

RCG Family Newsletter

September 2026



Dear RCG Families,

What a wonderful start to the school year at RCG!

It has been a joy to welcome students back to our hallways and classrooms. Our staff have worked hard to create welcoming spaces, support smooth transitions, and begin building strong relationships with students. There is already a sense of belonging and positive energy that reminds us what a special community RCG is.

We are looking forward to several upcoming opportunities to come together as a school community. Our **Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd**, providing families with the opportunity to visit classrooms, see learning spaces, and connect with teachers. We will also be participating in our annual **Terry Fox Assemblies and Run on Thursday, September 24th**. This special event allows us to honour Terry's legacy while celebrating the values of perseverance, hope, and helping others.

As students settle into their new routines, classrooms, and learning experiences, I encourage families to continue having regular conversations about their school day. Rather than asking, "How was school today?", consider using more specific questions. These often lead to richer conversations and provide a wonderful window into your child's experiences at school:

- What made you smile today?
- Who did you spend time with at recess or lunch?
- What challenged you today?
- What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
- What is something new you discovered today?

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. I am grateful to be part of such a caring and connected school community and look forward to all that this school year will bring.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Burns



Being on time provides your child the opportunity to experience positive interactions with others and participate more fully in learning activities.

Please support your child in developing their time management skills so that they arrive on time for school.

If 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 or lates as her inbox is not monitored for attendance.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday, Sept. 15	❖ PAC Meeting 6:30pm (library)	
Monday, Sept. 21	❖ First full day of Kindergarten	
Wednesday, Sept. 23	❖ RCG Open House 'Meet the Teacher' 5pm - 6pm	
Thursday, Sept. 24	❖ Terry Fox Assemblies and Run • Intermediate Assembly at 11:30am • Primary Assembly at 1:30pm followed by whole school heading out to run together @ approx. 2pm	
Friday, Sept. 25	❖ No School for Students – staff attend 'School Improvement Day'	
Tuesday, Sept. 29	❖ Orange Shirt Day	
Wednesday, Sept. 30	❖ No School - National Truth and Reconciliation Day	
Tuesday, Oct. 6	❖ Hot Lunch	
Monday, Oct. 12	❖ No School - Thanksgiving	
Friday, Oct. 16	❖ Individual Student Photo Day	

We are looking forward to our upcoming Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 24th!

Students are invited to bring in coin donations to support Terry Fox's dream of raising funds for cancer research. Families can also make a donation through School Cash Online.

- Intermediate Assembly at **11:30am**
- Primary Assembly at **1:30pm**
- After the Primary assembly, our whole school will go outside and run together

This year we are hosting two assemblies in order to accommodate space for families who would like to join us and share in this important community event. Thank you for helping us keep Terry's dream alive and supporting this important cause!

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION IS IMPORTANT

Please regularly check your email and your child's backpack for newsletters, field trip forms, and updates from your classroom teacher. We look forward to having you visit the school and your child's classroom at our Open House.

RCG Open House
Wednesday, September 23rd 5-6pm



This is an informal opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and see the learning environment they will be working in during the school year. We will be hosting our Student Inclusive Conferences in November which is when you will sit together with your child and their teacher to set goals and celebrate the learning that has been achieved.

If you have a concern prior to mid-November, please reach out to your child's teacher to set up a meeting time. But please, give them a few weeks now to get to know your child and complete baseline assessments so they have a strong sense of your child's strengths and areas for growth.



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

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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

Please
join us at
our first PAC
meeting of
the year,
everyone is
welcome!

