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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As always, WGSS has been abuzz with a multitude of events, activities, and of course learning throughout the past few weeks. Last week we hosted our Remembrance Day assemblies which were put together by Mr. Angell, Mr. Curson, Mr. Fawkes, Ms. Florko, and several students who helped to plan the assemblies, perform, and present to our students and staff. They did a wonderful job of creating a reflective environment within which to be able to honour those who have served and continue to serve our country as well as those who paid the ultimate price for all of us. Thank you for that. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we also highlighted Indigenous veterans and Aboriginal Veterans Day, which was November 8th.



Our Athletics teams have also been very active in the past few weeks. Many of our volleyball teams have competed in the Eastern Fraser Valleys, our swim team has done well and has swimmers participating in the Swim Provincials, and our Senior Boys Soccer team won the Easter Valleys for the first time in WGSS history, to name a few. A huge thank you to our Fall Sport coaches who have put in a tremendous amount of effort and time to ensure that our student athletes have amazing opportunities to engage in high school athletics.

Next Friday, we will be publishing term 1, semester 1 report cards. Please be sure to login to MyEd BC to view your student's report card. Infographic instructions on how to log into MyEd BC Parent Portal are further into the newsletter. If you have questions or concerns about your student's progress in any of their classes, please be sure to reach out to the classroom teacher directly.

Yesterday, as a school, we watched *Screenagers: Under the Influence*. Our staff led students through a number of pre-viewing questions and then they all watched the film. Afterwards, students and staff engaged in conversations around the issues raised in the documentary. Huge thank you to our counsellor department for organizing this for our staff and students. As a reminder, we are hosting a viewing of *Screenagers: Under the Influence* for our parent community. Please see details further along in this newsletter. I



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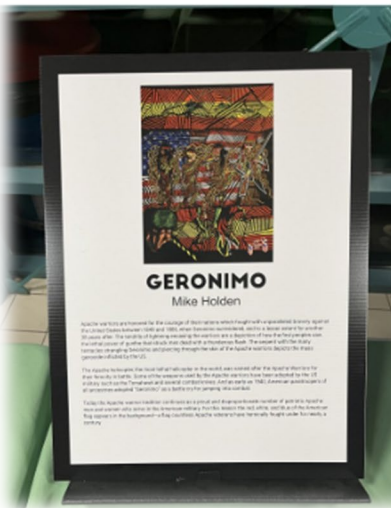
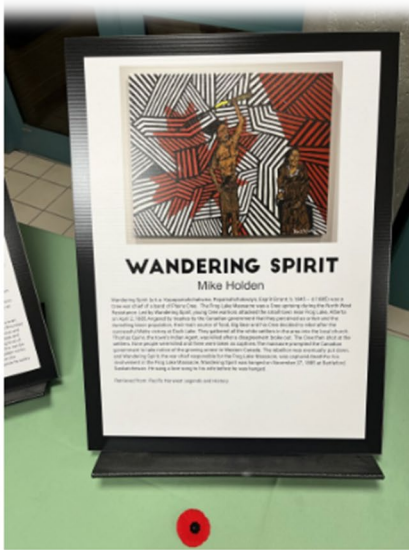
would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge our PAC for supporting this initiative as well, so thank you to our WGSS PAC!

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

J. Lyndon

Proud Principal





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IMPORTANT DATES

November 22	HUB 1 Day
November 22	Parent screening of the documentary "Screenagers"
November 29	HUB 2 Day
December 7	WGSS Christmas Concert @ 7pm
December 21	Last day of classes before Winter Break

GRADUATES OF 2024

Counsellors are holding a **mandatory** ten-minute meeting in the Cafeteria during the start of our two remaining November HUB times. Counsellors will review Transcript Verification Report and remind students to register with the Student Transcript Service. The graduates will be divided by last name alpha. If they are absent on their assigned day, they can collect the TVR at lunch the following day from the counselling department.

Here is the schedule for students:

ALL Grade 12 students with **LAST NAME ALPHA A-K** must meet in the Cafeteria **November 22nd at 2pm** (students can proceed to their Hub after the meeting).
ALL Grade 12 students with **LAST NAME ALPHA L-Z** must meet in the Cafeteria **November 29th at 2pm** (students can proceed to their Hub after the meeting).



