RCG Family Newsletter

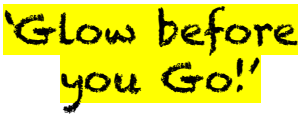
November 2026

Dear RCG Families,

It has been a terrific Fall! Events such as the Terry Fox Run, Turkey Trot, Cross-Country Running, Chess Club, and our Halloween Parade and Dance have filled our days with powerful learning and connection.

Now, as we move through the Autumn season, one adjustment we will be making is getting used to darker mornings. Without the Fall time change, over the next few months, students will be traveling to school before the sun is fully up.

I encourage all families to take a few extra moments to talk about safe travel habits with their children. Whether students walk, bike, ride a scooter, or arrive by car, these reminders can make a big difference:



- ❑ Wear bright or reflective clothing whenever possible.
- ❑ Stay on sidewalks and use marked crosswalks.
- ❑ Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.
- ❑ If driving, allow a little extra time and watch carefully for students who may be harder to see in the darkness.

At RCG, student safety is always a priority. By working together, we can help ensure that all children arrive safely, ready to learn, and excited for the day ahead.

I wish all of our families a wonderful week filled with learning, laughter, and plenty of bright moments, even with darker mornings on the way!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Burns

SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

All elementary school grounds are closed to parents and visitors during recess, lunch, and other outdoor learning times. If you would like to connect with your child, or a staff member, during the school day, please check in at the office first.

This district guideline helps us maintain a well-supervised environment for all students. At RCG, this is particularly important because our school site connects with a community park, and our staff work hard to ensure students are safe and that interactions with adults on the grounds are appropriate and monitored.

If you need to pick up your child during recess or lunchtime, please let us know ahead of time so we can have them waiting for you in the office. It can take time to locate a child who is outside playing with 640 other students, and a quick call ahead helps us make your pickup as smooth and efficient as possible.

Thank you for partnering with us to maintain a safe and well-supervised learning environment for all students.

STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES

Live Booking Link will be shared out on November 5th at 9am.

This is a terrific opportunity to learn about your child's strengths at school; they will be excited and proud to talk about their learning with you. Together, with their teacher, you will also talk about next steps and agree upon key learning goals for term two. Please book your appointment early so you can secure a time that works well for your family. All families are expected to book and attend a conference.

Important Reminders:

- Bring your child as they are the key to a 'student' inclusive conference.
- Please try to leave younger siblings with childcare so you can fully focus on the child whose conference you are attending.
- Please try to book your conference on Dec. 2 or Dec. 3 as these days have been set aside in the school calendar for families.
- If you need an interpreter, please find a family friend to support you at the conference. The Langley School District is unable to provide interpreters other than for ASL.
- Teachers can only provide one conference per family, so if parents do not wish to attend together, please decide who will attend the Term 1 conference and who will attend the Term 2 conference.

We look forward to celebrating learning with you!

REMEMBRANCE POPPIES AT SCHOOL



It is a long-standing tradition for schools to support our veterans and the efforts of the Royal Canadian Legion. Once again this year, our school will be receiving a poppy for every student and distributing them to classes. We will continue to collect funds this year in support of the Legion's Poppy Campaign but kindly ask students and their families to donate online via School Cash Online: https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com/

Please do not send cash or cheques with your child to school. If you need assistance accessing School Cash Online, please contact the school office.

We appreciate your generosity. As always, our school is committed to educating our community about the meaning of the poppy and Remembrance Day.

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 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 CKNW 730AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7FM, CBC 690AM or CBC 88.1FM for updates.

In the event of inclement weather, the District may implement a delayed start or early dismissal at school sites. This information will be communicated to families via one or more of these methods: SchoolMessenger, email and/or text and on the District website. For District bus riders, schedules may change depending on the school status. Bus riders will be notified of changes via one or more of these methods: My Ride K-12 App, email, phone, and/or District website.

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.





Wet & Cold Weather is Here!