PAC

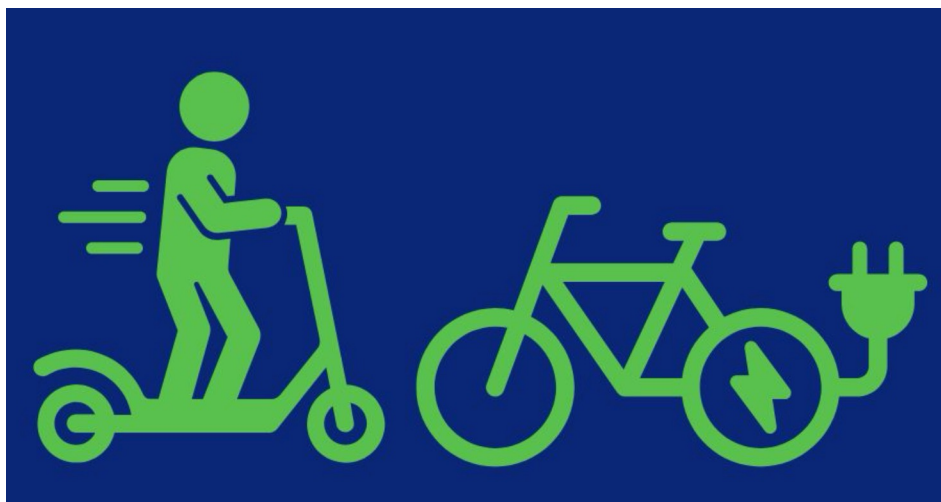
26/27 PAC MEETING DATES

Tuesdays
@ 6:30pm
School Library

September 15
October 20
November 17
January 19
February 16
March 9
April 20 AGM
May 18

E-scooters/E-bikes Guidelines in Langley Schools:

*The Langley School District has new guidelines around the use and storage of e-scooters and e-bikes at our schools. **E-scooters and e-dirt bikes are prohibited on all school sites. This ban applies for elementary, middle, and secondary schools.** Legally, e-pedal bikes are permissible at secondary schools; light e-bikes for students aged 14 and 15, and standard e-bikes for students aged 16 and older. E-pedal bikes are permissible at all schools for adults. Health and safety are a priority. Please have conversations with your child about these guidelines and help us maintain a healthy, safe, and positive learning environment. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your school administrator. For more information, visit the district website [here](#).*



ADDITIONAL INSURANCE OPTIONS

The District is pleased to offer families access to two voluntary student accident insurance options for the 2026/2027 school year. Although enrollment is optional, these plans can provide additional accident-related coverage and benefits beyond those available through standard health care programs. Please note that enrollment is completed online directly through the provider. Families may choose either of the following options:

[Insure My Kids](#)

OR

[Study Insured](#)

Back to School Health from Fraser Health

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 back to school health. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Tips for Parents for a Healthy Back to School Season

As children head back to school, parents face the familiar challenge of managing busy schedules, school routines and inevitably, health concerns.

Help set the stage for a healthy school year with Fraser Health's [Healthy Back to School Guide](#).

The guide provides information on a variety of ways to keep children healthy during a school year. For instance, fostering healthy routines for sleep, mealtimes and physical activity can greatly support your child's health and wellness.

Staying healthy during the school year is also about protecting children from illnesses that can spread quickly in classrooms. It is important to make sure children wash their hands properly, and to keep them home if they are feeling unwell.

Another way to protect your child's health is to ensure their immunizations are up to date. Vaccines help prevent several serious illnesses and infectious diseases, for example, measles. Please check that you (if born in or after 1970) and your children have received at least two doses of a measles-containing vaccine. Find out how to check your immunization records [here](#).

Vaccines are available at many [pharmacy locations](#), physician offices, and at all [public health units](#).

If you are new to B.C. or Canada, provide your immunization records to public health at fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform.

Need fast access to health advice? Call Fraser Health Virtual Care

Our Fraser Health Virtual Care registered nurses and dietitians can provide convenient, fast health advice and information for busy families. With options for phone or web chat consultations, families receive medical advice from nurses with emergency experience. It can save you time and may help you avoid having to visit a clinic or emergency department. Nurses can also connect you with an Urgent and Primary Care Centre, if needed.

How to reach Fraser Health Virtual Care

1. **Dial 1-800-314-0999.** For an interpreter, say your language in English.
2. For web chat, go to fraserhealth.ca/virtualcare and click the blue chat bubble in the right corner to start.

Available 10am to 10pm every day, including statutory holidays. After hours, call 8-1-1.

Learn more about Fraser Health Virtual Care, other care options and more at: Fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare



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.



Taking photos on the first day of school, on a field trip, or at a school event?



Please think twice...

Many families do not want their child's photo taken without their permission and they do not want their child's photo posted on social media.