Graduates are also required to order their cap & gown and diploma before December 31, 2023 using <https://forms.office.com/r/HQwUrU0ZJ0>. **Please read each question on the form carefully.** Accuracy is of the utmost importance as items are ordered based on what YOU enter! If you have questions regarding cap & gown/diploma order, please contact asargeant@sd35.bc.ca.

More information regarding the Grad Ceremony on June 17 and the Grad Dinner & Dance on June 24 will be shared with Graduates and families in early 2024.



INFORMATION ABOUT 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 can 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.

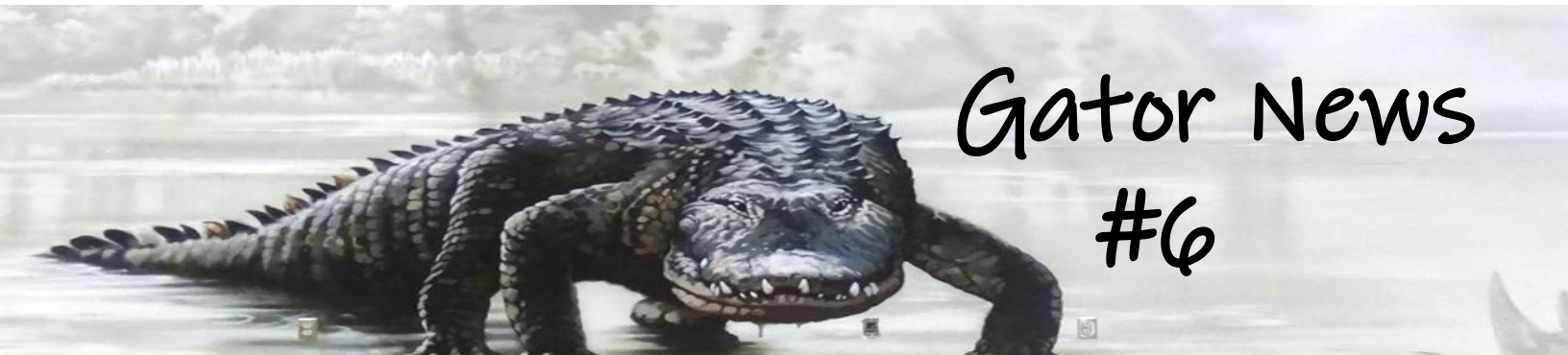
Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30AM. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is 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.

SUBSTANCE AWARENESS WEEK

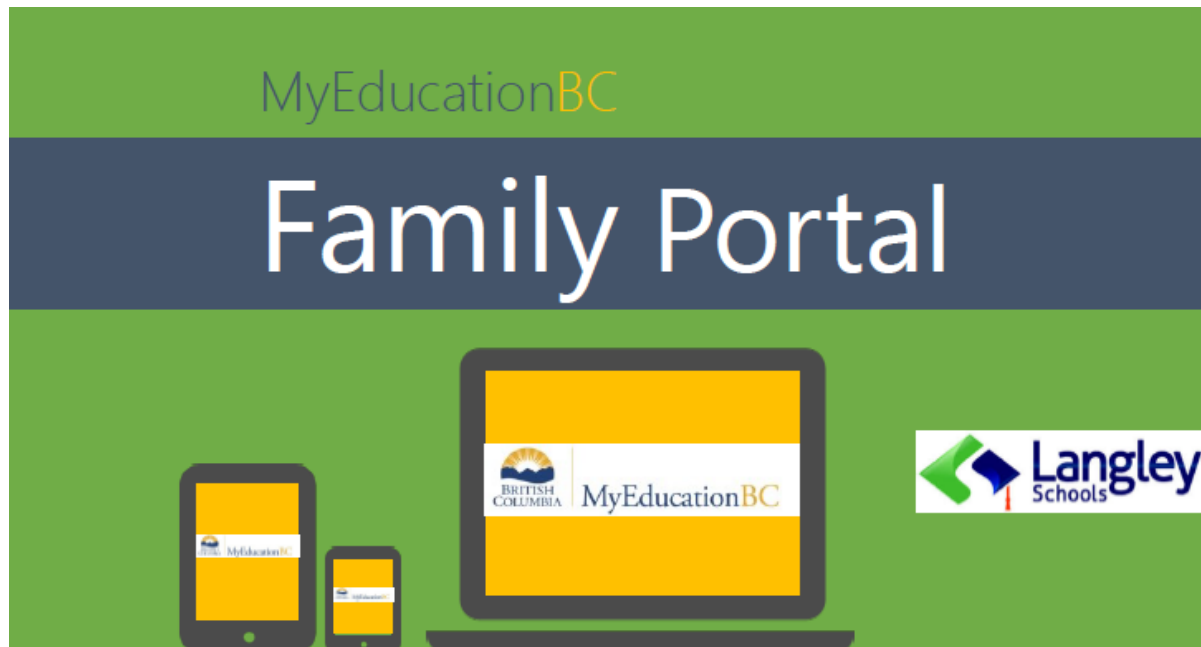
Next week is Substance Awareness week at WGSS. We have several presenters coming to support the PHE curriculum with our students and help them with making informed and safe choices. These presentations follow up on the Screenagers film that was viewed at school this past week. We encourage parents to join us for our showing of Screenagers: Under the Influence on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:00pm in the Main Gym.