At RCG, we head outdoors for fresh air during recess and lunchtime breaks, even on rainy days. We will only stay inside when weather is extreme. Please ensure your child comes to school with:

- ✓ A warm, waterproof coat with a hood
- ✓ Boots (if they like puddles)
- ✓ Extra clothes - especially socks and pants so they can be comfortable in the afternoon. This is important for students in all grades (K-5) as our school has a limited supply of extra clothes to share out.

RCG IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
Tuesday, Nov. 3	❖ Spirit Day: House Colours!
Wednesday, Nov. 11	❖ No School – Remembrance Day
Thursday, Nov. 12	❖ Photo Retake Day (AM) - Students who want retakes need to bring their QR code card with them
Nov. 16 - 27	❖ Trestle Tree Gymnastic Equipment in Gym for PHE lessons
Tuesday, Nov. 17	❖ Hot Lunch ❖ PAC Meeting 6:30pm
Thursday, Nov. 19	❖ Spirit Day: Silly Socks!
Friday, Nov. 20	❖ No School for Students: Design and Assessment Day
Tuesday, Dec. 1	❖ Hot Lunch
Wednesday, Dec. 2	❖ No School for Students: Student Inclusive Conferences
Thursday, Dec. 3	❖ Early Dismissal at 12:35pm: Student Inclusive Conferences
Friday, Dec. 4	❖ Spirit Day: Red, White, and Green! ❖ Candy Cane Sale
Thursday, Dec. 17	❖ Spirit Day: Wear Your PJs! ❖ Pastries with Santa ❖ Last day prior to Winter Break
Tuesday, Jan. 5	❖ First day back after winter break
Monday, Feb. 8	❖ No School for Students – Professional Development Day
Monday, Feb. 15	❖ No School: Family Day

PARENT CONSENT FORMS ON MYEDBC ARE READY FOR FAMILIES

Parent consent forms can now be received on MyEDBC. Families are asked to please log in to the MyEDBC parent portal and complete the process. A set of consent forms will need to be completed for each child attending a Langley school. It is advised to access MyEDBC and complete the parent consent forms using a desktop or laptop as the process requires the full site version (which is not mobile-friendly). For step-by-step instructions, please read here. More information can be found on the District website here. If you need assistance, please come by our school office anytime outside of the busy start and end times of the school day.



RCG Bell Schedule 2026-2027	
8:43am	Welcome Bell
8:48 – 10:15	Learning Block
10:15 – 10:30	Recess
10:30 – 12:00	Learning Block
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 2:35	Learning Block
2:35pm	Dismissal

Is your child going to be LATE or ABSENT?

To report an absence, please call the office at 604 532 7814 and press 1 to leave a voicemail.

IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT OR LATE, PLEASE LET US KNOW BEFORE 8:45AM.

Parents can also input an absence by emailing: rcgattendance@sd35.bc.ca

Please DO NOT email Mrs. Bradford directly regarding attendance/lates.

RCG PAC Executive for 26/27	
Natalie Nandan	President
Christie Salter	Vice President
Andrei Chaplygin	Treasurer
Greg Bergerman	Secretary
Brett Palmer	DPAC Representative
Desiree Cabalfin	Member at Large, Social Media
Jennifer Cichosz	Member at Large, Fundraising
Nadia Toews	Member at Large, Hot Lunch
Kat Chilibeck	Member at Large
Ashley Lindbo	Member at Large
Chad Ludbrook	Member at Large
Jasmine Marcelo	Member at Large

PAC

26/27 PAC Meeting Dates

Tuesdays
@ 6:30pm
School Library

November 17
January 19
February 16
March 9
April 20 AGM
May 18

NOVEMBER HEALTH MESSAGING – FRASER HEALTH

Healthy Screen Use Health, safety, and wellness continue to be a priority in our schools. To help support our students and families, we are sharing important information from our community partner Fraser Health about Healthy Screen Use. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Why Does Screen Time Matter?
Children and families are increasingly spending time on screens such as TVs, computers, tablets, smartphones and gaming devices. Too much screen time can take away from activities that are essential for healthy development, like spending time with family and friends, playing outdoors and getting a good night's sleep.

