



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic first week back with all our students!! As a staff, we are so pleased to have our students back with us! In chatting with many students, they are excited to be back to school. There is an abundance of lively energy that our students bring which has made this week so rewarding and enjoyable. A huge thank you to our students and their families for making our first week back at school a wonderful one. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the staff at WGSS! They have done a fabulous job of welcoming our students back and of course for helping our students to settle into a new school year. Thank you everyone for making our first week back at WGSS a successful one.

Today we hosted our grade assemblies and shared information about the upcoming school year and reminded students of the fabulous opportunities that are available to them here at WGSS. We know that students who are engaged and find connections beyond the classroom tend to be more successful. As one of the largest secondary schools in the province, we offer a plethora of opportunities for students to participate in.

At our assembly today, we reviewed expectations, shared upcoming dates and information and we also shared some thoughts to help students frame their mindset as they start another school year and work towards growth and success. Two quotes that we shared with our students to help them reflect at the start of their new school year journey:


ONE or **DAY**
DAY or **ONE**
you decide.

Success doesn't
come from
what you do
occasionally,
it comes from
what you do
consistently.



Belonging & Collective Ownership





TRUE BELONGING
NEVER ASKS
US TO CHANGE
WHO WE ARE.
TRUE BELONGING
REQUIRES US TO
BE WHO WE ARE.
Brené Brown

Your **culture** is a combination of what you **create** and what you **allow**.

Craig Groeschel

@AthleteAssess

I would like to welcome back our PAC Executive for this school year:

Vacant – President
Rebecca Budrow – Vice President
Kristen Faulkner – DPAC Representative
Feng Xu – Treasurer
Anushka Brhelle – Secretary

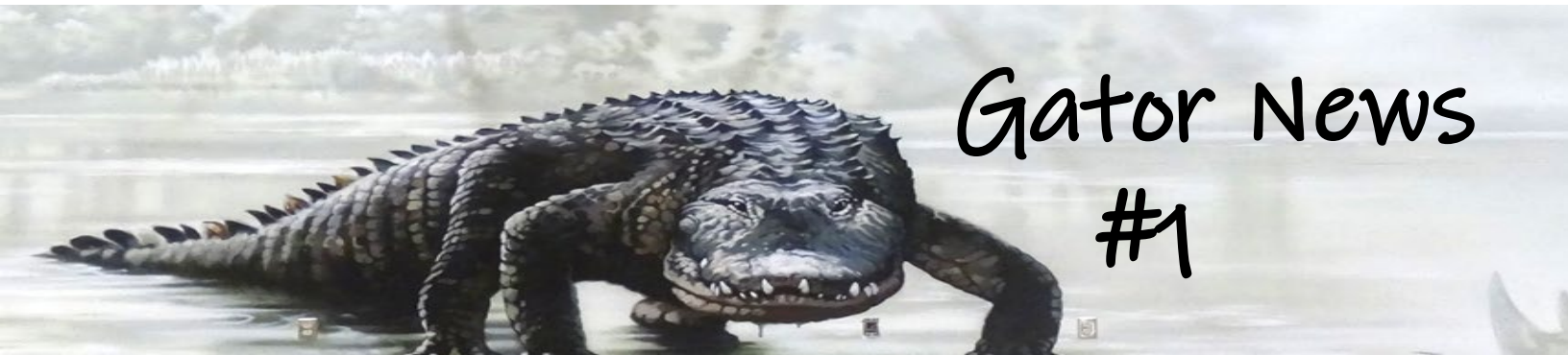
Next week, we will host our first PAC meeting on Tuesday, September 13.
The meeting will begin at 7:00PM in the WGSS Library.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

J. Lyndon

Proud Principal



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IMPORTANT DATES

September 12 and 13	All students report to their original Day 1A for Homeroom attendance
September 20	School Photo Day
September 22	Meet the Teacher Night
September 23	School Improvement Day (students do not attend)
September 29	Every Child Matters Day (show support and wear orange)
September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day (school closed)

STUDENT FEES – SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Thanks to all our families who have already paid their student fees using our School Cash Online system. If you have not yet paid the \$30 student fee and \$65 grad fee (if applicable), please make sure this is done before the end of September.