PEP RALLY

The Leadership in Athletics class is excited to host the fall pep rally on Monday, November 27th during REP time. It is a beach theme, so students are encouraged to wear beach-themed clothing. Students will need permission from their A block teachers to attend.



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both logins and passwords are case sensitive. Logins should be all lower case.



One login ID
should give parents access to all their children's information.



Passwords are good for 90 days
to protect your child's data and you will be prompted to change your password.



Published Report Cards
It is recommended that you save the PDF documents as the report card is only posted on the Family Portal for a limited time.



Forgot password?
Please click "I forgot my password" on the log on screen or please submit a request [here](#)



How to use the Family Portal
Please visit our website [here](#).



Need Help?

Please submit a request through our website <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/myedbc-family-portal-help/myedbc-request-for-assistance-form/>



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SD35 Family Portal 2022



SCREENAGERS

On Thursday, November 16, our students viewed the documentary film *Screenagers: Under the Influence* (see synopsis below) during the first block of the day. This documentary focuses on vaping. On November 22, at 6:00PM, there is an opportunity for parents, families and adults working with youth in the community to view the film in the Walnut Grove gym. We will have a panel of school and community professionals available for a question-and-answer period after the viewing. You might recall that last year we hosted a similar event centred on the movie *Screenagers: Next Chapter*. *Screenagers: Under the Influence* is the most recent release in the Screenagers series, focused on vaping. We hope you can join us. Please register for this free event at <https://forms.office.com/r/nkxUus88j4>

Below is a synopsis of *Screenagers: Under the Influence*.

Screenagers Under the Influence, the third feature documentary in the Screenagers trilogy, delves into how the tech revolution has reshaped adolescence and its effects on substance use. The film debunks myths and depicts strategies parents and schools can use to encourage healthy decision-making, support teen mental health, set limits, and create healthy home environments. The film also includes many ways young people are using their wisdom and strength to help each other and themselves through this complicated terrain around substance use.

While most documentaries about substance use focus on severe addiction, Screenagers: Under the Influence fills a pressing need for a film that explores more common scenarios. The film is grounded in teens' current reality of being flooded by images on social media, movies, and TV shows about vaping, drugs, and alcohol.

Like the first two Screenager films, Screenagers Under the Influence interweaves cutting-edge science with personal stories to create an informative and entertaining film experience for young people and adults alike. Screenagers Under the Influence focuses on practical solutions for keeping our teens safe in a changing world.

For more information, please see the [Screenagers website](#).



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ATHLETICS

Senior Boys Soccer Team Makes History

In a historic moment for our school, the senior boys soccer team has clinched the EVAA title for the first time ever! Their hard work and dedication have paid off, securing them a spot in the provincials.

Join us in congratulating this remarkable achievement and wishing them continued success on the provincial stage. The Championships are held in Burnaby.



