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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

It was a pleasure connecting and meeting many of you during our recent Parent Teacher Conferences. If you did not get a chance to connect with your child's teacher, then please reach out to them by email to set up a time to connect in the coming weeks.

It was a lot of fun seeing the students show their school spirit by dressing up in their costumes for Halloween and we are looking forward to building more DW Poppy spirit at our Fall pep rally this week.

Last week students had an opportunity to listen, observe and reflect during our Remembrance Day assemblies. Thank you to all the students and staff who helped make it such a beautiful ceremony.

Thank you for continuing to engage in our school newsletters so you are up to date with important events. Please note that if you need to access any of the old newsletters that they are posted on our website.

Have a fabulous week!



Jonathan Harris
Proud Principal
DW Poppy Secondary School

PAC MEETING - NOV. 14th

Please find attached the agenda for our next PAC meeting on Tuesday, November 14th. We have a guest joining us at this meeting, Abran Johnson (MCFD) Resource Social Worker with the BC Ministry of Children and Families.

Abran is part of a team of social workers, within the BC Public Service, who are working to recruit foster parents, as there is a need for foster families in our region.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 13TH
REMEMBRANCE DAY HOLIDAY
NO SCHOOL IN SESSION

NOVEMBER 14TH
PAC MEETING - 7PM
(IN THE LIBRARY)

NOVEMBER 24TH
SEMESTER 1 REPORT CARDS
ISSUED

DECEMBER 1ST - 2ND
DW POPPY BASKETBALL TOURNNEY

DECEMBER 6TH
ESPRESSIVO MUSIC NIGHT
5-9PM

DECEMBER 7TH
HOMECOMING DANCE
6:30-9:30PM

DECEMBER 11TH
PAC MEETING - 7PM

DECEMBER 10-15TH
GRAD PHOTOS - 3-9PM
SIGN UP NOW!

DECEMBER 21ST
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE
CHRISTMAS BREAK

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST & ASSEMBLY

JANUARY 8TH
SCHOOL RE-OPENS





In his words: "It is so important to us to have families in our region who can support our children and help keep them in their home communities and schools. We would like to be able to reach families and adults (19+) who may be interested in fostering children or have questions about the process. We are looking for new and different ways to connect with our community."

Kind regards,
Tyree Buchanan
Poppy PAC Secretary

SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. If you **did not receive a text or email** message during our most recent power outage, then please ensure you sign up for our schoolmessenger system. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).

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.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

The front entrance of the school parking lot is very busy during drop-off and pick-up times as we have many students who are bussed to school. Please do not drop off or pick-up your children directly out front of the school as it causes challenges when busses arrive to unload or pick-up. We appreciate your cooperation in minimizing the traffic at the front of our school.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AND WORKSHOPS

Please see the attached brochures regarding free community organizations and workshops that are available to help support families.

GRAD PHOTOS 2023-24

Grad Photo information is now up on the Grad Board near the office. Scan the QR code to book your time. Photos take place Dec. 10-16th.

GRAD 12 TRANSCRIPTS

Counsellors met with Grade 12 students during tutorial on October 11th to help them sign up for the Student Transcript Service (STS). This service allows universities to access their grades and it is the only way to receive a



student's official transcript. Schools cannot generate official transcripts, and it is only available through the Ministry of Education through the STS. It is the student's responsibility to sign up, and they can order transcripts now and in the future. Students can locate their PEN on any of their report cards or on MyEd. STS instructions are available on the DW Poppy website under the Counselling Centre tab, or on the Poppy Grad 2024 Teams. A handout is also attached. Thank you for helping our grade 12 students stay on top of their post-secondary plans.

A SEASON OF THEATRE

Across the District, our drama/theatre programs are gearing up for another fabulous year of musical and theatrical productions featuring Langley's students. Please get out and support the Arts in our schools by attending one or all of the shows that will be happening in the new year. Individual show times and ticket sales will happen through each school's own website. Click below to see more information.

Season of Theatre 2024.pdf

RUGBY & MUSIC POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Support DW Poppy's Music and Rugby programs! Buy your poinsettias and other holiday plants at the link below, and help our musicians and athletes raise funds for trips to Montreal and California.

<https://dwpoppysecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

The order deadline is **December 4th**, and order pickup is at the front of the school by the band room on December 13th.

MUSIC & DRY GRAD FUNDRAISERS

Neufeld Farms (Supporting Music and Dry Grad)

You can support Poppy Music's Junior UBC/Vancouver Residency and Senior Montreal Tour and DW Poppy Dry Grad by ordering prepared frozen foods and baked goods for your holiday entertaining true Neufeld Farms.

- Orders are placed online via: <https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2023-dw-poppy-secondary-band-dry-grad>
- Orders can go in now and are closed as of the end of the day on Monday, November 13th
- Orders pickup is 7:30pm, Monday, November 20th
- Share the link with friends and family. No paper orders or cash/cheque payments accepted; all orders are done online.

Purdy's Chocolates

You can also support junior and senior music students' tours with your sweet tooth! Purdy's Chocolates are also now available to order in time for Winter Break.

- Orders are placed online via: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1612632-112951>
- Orders can go in now and are closed as of the end of the day on November 21 @ 8pm
- Orders pickup is Wednesday December 6th at 5:30-6:30pm at the school (before ESPRESSIVO)
- Share the link with friends and family. No paper orders or cash/cheque payments accepted; all orders are done online.





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. Don't miss out on your opportunity to register!

ELECTRICAL CAREER WORKSHOP (GR. 10-11)

If you're a grade 10 or 11 student interested in the **electrical field**, there will be an electrical workshop held at **DW Poppy on Thursday, December 14th**. This workshop will run from 8-11am, with the intention of providing insight on the industry. Additionally, you will get the opportunity to participate in a hands-on activity with current BCIT students. The application deadline is **Thursday, November 30th** and there are very limited seats available. Please see Ms. Chesshire for an application form.

HAIRSTYLING CAREER WORKSHOP

All Grade 8-12s interested in learning about a **hair styling profession** are invited to join a workshop at **Aldergrove Secondary School**. This workshop will be held on **Wednesday, December 6th, from 1-2:30pm**. At the workshop, you will get to observe a training demonstration and participate in some hands-on activities. The application deadline is **November 24th**, please see Ms. Chesshire for an application form!

CAREER FAIR - NOV. 27th

If you're interested in attending an education and career fair to learn more about different career paths, please see Ms. Chesshire for more details. The Vancouver Convention Centre will be hosting an event to provide opportunities for high school students to connect with representatives from universities, colleges, skilled trade learning institutes, and employers from across Canada. This event will be held on **Monday, November 27th, from 9-2pm**.

PREVIOUS INFORMATION

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.

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>

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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.