEDBC accounts and password have remained the same from last year. An email will be sent home to all families on the afternoon of Friday, August 23 informing students when timetables have been released. Students and parents who do not have an account, please follow the instructions on the link below:  
<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/myedbc-family-portal-help/>

Any concerns with logging onto the MyEd system, please email [lmcleod@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:lmcleod@sd35.bc.ca)

Please see the information below regarding the procedure for any student who requires or would like to request a course change based on their final schedule. This information has also been posted on our school website and can be found at the link below:  
<https://dwps.sd35.bc.ca/student-life/course-change-requests-2018-19/>

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## Course Change Requests

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Students who would like to request a course change will need to do the following:

- Complete the Google Form that can be found at the link below:  
[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rvqr\\_Ar4dE-2p7oVwqS7JMIQrXXeJRdKp6j3-RazkOJUNjQxVUuHWTVFVUUhHQjNGVEo2MkNTWVBVMY4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rvqr_Ar4dE-2p7oVwqS7JMIQrXXeJRdKp6j3-RazkOJUNjQxVUuHWTVFVUUhHQjNGVEo2MkNTWVBVMY4u)
- If you request a meeting with the counsellor next week (August 26 to 30), come to the



school at your selected time.

All other submitted course changes will be handled by our counselors and they will contact students if needed.

**IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A CHANGE TO YOUR SCHEDULE, PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- We only keep a waitlist for first three weeks of school for those courses required for post-secondary entrance.
- Requests for changes to elective courses must be received by Friday, September 14. No late forms will be received this year.
- Counsellors will work to accommodate your request up until September 20.

Course change requests will be reviewed in this order:

Priority #1: Incomplete schedule – students who do not have a total of 8 courses (one in each block)

Priority #2: Incorrect course – students who have do not have (or who have met) the prerequisite for a course – e.g. completed Social Studies at Summer Session). This does not include ‘I changed my mind and don’t want this class any more.

Priority #3 Request for different course

Continue to follow the courses on your schedule until you have received A NEW SCHEDULE with a counsellor’s signature and the date on the bottom.

## Register for 2019-20 Transportation Services

This year the Langley School District is once again registering students for the bus via the District’s KEV School Cash Online system.

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/schools/transportation/>

This link is posted on your school and district website under “Our Schools - Transportation” tab. You will be required to log in to your School Cash Online account following the completion of the transportation application form to check out and finalize the registration. The check out process is the same as standard school items but for most registrants the cost will be zero. It does not matter whether you complete the “Who are you

purchasing this for?” box as the registration form will collect the student details.

Don’t yet have a KEV School Cash Online account?

Not to worry - please see the easy to follow instructions on how to set up a School Cash Online account on the next page. These instructions are also posted on the same link.

If you have moved over the summer, please be sure to update your account when you have the new address information.

Thank you to all parents for patiently waiting for the completion of both the registration/website setup. Please note that you are welcome to visit the Langley School Board Office, Office Services for computer registration support located at 4875 222<sup>nd</sup> Street, Langley. Questions can be emailed directly to [busregistrations@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:busregistrations@sd35.bc.ca)

## Student Fees

All students attending D.W. Poppy, with the exception of International Students, are required to pay a \$30 student fee. As well, Grade 8 and 9 students are required to purchase and wear Poppy PE strip for all PE classes. All other fees are optional except for Grade 12 students who are required to pay a Grad fee. Students will be provided with a Fees Payable form (see below) in their Homeroom class on the first day of school.

Parents/students have two options to pay fees at Poppy:

1) Online using the KEV Payment system (preferred) – please see the next page for more details on the advantages to using KEV and how it works.

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/pay-your-school-feesmake-a-donation/>

2) Bring a cheque or cash along with the Fees Payable form to the main office. Please keep the yellow copy as your proof of payment/receipt.

Please note that student fees will NOT be collected through Homeroom classes any longer. If you have any questions about paying student fees or using the KEV Online Payment system, please call the main office.



## KEV School Cash Online

The KEV School Cash Online system is the most simple and effective way for parents to pay for any school related fees including student fees, grad fees, yearbooks, athletic fees and field trips. In addition to allowing parents to pay using a credit card or directly from your bank account, the KEV system also provides parents with a detailed history of their payments including instant access to your receipt, so you always have a record of your payments at your fingertips.

In addition to KEV being required for all bus registration next year, most of our Poppy teachers are moving to collecting all fees using the KEV Cash Online system. Therefore, we highly recommend that all Poppy parents create an account over the summer and use the KEV system for paying all fees in the 2019/20 school year. It is quick and simple to set up an account – just following the directions below:

To set up an account and get started, please click on the link below:

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/pay-your-school-feesmake-a-donation/>

## Mandatory Grade 8 and 9 PE Strip

In an attempt to remove issues around inappropriate PE strip for gym class and some other issues around gym attire, we are moving towards the implementation of a required PE strip for all grades over the next few years. Therefore, as part of their fees, all grade 8 students will be required to purchase Poppy-issued PE strip for the 2019-20 school year. Most of our Grade 9s still have their strip from last year and will not need to purchase more, but can still do so if they would like. Grade 9 students without strip will be required to purchase shorts and a shirt

Please see the bullets below for more information on how this works:

- Each student in grade 8 will receive a high quality

pair of Redhawk shorts and a Redhawk t-shirt that students will be expected to wear for all PE classes throughout the year. Please see below for all your purchase options.

- Students also have the option of purchasing Redhawk sweat pants instead of the shorts option. If parents wish to purchase additional PE strip items for their grade 8 students, or even other siblings at the school, they are also welcome to do so. Please see below for all of your purchase options.

