

# RCG Family Newsletter

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Dear RCG Families,

Spring has sprung and we are looking forward to sunny, bright days ahead! In order to ensure your child is getting the most out of their educational experience over the next three months, please consider the following.

Consistent school attendance and punctual arrival set students up for success each day. When children arrive on time and attend school regularly, they experience a smoother start to the day, feel more connected to their classmates, and build important routines that help them thrive.

## How consistent attendance makes a difference:

- **Stronger Learning:** Students who are in class every day have more opportunities to practice skills, ask questions, and participate in their lessons.
- **Confidence & Belonging:** Being present helps children feel part of the classroom community. They build friendships, routines, and a sense of security.
- **Healthy Habits:** Learning to be on time develops lifelong habits such as responsibility, organization, and resilience.
- **Reduced Stress:** Arriving after class has started or after missing multiple days of school can feel overwhelming for some children. Regular attendance and arriving on time helps children settle in calmly and confidently.

We appreciate your partnership in helping students start each day ready to learn, connect, and grow. Your efforts make a meaningful difference.

Sincerely,

*Claire Burns*  
RCG Principal



# Moving Schools? We Need to Know!

## **NOT Returning to RCG in September?**

As we begin planning for the 2026–2027 school year, it is important for us to know if your family will *not* be returning to RCG in September. This helps us plan for class placements, staffing, and welcoming new students.

We currently have a waitlist at most grade levels, so having accurate enrollment information allows us to offer spaces to new families in a timely and organized way.

**If your child(ren) will be attending a different school next year, please contact the office as soon as possible by phone or email.**

Thank you for helping us prepare for a smooth start to the 26/27 school year.



## **Summer School Session 2026 – Elementary**

Are you looking for skill-building or new learning opportunities for your child to keep them engaged during the summer?

The District offers a variety of courses as part of Summer Session.

Online registration begins on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> for Elementary (Grades 1 to 5) at 11:30am for Langley School District students.

For important dates, times, and courses available to students, please visit the webpage [\*\*here\*\*](#).



Some of our responsible and cheerful Grade 5 Outdoor Equipment Leaders hard at work! We are so grateful to our Grade 5 leadership students for helping everyone gain access to equipment such as badminton racquets, footballs, skipping ropes, soccer balls, volleyballs, basketballs and more!



Congratulations to team 'Book Explorers' who will represent RCG at the upcoming Reading Link District finals this week. This was a huge year for Reading Link at RCG with over 60 of our Grade 4 & 5 students participating. Their love of reading and desire to 'show what they know' was inspiring!



## **Informal Learning Updates**

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, your child will receive a paper record of the second informal learning update as part of the requirements within the Ministry of Education and Childcare's Reporting Order.

This informal Learning Update serves as a record of communication, which can include (but is not limited to) past email communication, meeting, digital student portfolio or written communication, to serve as an update to families on student learning progress since the Term 2 Formal Learning Update. Parents/Caregivers will be able to see the method of communication indicated at the top of the paper informal Learning Update.

If you have further questions on your child's learning progress, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

## **Electric Kick Scooters - Important Reminder**

As more students use electric kick scooters to come to school, and the weather improves into the Spring, the District would like to inform schools on some basic safety.

1. What is an electric kick scooter? Electric kick scooters have a simple design and are very much the same scooters that children have used for decades... they require the rider to stand on a narrow platform with one foot and then kick or push off with the other. The difference now is that these kick scooters are electric, they no longer need the rider to push off, and they go at much faster speeds.
2. In BC, you must be at least 16 years of age and be wearing a helmet to operate an Electric kick scooter, within certain parameters, as per below and in the links.
3. Electric kick scooters cannot be ridden on public roads, except if the municipality is conducting a pilot. The Township is in the pilot, but the City is not. For more information, please click on the link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/personal-mobility-devices/scooter>
4. Operators cannot ride an electric kick scooter on sidewalks or in crosswalks, except if a sign or traffic control device allows.
5. Please refer to the link below for a full list of safety rules for operators. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/electric-kick-scooter-rules>

## CONTINUING OUR WORK AROUND RESPECTING AND CELEBRATING DIVERSITY...

Over the next two weeks, students will be provided with the opportunity to use a wheelchair. This is a powerful way to help them understand and celebrate diversity. People experience the world in many different ways, and mobility devices such as wheelchairs are an important part of daily life for some individuals. By briefly and safely experiencing what it might be like to navigate using a wheelchair, students build empathy, awareness, and an increased respect for others.



