



Redhawk

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Message from the Principal

Dear Poppy Families,

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of those who participated in the creation of our Remembrance Day Presentation – Mr. Follett, Ms. Steeves, Ms. Jack, Ms. Blount, Mr. Powell, the choir, band, cadets, and poetry reader! It truly was an example of Poppy excellence throughout. While our assembly took on a different look this year, the moment was just as powerful in our remembrance for those who sacrificed for our freedoms and way of life today.

This upcoming week is one of exciting and anticipation. Excitement as we near the end of Quarter 1. Students will be completing final assessments in many classes as a culmination of 10 weeks of hard work. There will also be some excitement as our students begin Quarter 2 – new classes and new teachers. Please log in to MyEd to ensure all students go to the appropriate room and teacher for their upcoming classes. As with Quarter 1 we have done our best to minimize class sizes, this may have resulted in some possible changes with which teacher your student(s) have.

As we head into Quarter 2, we want to remind parents and students that we will be starting with Block A on Thursday. Students who were seeking a course change should have already let their counsellor know as we will not be making changes once the quarter begins as we aim to establish our new cohorts as soon as possible.

I know that there have been many families wanting students to wear a mask for the first week or two in Quarter 2. While many teachers will recommend this to students, it is not mandatory. We ask parents who are concerned to please have a conversation with their student(s) as they did in early September. Students and families have been excellent at making good choices the past three months and we anticipate this will continue in the future.

I have been encouraged over the past few days with many kind words from students and parents who have let us know how safe they feel at Poppy. The safety they feel is directly attributed to all of us, as a community, taking care of each other.

Have a safe and relaxing weekend!

Dean Pacheco

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 17 – Last day of Quarter 1

Wednesday, November 18 – Report Card Prep/Design & Assessment (School not in session)

Thursday, November 19 – Quarter 2 begins

Friday, November 20 to Sunday, November 22 – Grad Photos

Wednesday, November 25 – Report Cards Issued

Monday-Friday, December 14-18 – Christmas Week

Wednesday, December 16 – Q2 First Report Card

Friday, December 18 – Last Day of school before Winter Break

Tuesday, January 5 – First Day back from Winter Break





Quarter 2 Reminders

On Thursday, November 19, Quarter 2 begins. This is a reminder for all families that we will be starting again with Block A. See below for timetable. This is also a reminder for parents to go over the Health Check each day with their student and to follow the guidelines. The work our community has done to keep our students, staff, and families safe over the past few months has been tremendous. Please be mindful of any symptoms and take the appropriate precautions. The Health Check is also attached.

Quarterly: Staggered Lunch Grades 8-9

Start Time	End Time	Minutes	Block
8:35am	10:11am	96	Period 1
10:11am	10:50am	39	Lunch
10:50am	11:39am	49	Period 1 (Resource//LA)
11:44am	2:00pm	136	Period 2

Quarterly: Staggered Lunch Grades 10-12

Start Time	End Time	Minutes	Block
8:35am	10:55am	140	Period 1
10:55am	11:39am	44	Lunch
11:44am	2:00pm	136	Period 2

Student Safety Around Schools - Weather

With the days growing shorter and the weather changing to rain, fog, and frost, DW Poppy is reminding all our students to take extra precaution when walking to and from school. Please be aware of your surroundings, walk on the sidewalk and with someone whenever possible, and avoid wearing headphones. We al.

so ask drivers in our school community to be vigilant on our roads. Student safety is our priority. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping everyone safe.



Poppy Gear

This year we have teamed up with a company to produce some Poppy gear for students and families. Please take a look at the link below for more information. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Powell.

https://store.passionsports.ca/DWPoppy/shop/home?fbclid=IwAR0SXc5HTomVFXqYwBh44bvkMGuOJloyUdfksaQWnTWQKiin71xMLauC_3g

Information on School Status During Inclement Weather

Power outages and snow closures can happen. To find information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather you can visit the following:

- Twitter @LangleySchools
- Facebook @LangleySchoolDistrict
- District and School Website
- Radio stations: CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM

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.