Choosing Quality Screen Time at Home
Not all screen time is the same. Educational screen time, such as homework, online classes or video calls with family, can be beneficial and support learning and connection. Recreational screen time includes activities like watching videos, gaming or scrolling on devices for entertainment. Too much recreational screen use can have negative impacts on childhood growth and development, such as:
Less time for social interaction and family connection.
Less physical activity and outdoor play.
Less opportunity for creativity, reading and other offline interests.
Negative impacts on mental well-being and behaviour.

How Much Screen Time is Recommended?
According to the Canadian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines:

- **Under 2 years:** Screen time is not recommended.
- **Ages 2–5:** Limit to less than one hour per day.
- **Ages 5 and older:** Limit to less than two hours per day.

Simple ways to encourage healthy screen habits
The Canadian Paediatric Society highlights the "four M's" to help families build healthy routines:

- **Manage**: Set clear rules and limits, such as creating a family media plan.
- **Meaningful use**: Encourage content that supports learning and active engagement.
- **Model**: Show healthy screen habits in your own daily routines.
- **Monitor**: Watch for signs that screen use is replacing important offline activities.

Helpful resources
Fraser Health Screen Time for Children
Fraser Health Screen Time Brochure for Caregivers - Ages 5-12

fraserhealth

School Spirit Days 2026-2027

Join in the fun and show your RCG pride! Participation is completely optional. Mark your calendars for our upcoming School Spirit Days!

October

Thursday 22nd
Crazy Hair Day

November

Tuesday 3rd
House Team Colour Day

Thursday 19th
Silly Socks

December

Friday 4th
Red, White & Green Day

Thursday 17th
PJ Day

January

Tuesday 12th
Jersey Day

February

Friday 12th
Red, White and Pink Day

Wednesday 24th
Pink Shirt Day

April

Thursday 1st
Inside Out/Backwards Day

May

Wednesday 26th
Wacky Hat Day

June

Wednesday 2nd
Sunglasses Day

Friday 11th
Sports Day

Responsible Technology Use Reminder



All elementary schools in Langley have a no student phones/personal digital devices policy.

If you need to reach your child or leave them a message, please call the school office at: 604 532 7814

If your child uses a personal phone or smart watch at school for non-educational purpose, it will be handed in to the office for collection by a parent at the end of the day.

Considering being a parent driver for a field trip or sporting event?

First, thank you so much; your help increases our ability to offer opportunities to children.

Second, the District has increased the paperwork you need to complete. Please don't let that deter you, but please plan ahead as this needs to be redone every school year.

1. Fill out a volunteer driver form (attached to this newsletter)
2. Provide copies of your driver's license, ICBC insurance, and private insurance (if applicable)
3. Provide your ICBC Driver's Abstract: https://onlinebusiness.icbc.com/clio/
    - Select Personal Driving Record -> 6 Years

When you are ready to pop into the office with your paperwork, please avoid times between 8:30-9:30am and 2:15-2:45pm as our office is extremely busy during those periods. Your help and support is very much appreciated.



VOLUNTEER AUTOMOBILE DRIVER AUTHORIZATION (ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE)

School: _____

Dear Volunteer Driver:

Thank you for volunteering to drive students. Your assistance is much appreciated. The responsibilities in regards to transportation of students can be found in Administrative Procedure 562 Transportation of Students Travel for Field Trips and Extracurricular Trips. To protect our children and you as a driver, we ask that you complete the following. You will need to provide the school a copy of your driver's license, driver's abstract and your current Autoplan Insurance Policy, the policy must include a minimum $2 million liability insurance.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ Class:_____ Expiry: _____

Years of Infraction-free Driving Experience: _____

Vehicle Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Vehicle License Number: _____

Seating Capacity:_____ Booster Seat Capacity: # of no-back _____ # of high back _____

I hereby affirm that I have never been convicted of impaired driving or any other criminal driving offense. If I have a serious traffic violation after providing my driver's abstract, I will inform the school principal and withdraw as a volunteer driver. I acknowledge the requirement that all vehicle occupants must use seat belts and where applicable, booster seats. I affirm that I will operate the vehicle in a safe and legal manner, and I will be responsible for the proper installation of booster seats that are supplied by parents or the school in my vehicle, if they are required. I will not allow any child under the age of 12 to sit in the front seat of the vehicle if it is equipped with a passenger side airbag unless the airbag can be legally deactivated.