### RCG IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

April 13 - 24	❖ Wheelchairs available for gym classes
Tues. April 14	❖ Hot Lunch: White Spot
Mon. April 20	❖ Grade 5's visit PEMS (walking there first thing in the morning – don't be late for school!) ❖ PAC Meeting AGM 6:30pm – see next 2 pages
Tues. April 28	❖ Hot Lunch: Booster Juice
Thurs. April 30	❖ Performance: <i>Blues Rock!</i>
Tues. May 5	❖ Class Photo Day
Fri. May 8	❖ Gr 3-5 Speak Out Celebration ❖ Informal Learning Updates Sent Home (paper copy)
Tues. May 12	❖ Hot Lunch: Red Robin
Thurs. May 14	❖ Jump Rope for Heart Day
Fri. May 15	❖ ProD Day, <b>no school for students</b>
Mon. May 18	❖ Victoria Day, No School
Tues. May 19	❖ Field Trip – Grades 5 to Timberline Ranch
Tues. May 19	❖ PAC Meeting 6:30pm
Wed. May 27	❖ <b>Early Dismissal for Current Kindergarten Students @ 12pm</b> ❖ Welcome to Kindergarten Event for new (26/27) students (afternoon)
Tues. June 2	❖ Grade 5 Parent Info Night at PEMS 6-6:30pm
Thurs. June 11	❖ Gr4/5 District Trackmeet (for students who qualify)
Fri, June 12	❖ PAC Year End Event 5-8pm
Fri. June 19	❖ Sports Day
Thurs. June 25	❖ Last Day of School - Dismissal at 11:30am



# RC GARNETT DEMONSTRATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## Did You Know....

### Some of the initiatives we use our PAC fundraising money for are:

- Classroom supplies/funds for each classroom
  - Field trips
  - Outdoor classroom sail covers
  - Year End Fun Fair
  - Halloween Dance
  - Grade 5 Celebration
  - Library books
  - Sports activities for all grades at the school (i.e. Baseball, Tennis, Curling lessons)
  - Pastries with Santa
  - Guest Speakers / Performances (i.e. The White Hatter, Magician, Drum Workshop)
  - Sports day Freeze station
  - Welcome back coffee day for parents
  - Sensory wall
  - Gym benches
  - Staff Appreciation Day - lunch
  - Kite kits
  - Speech fest
  - Spelling bee
  - Pay for the Munch-a-Lunch Platform + for kids' lunch without
  - Playground repairs & upgrades
  - New IPADs & electronics
  - Musical instruments
  - Kindergarten Orientation
  - 2 water fountain filtration systems
  - A Scholarship for a previous RCG student that graduates from a Langley Secondary School
  - Just to name some of the things...
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- Supporting the PAC fundraisers helps enrich the school communities experience at RC Garnett
  - If you would like to get involved or have some ideas on how to make the experience for students better, please come out to the PAC meetings.
  - Every Parent who has a student in the school is already a member of the PAC.

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President: Natalie Nandan, Past President: Reeta Shandil, Vice-President: Christie Salter, Secretary: Greg Bergerman, Treasurer: Andrei Chaplygin, Lunch Coordinator: Chad Ludbrook, Fundraising Coordinator: Jennifer Cichosz, Members at Large: Desiree Cabalfin, Paula Harling, Jasmine Marcelo, Ashley Lindbo, Kat Chilibeck,

**RC GARNETT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ELECTION INFORMATION**

It is election time for the RC Garnett PAC! The election will be held at the PAC meeting on **Monday April 20, in the RC Garnett Library at 6:30 pm**. All voting must be done in person; no proxy votes will be accepted. A Member at Large (MAL) will be running the election in accordance with the constitution. Nominations will be accepted up until **6:35pm on the date of the election** for the following Executive Positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- DPAC Representative

Information on the roles and responsibilities of the above positions can be found in the *RC Garnett Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Constitution and Bylaws (RCG PAC C&B)* section 8.2 – *Roles and Responsibilities of Officers*. If you would like further information, please email [rcgarnettpac@outlook.com](mailto:rcgarnettpac@outlook.com).

To be nominated for any of the above roles you must have TWO (2) voting members nominate you. A voting member is any parent or guardian who has a student enrolled at RC Garnett Demonstration Elementary School. The MAL running the election will confirm the voting members and the nomination. Further information about the election process can be found under section 7 of the *RCG PAC C&B. – Election of Officers*.

There are several opportunities to support the PAC by becoming a Member at Large (MAL) or volunteering to help with Hot Lunch and events including dances, concession sales afterschool, year-end fun fair, etc. MALs are appointed by the Executive members of the PAC. If you are interested in joining, please email the RCG PAC at [rcgarnettpac@outlook.com](mailto:rcgarnettpac@outlook.com).

Please fill out this form and return it to the office or email your information to [rcgarnettpac@outlook.com](mailto:rcgarnettpac@outlook.com).

Nominee's Name:

Phone #:

Position:

Voting Member Name:

Phone #:

Voting Member Name:

Phone #:

info@tinyhandsclub.ca



# After school Program

Run by an elementary school teacher, servicing families in Langley & Surrey. Our instructor-led classes support childrens learning, creativity, and development in a fun and engaging way.

