



Redhawk

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Redhawk families! We have some exciting things happening at DW Poppy in the coming weeks. Please try to stay up to date with our newsletters so you don't miss out on any important events. Please note that if you need to access any of the old newsletters that they are posted on our website. Wishing you a fabulous week!



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 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.**

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE PREP

Not sure what questions to ask your child's teacher at your parent-teacher conference? The District is sharing this resource to help families plan for their meeting. Families can review this 3-page resource for some ideas, questions, and things to consider. Teachers, staff and families work together to ensure student success in our schools. Read [here](#).

PHOTO RETAKES

Photo retakes are on October 25th. Any student who missed the previous opportunity should be ready to have their photo taken on October 25th. The photographer has asked that students have their original QR card with them, if possible, but if not, a photo of the original on a student's phone

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 25TH
PHOTO RETAKES

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
2:30-4:30PM & 5:30-7:30PM

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

OCT. 27TH
GRAD PUMPKIN CARVING

OCTOBER 31ST
HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

NOVEMBER 1ST
TAKE YOUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

NOVEMBER 7TH
SENIOR CONCERT – 7PM

NOVEMBER 8TH
JUNIOR CONCERT – 7PM

NOVEMBER 9TH
REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

NOV. 10TH
DESIGN & ASSESSMENT DAY
NO STUDENTS IN SESSION

NOVEMBER 13TH
REMEMBRANCE DAY
NO SCHOOL IN SESSION

NOVEMBER 14TH
PAC MEETING – 7PM
LEARNING COMMONS



would be helpful. Retakes are for students who missed the original photo date or students with photo errors (fuzzy, blurry photos, for example), closed eyes, awkward poses, etc. The retake is used in the yearbook and on MyEd, so the same rules apply as on September 11th - no hats, no offensive language on clothes, etc.

GUIDELINES FOR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES - OCT. 31st

Please take some time to discuss the appropriateness of your child's costume choice for Halloween at school on Tuesday, October 31st. It is difficult to be completely definitive about what students should and should not wear and it is impossible to have an approval process for all costumes, so please help your children to use thoughtful and respectful discretion in their choices.

Please emphasize the following points:

- Full faced masks or costumes that completely hide the person are not permitted as they can be scary for some students and pose a safety risk with regards to us knowing who is in our school building.
- Replica weapons of any kind are not permitted unless pre-approved by administration.
- A culture is not a costume - costumes that emphasize cultural stereotypes (i.e. First Nations, African Americans/other ethnicities) are insensitive and offensive to the diverse backgrounds represented by others at our school and are not respectful of those cultures.
- Students are not permitted to wear anything suggestive or provocative in nature and underwear as outerwear is not acceptable.
- Costumes that promote the use of illegal substances/activities and that portray violence are not permitted.
- Students must show respect to other students by not touching, defacing or insulting other students' costumes.

BASKETBALL TRAINING ACADEMY AT DW POPPY

The Dedicated Basketball Academy is working in partnership with DW Poppy and our elementary feeder schools to provide amazing basketball expertise and training to our students. See the attached brochure for more details as it starts Nov. 7th. Don't miss out on your opportunity to register!

DW POPPY RUGBY CALIFORNIA TOUR - APPLE FUNDRAISER

Please consider buying apples to support the rugby program's upcoming tour to California! We've partnered with Sun-Oka farms to sell apples through an online platform. Get the best apples in BC quick and easy online. See the attached brochure and scan the QR code to get started! **The deadline is Nov. 11th.**

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.



SCHOOL STATUS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or www.sd35.bc.ca. Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict. If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

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.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES & RESPONSE

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Schools follow emergency procedures to ensure students, staff, and any visitors in our schools or sites are safe when unexpected incidents or events happen. At the start of every school year, administrators, teachers, and staff review these emergency procedures. Schools practice a set number of drills annually in preparation for unexpected situations. The District encourages families to become familiar with these staff emergency procedures and the drills that are completed in our schools. You can read them in the Staff Emergency Procedures Poster [here](#) or find them posted in areas throughout our buildings. If you have any questions or concerns about emergency procedures, please get in contact with your child's teacher or administrator.

FALL CLUBS & TEAMS

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

PREVIOUS INFORMATION

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.

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>

Follow Us On:



Instagram: @dwpoppysecondary



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.

