



Redhawk

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Message from the Principal

Dear Poppy Parents,

Hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. This past week has been a difficult one for many of our staff, students, and families with the increasing numbers of cases in BC and the Fraser Valley, along with the number of Exposure letters sent out in just a few short days. While this news is not easy to hear, it is an important reminder for all of us about the impact that this virus can have on our mental health and wellness. We will reiterate that as a school we are doing everything we can within the guidelines of the PHO to maintain student and staff safety at the school. Our teachers have ensured that our learning environment is positive and supportive. Yesterday, I went on the PA to speak to our students and staff, to hopefully alleviate some anxieties, and want to share with you the message that I shared with them:

Hello Poppy,

I just want a few moments of your time. This has been a challenging week for many Poppy families with the number of letters sent home in the last few days. Based on the information we have been given the possible exposures that we have had at our school are not transmissions. From our understanding the infections have happened in the community. As such, more than ever, we need to do what we can for each other - respect physical distance, wear masks when needed, and sanitize our hands. Unfortunately, CoVID infections will happen in our community and may be difficult to prevent. This is not a time for blame -- but a time for support.

- Support for those who have fallen ill

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 30 to
Friday, December 4 – Interim
Week

Monday, December 14 to
Friday, December 18 --
Christmas Spirit Week

Friday, December 18 – Grad
Photo Retakes

Friday, December 18 – Last Day
of School Before Winter Break

Tuesday, January 5 – First Day
of School after Winter Break

Tuesday, January 5 – Quarter 2
Swap Over (first class is Block
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- Support for those who are having a difficult time with CoVID in our news/community
- Support for those who are trying to make the right choices in the community and here at school

We really are in this together!

I want to thank all of you for following the protocols in the building. These are helping keep all of us safe. In our common areas everyone has been exceptional. They are wearing masks, and respecting distances, everyone is sanitizing when entering the building. Thank you.

We know that masks are not mandated outside, but we want to continue to encourage you to keep physical distance or wear a mask if you cannot when you are outside. Also, and just as important, if you are not feeling well, if you have a cough, fever, chills, etc. that you do not come to school. Please follow the health protocols. We want all of you to know that we will support you if/when you do get symptoms (even if it is just a common cold), as I said earlier, we are all in this together.

Thank you for listening this morning. We have an incredible school here at Poppy. Even through some tough days we are still a strong, supportive community.

Remember, we don't just go to school, we go to Poppy!

Thank you.

Take care and talk soon,

Dean Pacheco

Interim Week – November 30 to December 4

This week teachers will be reaching out to parents (if they haven't already) if your student is struggling in their class. The goal of this interim report is to provide families with information early in the term and to set up a plan of intervention. If you have concerns about how your student is doing, please reach out to your teacher if you do not hear back from them. Interim reports take many forms and will be different for many teachers. Some examples of an interim report will be: telephone conferences, interim reports, written communication, portfolio reviews and face-to-face conferences.

Grad Photo Retakes

Grad photo retakes will be held on Friday, December 18th. Please use the link to below to sign up for a time slot:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/dwppopy_2021grad_retake_photos



Students Learning At Home While Away

If at any time your student is in need of staying home for any length of time, we ask that families work with their students to set up a schedule similar to what is happening during the school day (8:30am-2:00pm). Students who continue with a routine of school while at home will be more successful in their classes, and upon their return. In other words, if your student is taking Math this term, please have them log in to their Teams account and check what the work is for the day. The student can then spend that 'block' of time to work on their assignments, do research, etc. We feel that by keeping the learning as 'synchronous' as possible will set up our students for greater success. We thank you for your efforts in supporting their learning while they are at home.

DW Poppy Yearbook

This is a different year and we are going to create a unique yearbook filled with content provided by our entire community. The DW Poppy Yearbook Staff needs your help. We are working on creating a fun and memorable book for the 2020/2021 school year, but we need your contributions to fill the book with meaningful content. We have not had much response from the first few calls for submissions that we made through other channels, so we are going to try something new. To help us reach out to our community and to make it as easy as possible for you to contribute photos and stories, your Yearbook Staff have created a TEAM called DW Poppy Yearbook, and to which we will post Microsoft Forms for you to access if you want to contribute photos or stories to any of the Yearbook Spreads we are creating. What is the catch? You will need to join the TEAM in order to access the Microsoft forms and submit your photos and stories (you will still be able to send photos and stories to dwpyearbook@gmail.com, however, you will not have access to the Microsoft Forms if you are not a member of the TEAM). As new Yearbook content is created throughout the year, we will be adding new forms, and as a member of the DW Poppy Yearbook TEAM, you will receive notifications when these new forms are ready to be filled out (you may not have wanted to contribute to the previous spreads, but the new one may appeal more to you).

We are excited to feature YOU in the yearbook. Thank you for helping us tell the story of the year.

To Join the DW Poppy Yearbook TEAM just log into TEAMS as you would normally and click "Join a TEAM" and click the "Join a TEAM with a code" option and then enter the following TEAM code in the space provided.

Here is the DW Poppy Yearbook TEAM code: `bnzljy`

Christmas Hamper Donations



Contributions for the Christmas Family Hampers can be donated through Gift Cards, Cash, Cheques or through our School Cash On-line system this year. If you have friends or family who would like to donate online, please share the following link with them:

<https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/26217/111/False/True>

Please give generously to provide for our goal of 12 families. All donations will be used to purchase gift cards for groceries and presents for our family members this year. Due to CoVID restrictions, we are unable to accept any material donations this year.

School Immunizations Notice – Fraser Health Authority

The District has been advised by Fraser Health that school immunizations are expected to take place in January. As in previous years, students in grades 6 and 9 will have the opportunity to be vaccinated. Fraser Health will also provide catch up immunizations to students who did not complete their immunizations last year or over the summer. If you have any questions, please contact the Langley Health Unit 604-539-2900.

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 also 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.

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.