It is an expectation that if you wish to take a photo that includes children other than your own, you should ask that child's parents for permission.

Responsible digital citizenship is best modeled by adults.
Thank you for your help.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL

We have many ways to connect!

- Many of our school messages are sent through School Messenger, please send YES to 978338 to opt in. (see next page for more details)
- Families will receive regular updates on Mondays from our office regarding upcoming dates and reminders
- Families will receive monthly newsletters from Principal Burns
- Families will receive regular updates from their child's teacher
- Our PAC hold monthly meetings (all parents are invited to attend)
- We hold an Open House in September
- We hold Student Inclusive Conferences twice per year

If you have a question, please first refer to previous emails that have been sent out. The answers are often there.

Our teachers do their best to respond to families in a timely fashion. Please note that their work-life balance and wellness is important, so it is not an expectation that they reply to families in the evenings or on weekends.

If your child's teacher or school administrators would like to have an in-depth conversation with you, we will request an appointment time. We value connecting with you, and as before and after school are very busy times, we find it difficult to hold impromptu meetings. We appreciate setting a date and time to ensure the conversation is focused and valuable.



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.

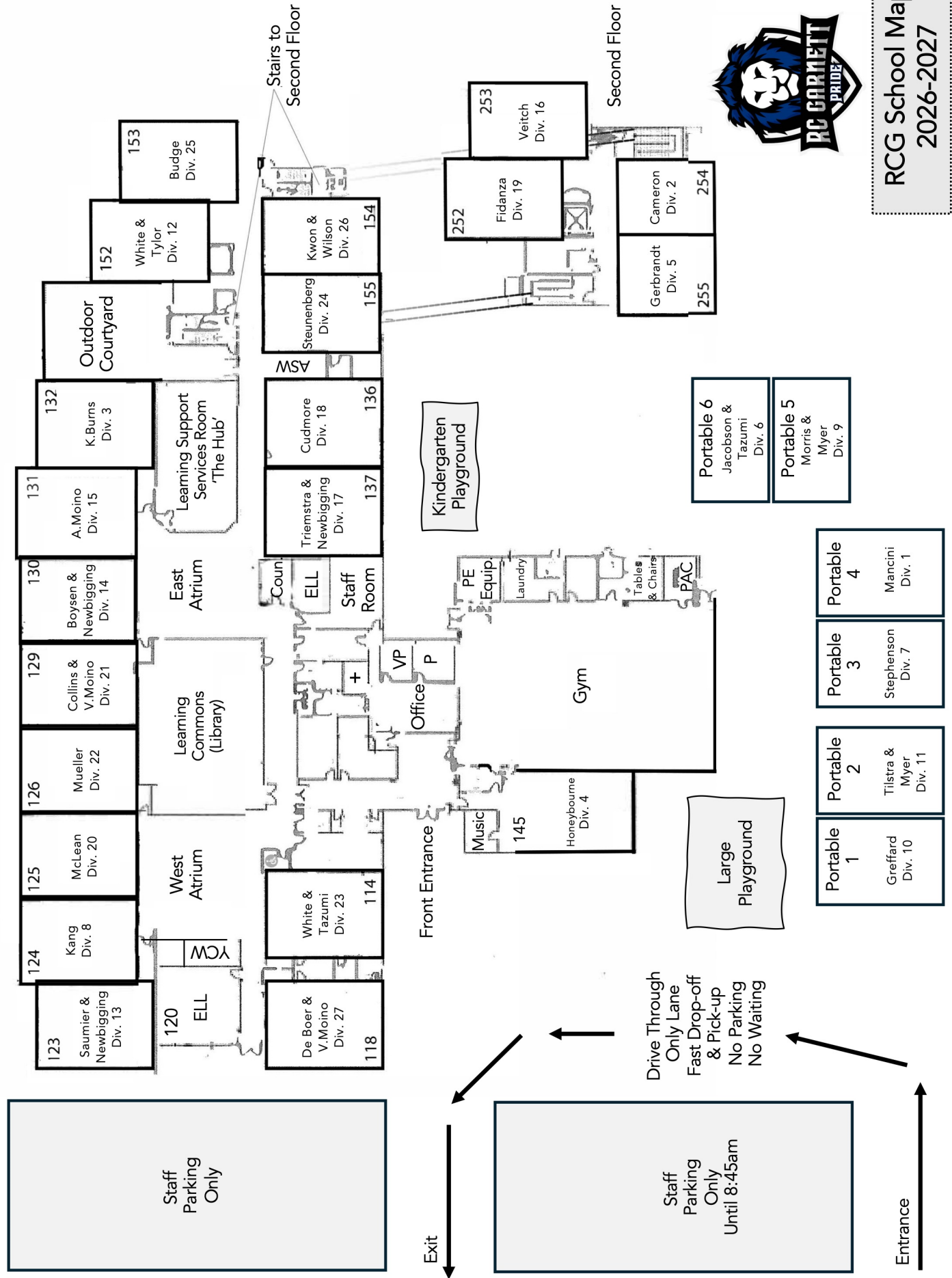
EVERY PARENT AND GUARDIAN CAN EXPECT TO:

