



Redhawk

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Redhawk families! I hope that you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving weekend filled with laughter, love, and cherished moments. Thank you to our parents and guardians for your continual support and for the trust you place in us to educate your children. We look forward to the inspiring weeks ahead! Please note that if you need to access any of the old newsletters that they are now posted on our website.



Jonathan Harris
Proud Principal
DW Poppy Secondary School

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our teachers are excited about the opportunity to meet you (by appointment only) either in person or by phone on **Wednesday, October 25th (2:30-4:30pm & 5:30-7:30pm)** or **Thursday, October 26th (2:30-4:30pm)**. Our sign-up for Parent Teacher conferences is open on **Tuesday, Oct. 10th at 9am** and you can access it by clicking [here](#). If none of the days/times work for you then feel free to set up a meeting with the teacher for a different day or time. **See the attached letter with instructions that was sent out last week for more information on how to sign up.**

PAC MEETING - OCT. 10th (7PM)

The next Poppy PAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 10th at 7pm** in the Library Learning commons. We hope that you will join us, as it is a great way to hear about what's going on at the school and to get to know our principal. We are still looking for a DPAC Rep for the committee as well as future executives.

Hope to see you there,

Tyree Buchanan
Poppy PAC Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 10TH
PAC MEETING - 7PM

OCTOBER 11TH
GR. 8 WELCOME BBQ - 12PM

OCTOBER 16TH
INTERIM REPORTS WEEK

OCTOBER 19TH
GRAD CRUISE - 5-11PM

OCTOBER 20TH
PROVINCIAL PRO-D DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE)

OCTOBER 25TH
PHOTO RETAKES
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
2:30-4:30PM & 5:30-7:30PM

OCTOBER 26TH
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
2:30-4:30PM

OCTOBER 31ST
HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

NOVEMBER 2ND
TAKE YOUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

NOVEMBER 7TH
SENIOR CONCERT - 7PM

NOVEMBER 8TH
JUNIOR CONCERT - 7PM

NOVEMBER 9TH
REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

NOVEMBER 13TH
REMEMBRANCE DAY
NO SCHOOL IN SESSION





"FALL INTO GRADE 8" BBQ

"Fall into Gr. 8" will be in the courtyard during lunch on Wednesday **October 11th**, for **GRADE 8's ONLY**. Bring your tickets from your Block B class to enjoy BBQ hot dogs, drinks, snacks and games. Make sure you dress in your best autumn outfit! Think cozy sweaters, toques, and plaid shirts.

GRAD CRUISE TICKETS

Grad Cruise tickets are available on schoolcashionline.com until **October 12th** for all Grade 12 students.

STUDENT TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION SESSION

Any Gr.12 students wanting to learn how to submit their transcripts to post-secondary schools through the Student Transcript Service are invited to attend an information session during Tutorial in the Learning Commons on **Wednesday, October 11**. Counsellors will help you set up an account and walk you through this process.

BREAKFAST BISTRO & HOMEWORK HELP

The Breakfast Bistro is open and ready to serve our students. Stop in and have a snack! Needing homework help? Come talk to the Education Assistants in the breakfast bistro and book a time.

KIDS HELPING KIDS



DW Poppy is participating in the Kids Helping Kids Clothing Drive Fall 2023! All proceeds will go towards the School Snack Program benefiting Langley Students! Please bring your clean, gently used clothing to school on **October 27th between 7am-10am**.

Firefighters will pick up our school's clothing donation and have it weighed. The school that collects the most on a pounds-per-student basis will be treated to a BBQ lunch served by firefighters.

Sorry, no household items, only soft clothing, linens and shoes.

ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE, PLAN & SURVEY

The Langley School District is committed to fostering a learning and working environment that supports all students and staff and provides opportunities for everyone in our school community. Under the province's new Accessible BC Act, school districts across the province were required to create an accessibility committee, an accessibility plan, and a mechanism to receive public feedback regarding accessibility by September 2023.

The District has taken the necessary steps to meet these requirements, which are explained in the Accessibility Plan 2023-2026 [here](#). The District, in collaboration with the Accessibility Committee, welcomes feedback from students, staff, and families on the plan as well as any information to help



identify barriers in our system. The public is invited to fill-out this Accessibility Survey [here](#). Print versions of this survey are available at the School Board Office. There are other methods of sharing feedback which are outlined on the District webpage [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please email: accessibility@sd35.bc.ca

FALL CLUBS & TEAMS

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

BC DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY HELPING IDENTIFY SYSTEMIC RACISM

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 15th. Fill out the survey [here](#). For more information, read more [here](#).

PREVIOUS INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES

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://schoolcashionline.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 if you have any questions regarding school cash online or school fees.

BELL SCHEDULE

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

TUTORIAL TIME

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.

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

CALENDAR

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](#)

STAYING CONNECTED – COMMUNICATION TOOLS

Good communication between home and school is critical to ensuring student success. We have a few structures in place to help share information. 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>

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Facebook: @DW Poppy Secondary Parent & Guardian Page

ILLNESS/ABSENCE

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 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.