



# Redhawk

## RELEASE

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### MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

It was an exciting week of school, as we had a great display of school spirit for our theme days. We will continue to post photos on our school Instagram if you want to check them out. This week we will have our Terry Fox Run and Friday is when we focus on teaching about The National Day For Truth and Reconciliation.

I have enjoyed connecting with many new students and families and look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.



Jonathan Harris  
Proud Principal  
DW Poppy Secondary School

### FAIR NOTICE RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS/FAMILIES

The Langley School District is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. Our schools take all threatening comments and behaviours seriously. Our schools follow procedures when responding to threat-making behaviour to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. The following resource [here](#) outlines what information students and families need to know in relation to how the District responds to threat-making behaviour in our schools. Everyone has a role in helping keep our students safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school administrator.

### COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR SCHOOL

Schools and families continue to work together to ensure success for students. If you have an issue or concern but don't know who to speak with, the District encourages you to read these helpful Communicating with your School guidelines for parents/guardians found on our District website [here](#). As an additional reference, review this one-page resource [here](#).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>  
TERRY FOX ASSEMBLY & RUN  
PAC MEETING – 7PM

SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>  
ORANGE SHIRT DAY

OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>  
(SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)

OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>  
WORLD TEACHERS DAY

OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY  
(NO STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE)

OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>  
THANKSGIVING (SCHOOL CLOSED)

OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE 8 WELCOME BBQ – 12PM

OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>  
INTERIM REPORTS

OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>  
GRAD CRUISE – 5-11PM

OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>  
PROVINCIAL PRO-D DAY  
(NO STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE)

OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>  
PHOTO RETAKES  
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS





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## ATHLETICS

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Redhawks athletics kicked off this week with our first cross-country race of the season. We saw four of our student athletes compete against 263 runners over the 4km race, and we look forward to some upcoming races.

Senior Girls Volleyball also had their home opener this week where they faced Langley Fundamental. The game was a hard fought match, going all the way to a fifth set, where unfortunately they were defeated. It was a great game and a good showing of skill from the girls. Our senior girls team also finished in third place in the Fall Classic Tournament over this past weekend at St. John Brebeuf.

This week we have our grade 8 girls who host an exhibition match at DW Poppy on Thursday vs Betty Gilbert. Grade 9 girls host Langley Christian on Wednesday, and Jr. girls will start their season on the road vs Brookwood.

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## FALL CLUBS & TEAMS

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- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – grades 8-12
- AQUATICS
- PRIDE SIDE
- YEARBOOK
- BOYS SOCCER
- FLY-TYING
- WRESTLING

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## REDHAWK CLOTHING ORDERS

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Are you looking to purchase some Redhawk gear? Our online merchandise store is open and offers a variety of different Redhawks athletic gear. The store will be open for a **two-week** period (Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>) and is open to all students and families. Don't miss this opportunity as the store only opens twice per year. Access the store via this [link](#).

**We are also working on creating a general DW Poppy clothing store that will be open throughout the entire year that students and parents can order from. We will keep you updated in the coming weeks.**

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## TERRY FOX RUN

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We are very excited for the Terry Fox run this year taking place on **September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Leadership has been working hard planning various fundraising opportunities to surpass our last year's fundraising goal of \$5560! Last year we were 14<sup>th</sup> in the Province amongst all high schools, so we are very keen to continue our efforts and surpass this number. This year we are setting the goal of \$5700.

We have candy bag sales at lunch in the main foyer and we have an online donation attached to the Terry Fox foundation for DWP if you click [here](#) (if you want to donate and receive a tax receipt) on school cash online. Leadership students will be going around to your classes at the beginning of tutorial starting on the 20<sup>th</sup> - October 3<sup>rd</sup> to collect any cash donations, and finally our "pie a teacher" fundraiser happening at lunch on September 26<sup>th</sup> at lunch out on the tennis courts.

In addition, this **Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting our assembly prior to the run as a way to honor Terry and give some insight to our school population about the foundation and Terry himself.



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## **BC DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY HELPING IDENTIFY SYSTEMIC RACISM**

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The District is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion and creating compassionate learning communities. We support our community partners in helping promote anti-racism and implementing strategies to help eradicate racism. The province has launched the BC Demographic Survey to help identify systemic racism in government services. The survey is available in 15 languages and takes 15 minutes. We encourage members of our community to complete the survey which closes on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Fill out the survey [here](#). For more information, read more [here](#).

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## **SCHOOL FEES**

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Every year, there are fees payable to the school for different items, including student fees, grad fees, donation items, any athletics related items, workbooks, etc. The Langley School District uses an online system to collect these fees as it is user friendly and saves students from having to carry cash. Please go online at <https://schoolcashonline.com/> to register your child(ren). You will get an email notification any time a new "item" is available for purchase and the first item you will see are the student fees for the coming year. Please email Mrs. Bezanson at [mbezanson@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:mbezanson@sd35.bc.ca) if you have any questions regarding school cash online or school fees.

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## **BELL SCHEDULE**

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Please note the **Bell Schedule** below:





BELL	SCHEDULE	M	T	W	Th	F
Welcome	8:50	Day 1/2	Day 2/1	Day 1/2	Day 2/1	Day 1/2
Period 1	8:55 – 10:05	A	B	ABCD	C	D
MTSS	10:10 – 10:45	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00	B	A	BADC	D	C
Lunch	12:00 – 12:35					
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50	C	D	CDAB	A	B
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05	D	C	DCBA	B	A

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## TUTORIAL TIME

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Tutorial is instructional time built into the DW Poppy daily schedule that supports students' learning. During tutorial time, students may choose to meet with teachers for support within their timetable or work in areas of passion to extend their learning. Tutorial time (Multi-Tiered Student Supports, or MTSS) is scheduled every day for 35 minutes.

<b>Welcoming Bell</b>	<b>8:50</b>
Period 1	8:55 -10:05
<b>Tutorial</b>	<b>10:10 – 10:45</b>
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:00 – 12:35</b>
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05

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## CALENDAR

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Students use “My School Day” App to help keep organized with block orders and the school calendar. Check it out under “Student Life” on our website. Homeroom teachers will help students navigate this App as it is a tool that all students are encouraged to use.

[Click here for District Calendar 2023-24](#)

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## STAYING CONNECTED – COMMUNICATION TOOLS

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Good communication between home and school is critical to ensuring student success. We have a few structures in place to help share information. In order to stay informed, please be sure you use the following online methods.





**Redhawk Release:** Good communication between home and school is a critical factor in student success. We encourage parents to read the monthly newsletter “Redhawk Release” and pay close attention to school emails for important information. We welcome your involvement, and your suggestions.

### SchoolMessenger

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. As we welcome our new families to our schools, some parents/guardians may receive a text message notifying them about SchoolMessenger. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).



My School Day - [Click here](#)



Website: <https://dwps.sd35.bc.ca>

### Follow Us On:



Instagram: @dwpoppysecondary



Facebook: @DW Poppy Secondary Parent & Guardian Page

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## ILLNESS/ABSENCE

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It is always best to keep sick children home from school. If a student is away for an extended amount of time, please contact their teachers to arrange for work that they can complete at home or on TEAMS.

DW Poppy has an automated system to contact the home of every student who is absent to inform parents of their child's absence. Please contact the school at **604-530-2151** or by email at [dwpattendance@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:dwpattendance@sd35.bc.ca) to avoid the automatic call and help inform us of any absences. This not only saves us from making an unnecessary call, but if there are students who need our help, it helps us to identify them faster.