- 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.





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.)

Signature of Principal

Date

School District #35 (Langley)

2026-2027 School Calendar

Elementary Schools

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sep 7 (M)	<i>Labour Day (School Closed)</i>
	Sep 8 (T)	School Opens
	Sep 25 (F)	<i>School Improvement Day (Students Not in Attendance)</i>
	Sep 30 (W)	<i>Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)</i>
October	Oct 12 (M)	<i>Thanksgiving (School Closed)</i>
	Oct 23 (F)	<i>Professional Development Day (Provincial - Students Not in Attendance)</i>
November	Nov 11 (W)	<i>Remembrance Day (School Closed)</i>
	Nov 20 (F)	<i>Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)</i>
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)	<i>Professional Development Day (District - Students Not in Attendance)</i>
	Feb 15 (M)	<i>Family Day (Schools Closed)</i>
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)	<i>Good Friday (School Closed)</i>
	Mar 29 (M)	<i>Easter Monday (School Closed)</i>
	Mar 30 (T)	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
April	Apr 12 (M)	<i>Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)</i>
May	May 21 (F)	<i>Professional Development Day (District - Students Not in Attendance)</i>
	May 24 (M)	<i>Victoria Day (School Closed)</i>
June	Jun 29 (T)	Final Learning Update & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 30 (W)	<i>Administrative Day (Students Not in Attendance)</i>
July / August		Summer Session

APPROVED: SD35 Board of Education Meeting
April 28, 2026

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number:

For **CANADA-BASED** numbers: **978338**

For **US-BASED** numbers: **61569** (see next page for QR code)

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

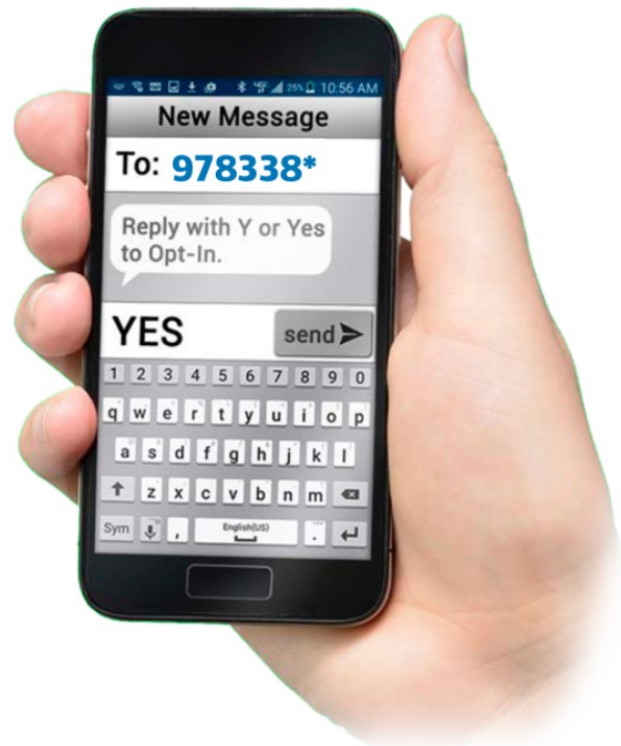
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*if your number is Canada-based.