WGSS has moved to an online payment system that allows parents to pay for most school related items online. The office will not be accepting cash or cheques therefore we are asking all WGSS families to pay their school fees using our online payment system. If you haven't already created an account, you can do so now. It only takes a few minutes to set-up and add your child(ren). Once this is completed, you will see available activities or fees that can be processed online. You will require the following three pieces of information to attach your child to your account: **Student ID** (found on your child's timetable or MyEd account), **child's legal last name** and **child's date of birth**.

You will also find instructions and information on our WGSS website: <http://wgss.ca/our-school/pay-your-school-fees/> or by visiting <https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com/> to get started.

Print or screen shot your online receipt: Your child will be **REQUIRED** to present their receipt to pick their purchased items such as locks, PHE strip, yearbook, etc. Your receipt can always be accessed and reprinted as needed from your account.

MEET THE TEACHER

Save the date! Thursday, September 22nd from 6:00-7:30PM is Meet the Teacher night. More information to follow.



MEDICAL ALERT – LIFE THREATENING

We want to ensure the school is aware of any student **life-threatening** conditions. If your child has a new or updated life-threatening condition, please contact asargeant@sd35.bc.ca to have a Medical Alert form emailed to you for completion.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School Photo Day is Tuesday, September 20. All students will be photographed for security purposes and to receive their school ID cards. Information on how to purchase the optional photo packages will be sent home in a separate email next week.

FAMILY ACCIDENT REIMBURSEMENT PLAN

In past years, the District used to send enrolment forms to schools for coverage under the Kids Plus Voluntary Insurance Plan. The Kids Plus Voluntary Insurance Plan was cancelled in 2019 by the supplier and was replaced by the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan Voluntary Insurance. The plan is voluntary.

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

PARENT CONSENT REQUEST

Each year, Langley schools asks families to complete a set of parent consent forms for their child. These consent forms are required by our schools to ensure the health, safety, and security of all students. Langley schools use a secure web form to collect this information. Beginning mid-September, please watch for an email request (subject Parent Consent Request) that contains one link for you to submit consents for all children in your family attending any Langley school. If your email address or contact information has changed, please call your school to correct it in our files. If you have not received an email regarding Parent Consent Request by the end of September or have any questions/concerns, please contact your school administrator.



COURSE CHANGE INFORMATION

The Counselling Team has endeavored to address Priority 1-3 changes from August 29 – September 9.

The form for **Priority 4 (Elective Requests)** opened on **September 8** and closes Monday, September 12. The link to the Priority 4 change request can be found here: [LINK](#)

The last day for students to have a change made to their timetable is Wednesday, September 14.

The **Course Listing** page on the [WGSS Course Planning website](#) indicates available courses: [LINK](#)

Counsellors are reaching out to students through TEAMS CHAT and are unable to reply to email request or phone messages for the next week until the Course Change Process has been completed.

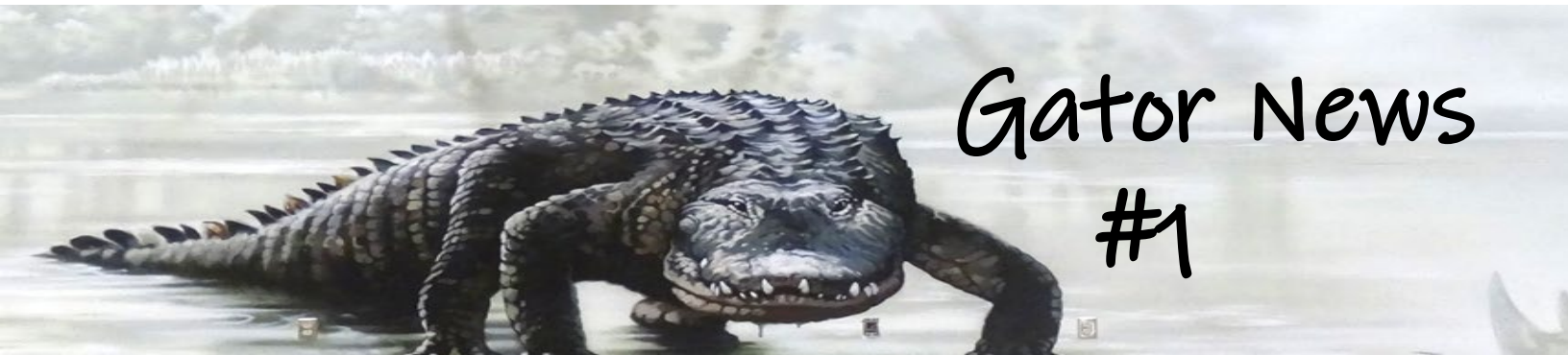
POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS OF BC

WGSS is happy to be able to host the educational recruiters from 16 BC post-secondary institutions, the morning of **Thursday, September 22**. **Grade 11 students** will have the opportunity to sign-up to attend two workshops, starting next week. The workshops will be offered during first period (Block C); attendance will be taken. **Grade 12s (and their parents)** will have the opportunity to meet with reps during REP during the mini-fair in the small gym.