Senior Boys Volleyball Head to Provincials

Congratulations to our Senior Boys for securing the second spot in the EVAA and earning their ticket to the provincials after a fierce match against Yale, the province's top school. The boys are looking forward to their opportunity to play them again. The Championships are held in Victoria.



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Senior Girls Host EVAA Championships

Hosting the Senior Girls EVAA Championships was an honor, and our girls showcased their prowess, claiming the third spot in the valley. It was exciting to have so many fans out to support our athletes during their matches. Well done, Senior Girls!



Grade 11 Girls Team Making Strides

A round of applause for our Grade 11 girls, currently holding a strong position in their championships this week—claiming either first or second. Their dedication and skill are truly commendable.





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Cross Country Success at Provincials

We are excited to celebrate the Provincial results for our cross-country teams. The Senior Boys secured a noteworthy 7th place in the province! While the senior girls earned a commendable 5th place! All our runners had incredible runs, and we enjoyed cheering them on in White Rock. Congratulate these teams, and the outstanding achievements by our runners!



Swim Team Making Waves

Get ready to cheer as our swim team dives into action! Seven of our talented athletes are heading to provincials this weekend. Good luck to each swimmer -- make a splash! The Championships are held in Nanaimo.



Young Gator Teams Represent Gator Nation

A heartfelt shoutout to our 8s, 9s, and 10s for their unwavering dedication and spirited performances. These athletes have embodied the Gator spirit, and we're excited to witness their continued growth.





WGSS GATOR GEAR

We are excited to offer WGSS Gator Gear for purchase. Check out some of the new designs and exciting items available at our virtual store. Some details to remember when placing your order:

- Be sure to check the sizing charts available online.
- Please be sure to select "**WGSS Shipping**" under Order Options upon check-out.
- All orders will be organized and delivered to the school. If this option is NOT selected, your order will not be processed.
- We hope to have the orders arrive at the school and be distributed before the Holiday Break; however, we are relying on production factories and shipping to run smoothly.

Virtual Store website: <https://www.beastvan.com/wgss-spiritwear-store>

Orders will only be accepted through the online store. **Place your orders early!**

The deadline to order is **Saturday, Nov. 18/2023**. Late orders will not be accepted.





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Come join us at the...



Winter Solstice Family Gathering

Hosted by the Langley S.D. #35 Aboriginal Program
and Lower Fraser Valley Aboriginal Society

Where? In the Gym @ Langley Secondary School
21405 56 Ave

When? 5-8pm on Friday, November 24th

What? A fun evening celebrating culture, feasting, drumming, laughing, singing, and gathering as a community. The Elf Store will be open for youth, including a visit & picture with Santa. Dinner will be provided. Everyone welcome!

SEE YOU THERE!



PSS has a lot to share with you this month, and we're sure you don't want to miss out!

Take a look inside our [November 2023 newsletter](#) to read about our upcoming Parenting Workshops, Kinship Care events and learn how you can support PSS.

Remember to keep an eye out on social media for upcoming news regarding the special events we have planned in celebration of our upcoming 50th Anniversary!

DRY GRAD FUNDRAISERS **NEUFELD FARMS AND PURDYS CHOCOLATE!**

Support WGSS Dry Grad 2024 and fill up your freezer for the holidays!! Everything from appetizers to gourmet entrees to pies and cookies!

The Neufeld Farms Dry Grad Fundraiser will close November 27th at 11:59PM. Orders will be delivered to WGSS on December 4th at 4:30PM.

Order at <https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2023-wgss-dry-grad/ref/em>.

See the next page for all the Purdys ordering information!



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CHOCOLATIER



CANADA'S CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1907

Can you help us reach our fundraising goals?



We get up to 25% back in fundraising profit, and you get chocolates made in Canada with premium quality ingredients, and sustainable cocoa.



Thank you for your support!