_____ _____

Date Signature of Driver

School Administration Approval:

☐ Copy of Driver's License ☐ Copy of Driver's Abstract (Confirm no recent serious traffic violations) ☐ Copy of Insurance Coverage (Confirm min $2M Liability Ins.)

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Signature of Principal Date

Parent Code of Conduct

The Langley School District is committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility, and support optimal learning. Trauma Informed Practices and Procedures promote the creation and maintenance of safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, and nurturing school environments.

Families play an important role in helping students achieve success as well as helping create a compassionate learning community. Just as students are expected to follow the District's **Student Code of Conduct**, there is an expectation for parents/guardians to uphold the District's **Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct**.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT



Our goal is to create compassionate learning communities that are both academically and socially inclusive. Parents and Guardians play an essential role in the achievement of this goal in both physical and online spaces.

EVERY PARENT AND GUARDIAN CAN EXPECT TO:

- be treated with and have their child treated with respect and courtesy.
- have their family's privacy respected.
- be consulted with about their child's educational programming.
- speak to teachers and administrators when they have questions, concerns or need information, and bring along a support person.
- feel safe in receiving services from the school.
- have their concerns listened and responded to promptly and respectfully.
- have their school and community treated respectfully by others on social media platforms.

EVERY PARENT AND GUARDIAN IS EXPECTED TO:

- treat others and their children with respect and courtesy.
- respect the privacy of other students, parents, caregivers and staff.
- consult with teachers and administrators about their child's educational programming when asked.
- communicate with school staff in a respectful manner.
- ensure their actions provide school staff with a workplace free of harassment, intimidation, threats and violence.
- address concerns by following the Guidelines for Reporting an Issue or Concern process.
- use social media platforms responsibly and avoid engaging in discussions that harm the school or community.

Any person who disrupts or interrupts the proceedings of a school may be directed by a principal, or their designate, to leave the school premises. Any person who engages in abusive, threatening, or harassing communication may have their communication with school staff restricted.

Langley Schools

School District #35 (Langley)
2026-2027 School Calendar
Elementary Schools

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sep 7 (M)	***Labour Day (School Closed)***
	Sep 8 (T)	School Opens
	Sep 25 (F)	***School Improvement Day (Students Not in Attendance)***
	Sep 30 (W)	***Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)***
October	Oct 12 (M)	***Thanksgiving (School Closed)***
	Oct 23 (F)	***Professional Development Day (Provincial - Students Not in Attendance)***
November	Nov 11 (W)	***Remembrance Day (School Closed)***
	Nov 20 (F)	***Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)***
December	Dec 2 (W)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	Dec 3 (Th)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
	Dec 17 (Th)	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
January	Jan 5 (T)	School Re-Opens After Winter Break
February	Feb 8 (M)	***Professional Development Day (District - Students Not in Attendance)***
	Feb 15 (M)	***Family Day (Schools Closed)***
March	Mar 3 (W)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 4 (Th)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 12 (F)	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
	Mar 26 (F)	***Good Friday (School Closed)***
	Mar 29 (M)	***Easter Monday (School Closed)***
	Mar 30 (T)	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
April	Apr 12 (M)	***Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)***
May	May 21 (F)	***Professional Development Day (District - Students Not in Attendance)***
	May 24 (M)	***Victoria Day (School Closed)***
June	Jun 29 (T)	Final Learning Update & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 30 (W)	***Administrative Day (Students Not in Attendance)***
July / August		Summer Session

APPROVED: SD35 Board of Education Meeting
April 28, 2026