SELF-IDENTIFICATION OF ABORIGINAL ANCESTRY **(FIRST NATIONS, METIS OR INUIT)**

Aboriginal Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Metis or Inuit Ancestry. If you have filled out the form in previous years, you do not need to send in a new one.

****Please fill out the attached form only if student has Aboriginal ancestry – one form per child****



ABORIGINAL PROGRAM
Langley School District #35
4875-222nd Street, Langley, B.C. V3A 3Z7



Self-Identification of Aboriginal Ancestry (First Nations, Metis or Inuit)

****Please fill out only if student has Aboriginal ancestry - one form per child****

Aboriginal Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Metis or Inuit Ancestry. No documentation other than this self-identification is required and the ancestry can go back several generations.

Student Name: _____ Aboriginal Ancestry: ____ Yes

Specify Ancestry if known: _____ (e.g. Sto:lo, Cree, Inuit, Metis, etc.)

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Student Birth Date: _____ (month/day/year) Male: _____ Female: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____ Email: _____

Siblings: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____
(with ancestry)

***By signing below I acknowledge that my son/daughter is of Aboriginal Ancestry (First Nations, Metis or Inuit)**

Parent/Guardian Consultation and Consent to Service

Aboriginal Education Programs/Services

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|--|---|
| • Academic and Personal Support | • Early Literacy/Numeracy Intervention |
| • Home-School communication (letters, phone calls, etc.) | • PALS Program |
| • Monitoring of academic progress and attendance | • Newsletter |
| • Cultural enrichment | • In-class Cultural Presentations/Events |
| • Graduation/Scholarship/Bursary/Post-Secondary Info | • Leadership Conference/Transition Conference |

Comments: _____

*I give consent for my child to access the programs and services available through the Aboriginal Program.

*This signature is considered consent for the duration of the student's enrollment in their current school.

*Consent can also be given verbally by phone or by email to your Aboriginal Support Worker. *To revoke this consent you must contact the Aboriginal Program office at 604-888-4819.

*I give permission for my son/daughter's picture to be used in newsletters, webpage, etc. ____ Yes ____ No

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date Signed)

(Print Parent/Guardian Name)

(Address - if changed)

*Please return this form to your child's school ASAP. If you have any questions, please call 604-888-4819.



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COVID-19 Guidelines – September 2022

COVID-19 is still in our community. Our schools will continue to prioritize health and safety and follow protocols to prevent the spread of any communicable diseases. As always, we will be following the current COVID-19 guidelines in K-12 schools which are similar to how we ended the last school year. You can view the [guidelines here](#). We are sharing important reminders for students, staff, and families, to help keep our school community safe:

- Stay home when sick
- Be aware of your health daily
- Practice proper handwashing hygiene
- Practice proper coughing and sneezing etiquette

Below is an excerpt from the guidelines on What To Do When Sick:

What To Do When Sick

Staff, students, or other persons who are exhibiting new symptoms of illness (including symptoms of COVID-19 or gastrointestinal illness) should stay home and follow the BCCDC guidance outlined below:

If the person is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms

BCCDC Guidance

The [When to Get Tested for COVID-19](#) resource or the [B.C. Self-Assessment Tool](#) provides more information on whether you should get a test for COVID-19. Those unsure or concerned about their symptoms should connect with a health care provider or call 8-1-1.

Staff, children, or other persons in the school setting who test positive for COVID-19 should follow the guidance on the [BCCDC website](#) as to how long they should self-isolate. They can return to school when they no longer need to self-isolate as long as symptoms have improved, and they are well enough to participate in regular activities. Schools should not require a health care provider note (e.g., a doctor's note) to confirm the health status of any individual, beyond those required to support medical accommodation as per usual practice.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping maintain positive and safe learning environments. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

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