TEAM NAME

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CAMPAIGN NAME

Dry Grad June 2024

ORDER ONLINE:

1. Join our group by copying the link below and pasting it into your browser.
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1806936-112219>
2. Please provide your email in the box. If you have already registered, you will automatically join the campaign. If you haven't, you will need to register before joining the campaign.
3. Click "Shop Online" to start shopping!
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PLACE & PAY FOR ORDERS BY:

November 28, 2024

DATE

PICK UP ORDERS ON:

Thursday December 14, 2024

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AT:

WGSS Foyer from 3:15-4:15pm

LOCATION

If you have any questions, please contact your coordinator:

Alissa Matheson

COORDINATOR NAME

604-258-8998

PHONE

Alissacupe1260@gmail.com

EMAIL



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SCHOOL DISTRICT 35 *MUSIC FESTIVALS*

24 TUESDAY 7 PM
OCTOBER **Concert Band**
WALNUT GROVE SECONDARY

14 TUESDAY 7 PM
NOVEMBER **Choral**
RE MOUNTAIN SECONDARY

25 THURSDAY 7 PM
JANUARY **Jazz Band**
LANGLEY FINE ARTS SCHOOL

10 MONDAY 7 PM
JUNE **Vocal Jazz**
WALNUT GROVE SECONDARY





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 **Season of Theatre 2024**



**BROOKSWOOD
SECONDARY**
February 14-17
& 21-24 2024



**LANGLEY FINE ARTS
DRAMA ENSEMBLE**
March 5-9th, 2024
www.showtix4u.com



**LANGLEY
SECONDARY**
Feb 29, March 1, 2
March 7 - 9 @7pm
Matinees March 2 & 9
@2pm



**D.W. POPPY
SECONDARY**
April 2024
<https://dwps.sd35.bc.ca>



**LANGLEY
FUNDAMENTAL
MIDDLE/SECONDARY**
April 25 - May 4 2024
www.showtix4u.com



**H.D. STAFFORD
MIDDLE**
May 3 - 6, 2024
<https://hdsms.sd35.bc.ca>



**WALNUT GROVE
SECONDARY**
May 2-4 & 9-11 2024
www.showtix4u.com

*The Addams
Family
SCHOOL EDITION*

GET YOUR TICKETS!
We hope you will be able to take in one
or all of the shows! Please check out
individual schools' websites for more
information. Break a leg!

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Gordon Greenwood Elementary Winter Market



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Please check out our FB page at *WGSS Dry Grad 2024 Parent Group* or email wgssdrygrad2024@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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JOSEPH RICHARD GROUP

Another fundraiser is with the Joseph Richard Group of restaurants including The Italian Osteria & Cheese Bar, S&L Kitchen and Bar, Townhall, Oak and Thorne and The Henry plus others.

We have signed up for a group sponsorship under the name "WGSS 2024 Dry Grad."

Please consider downloading their app and choosing our fundraiser. Then when you dine at any of their restaurants and you pay using the app, we will receive 10% of the bill towards our fundraiser to a maximum of \$1,000.

Here is the how to guide: [JRG Group Sponsorship How To \(1\).pdf](#).

PURDYS CHOCOLATES

See all the info. on the next page!

**The next Dry Grad Meeting is Wednesday, December
6 at 7 PM WGSS Library.**



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WALNUT GROVE SECONDARY DRY GRAD 2024 FUNDRAISER

Please consider donating your recycling funds to our Walnut Grove Graduating Class of 2024!

Take your cans, glass and plastic bottles in clear or clear blue plastic bags to **Return-it Express Walnut Grove Bottle & Return Centre**

At the label kiosk enter the number [604-111-2024](tel:604-111-2024) and place the label on each of your bags.

All funds will go to the 2024 WGSS Graduation Class

Thank you for your support.

WGSS Dry Grad Fundraising Committee



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Join our Community Fundraiser!

Walnut Grove Secondary

For every purchase made, up to May 13th, 2024

using the account name of

WGSS Dry Grad

Dollars and Cents will donate **20%** of the value in sales accrued.

* No other customer discount program can be used in conjunction: such as the Teacher's Program, B2B Program, Senior's Program, nor will any points accrue towards the greeting card/balloon program.

In-store promotional discounts will of course, be honoured.

Coquitlam Location: Westwood Plateau Village Unit D-01, 1410 Parkway Boulevard, Coquitlam, BC V3E 3J7

Langley Location: Creekside Place Unit 108, 20121 Willowbrook Drive, Langley, BC V2Y 2T5

Facebook - dollarsandcentsstores * Instagram - dollarandcent

Thank you for shopping local and independent!