- Please note that all PE strip purchases should be made using the KEV Cash Online system. You can access this system and set up an account in just a few minutes using the following link:

<https://dwps.sd35.bc.ca/parent-community/school-cash-online/>

- Once you have paid for the PE strip online, please print off the receipt and have your son/daughter bring this receipt with them to their first PE class and their PE teacher will issue them their PE strip.

- The PE teachers will review gym strip expectations with the students on the first day.

- It is highly recommended that students write their names on the inside of their strip in case it gets lost during the year.

## Grade 8/9 PE Strip Options

### REQUIRED PE STRIP

All grade 8/9 students must choose one of the following options for their Grade 8 Poppy PE Strip:

Option #1  
T-shirt and Shorts \$25.00

Option #2  
T-shirt and Sweat Pants \$30.00

Option #3  
T-shirts, shorts and sweat pants \$45.00

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### ADDITIONAL PURCHASE OPTIONS

Parents are able to purchase a second set of PE strip at the same prices as above.

Or, if parents would like to purchase additional PE strip items, they are also for purchase at the following prices:

- T-shirt \$10.00
- Shorts \$15.00
- Sweat Pants \$20.00



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### **Poppy Bistro – Donations and Volunteers Needed**

The Poppy Bistro is our school breakfast program that provides a free, healthy breakfast to any student in the school. The Poppy Bistro runs every morning from 7:40 to 8:05 am in room 124 and will open on Monday September 9. The Poppy Bistro operates based purely on donations and volunteers from our school and community. Parents are able to donate online using KEV when they pay school fees or anytime throughout the school year. As well, we are always looking for parent volunteers who can help out in the Poppy Bistro by volunteering their time even one morning a week. If you would interested in helping out, please contact Tia McEwan at [TiMcEwan@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:TiMcEwan@sd35.bc.ca) for more information.

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### **Weekend Fuel Bag – Donations Needed**

Weekend Fuelbag is a charity program started by three students in the Langley School District. Every Friday, Weekend Fuelbag provides bags full of food for Langley students who would otherwise be going

without food for the weekend. Most of the food is donated through local companies or purchased through money raised from individual donations. The food is delivered each week to local high schools around Langley where it is sorted and bagged by volunteer Leadership students. Those bags are then made available to students in need every Friday. Currently, Weekend Fuelbag is supporting needy students in every high school in Langley, including D.W. Poppy. If you would like to help support this worthwhile program, you can make a donation to Weekend Fuelbag when you pay your child's students fees online. If you would like to learn more about the Weekend Fuelbag Program, visit their website at

[www.weekendfuelbag.ca](http://www.weekendfuelbag.ca)

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### **MySchoolDay App (formerly Poppy Blocks)**

MySchoolDay (formerly Poppy Blocks) is a free scheduling app that allows students to input their timetable into their phone so they'll always know their schedule while at school or home. It includes all our 2019/20 calendar information including holidays and professional days. The app also enables notes to be put in for each block so it can act as an agenda to keep track of homework, create to do lists, and set reminders for particular classes. Parents are also welcome to download the app so they can keep track of what class their child is in during the day while they are at work! For more information on MySchoolDay and how to download it, go to our website at

<https://dwps.sd35.bc.ca/student-life/poppy-blocks/>

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### **School Photos**

School Photos will be taken on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Students will receive a Photo prepayment form for the students to take home and to bring back on photo day.



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## Code of Conduct and Dress Guidelines

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The Langley School District has developed a very clear Code of Conduct and Dress Guidelines for students attending Langley Schools. All students and their parents need to be aware of these guidelines and polices. A link to each can be found below:

District Code of Conduct  
<http://bit.ly/2dRnOVa>

District Dress Guidelines  
<http://bit.ly/2vPV6P4>

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## Kids Plus Accident Insurance

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Students who are insured while at school or during a school event are not automatically covered by insurance. Therefore, the Langley School District has made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. (iA Financial Group). Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance offers protection against the unexpected costs of injury from accidents, and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

For complete plan details, please visit  
<https://www.kidsplus.ca/>

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## Office 365 for Students

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Every student in the Langley School District has access to our district's Office 365 licence with Microsoft. This is a safe, reliable service for students to stay in touch with teachers and their peers through email and file sharing in Word, Powerpoint, Excel, and more. Each student account has one terabyte (1000 gigabytes) of space to store their entire school career's worth of work.

How to find Office 365:  
Use a browser to search for Office 365 and open the link.

**User login name:**  
First Initial of First Name + Last Name + Last four digits of his/her [MyEdBCID@LangleySchools.ca](mailto:MyEdBCID@LangleySchools.ca) (not case sensitive).

**Example:** Login name for Harry Potter, MyEdBC ID #71169 is [hpotter1169@langleyschools.ca](mailto:hpotter1169@langleyschools.ca)  
If the student has a hyphenated name or an apostrophe in their name, these special characters are left out. No spaces in username.

**Password:**  
The password is the same as existing login password for school computers.

**Email Address:** Same as user login name.  
When emailing, students will only see other SD35 students. They will need their teacher's email address.

*Students can also download a copy of Office 365 to their home computer for free.*

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## Poppy on Social Media

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You can stay up to date on everything that is happening at Poppy and see examples of learning in classrooms and activities around the school by following us on Twitter or Instagram:

Twitter - @DWPoppy  
Instagram - @DWPoppySecondary

Also, check our website on a regular basis for updates and important information.  
<https://dwps.sd35.bc.ca/>