## SCHOOLS WE SERVICE

- Richard Bullpit Elementary
- RC Garnett Elementary
- Maddaugh Elementary
- Katzie Elementary
- Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary

**HOURS:  
2:30-6PM**

## Our program offers:

A NURTURING AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT

- SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
- STEM & TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL PICK UPS

PRO D DAYS

**Enrolling for September 2026**

Spots are limited

[www.tinyhandsclub.ca](http://www.tinyhandsclub.ca)



# Active Beyond the Bell

## 2026 / 2027 School Year Information

Help prepare your child to be active and healthy for life! Children will enjoy this after school program focused on physical activity, fundamental movement skills, health, and fun. Active Beyond the Bell (ABTB) runs for two hours after dismissal.

### Registration information

Registration opens for the 2026/2027 school year for these schools.

Tuesday, April 28 at 12pm	Thursday, April 30 at 12pm
Alex Hope	Dorothy Peacock
James Kennedy	Lynn Fripps
Langley Fundamental	R.C. Garnett
	Richard Bulpitt

### Priority registration information

Priority registration will be offered to current participants, and their siblings, who have registered for ABTB as of January 5, 2026, and who are registered for a minimum of 8 weeks between January and March. Eligible families will receive their priority registration date via a phone call on or before April 14, 2026. All spots in the ABTB program will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis. Other ABTB participants and the general public can register on the dates and times listed above.

### How to register

- Choose the weeks or months that work best for your family. Registration is weekly or monthly. Daily registration is not available.
- Register online at [tol.ca/recregister](https://tol.ca/recregister), or register in person or by phone at one of our centres:
  - Aldergrove Community Centre
  - George Preston Recreation Centre
  - W.C. Blair Recreation Centre
  - Walnut Grove Community Centre

Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Waitlists are available.

### Fees

Active Beyond the Bell	Daily Late Fees
\$17.10/day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$10 for 5 to 30 minutes</li><li>• \$20 for every 30 to 60 minutes</li></ul>

Active Beyond the Bell ends two hours from the final school bell. Adults who arrive late to pick up their child will be charged a late fee. Late fees are processed daily.

### Payment options

1. **Payment in full at time of registration.**  
Pay by cash, cheque, credit card, or debit.
2. **Monthly scheduled payments.**  
Monthly payments are due on the first day of each month for registrations within that month. Scheduled payments **MUST** be done over the phone or in person. This option is not available with online registration.

### School closures

ABTB does not operate on days when schools in the Langley School District #35 are closed, including statutory holidays, non-instructional days, and during winter and spring breaks. Closure dates are confirmed by the school district and will be communicated through monthly ABTB newsletters. Phone calls will be made when a closure is unanticipated (e.g. snow days). Refunds will be provided for any cancelled days not included in your initial ABTB registration.

School's Out Day Camps may be available at Township of Langley recreation facilities on non-instructional days.

To view and register for School's Out Day Camps, visit [tol.ca/recregister](https://tol.ca/recregister).

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Young Rembrandts

## ART CLASSES AT RC GARNETT ELEMENTARY

It's spring time and that can mean only one thing: **SPRINGTIME DRAWING & CARTOONS WITH YOUNG REMBRANDTS!** If your children are baseball fans, they will love our baseball still life lesson. Learning about warm & cool colours will be the focus as our artists draw a detailed exterior of a house. We'll also learn about and draw the legendary Mars Rover. This Spring we take an imaginary trip to Japan and learn about the artistry of the kimono. We are pairing our drawing class with our cartoon program this Spring bringing bright & colourful cartoon characters to life!



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### WE TEACH KIDS HOW TO DRAW & COLOUR



#### DAY OF WEEK

Day: Mondays  
Time: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
Date: April 12 to June 15/2026  
(Excludes Victoria Day)  
Grades: 1-6  
Room: Library



#### TUITION

9 Weeks \$193.50  
Payment Plan Available Online (3 payments)



#### ENROLLMENT

<https://www.youngrembrandts.com/lowermainland/view-classes-enroll/>



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## McHappy Day - May 6, 2026

On **Wednesday, May 6, 2026**, McDonald's Langley locations will celebrate McHappy Day, raising funds to support families and children in our community. Proceeds will be split between three local charities, including the **Langley School District Foundation!**

This year, the goal is to raise \$28,000. Your support will help fund Out-of-School Programs for Langley students.

### Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers will help create a fun and welcoming atmosphere while supporting fundraising efforts.

Volunteer activities may include:

- Greeting guests in the lobby
- Helping with games or activities for families
- Collecting donations in the drive-thru donation bucket
- Encouraging guests to support McHappy Day fundraising

No experience is needed — just bring your energy, enthusiasm, and community spirit!

### Volunteer Times

Volunteers are needed throughout the day from: **9:00 AM – 7:00 PM**. You are welcome to volunteer for **as little as 1 hour or longer**.

We welcome:

- Individuals
- Families
- Students completing volunteer hours
- Community groups
- School groups such as band, cheer teams, and dance teams



## April Health Messaging – Fraser Health



As part of its health promotion for students and families, our community partner Fraser Health is sharing important information on various topics this April.

### **Physical Activity Outdoors**

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 the importance of physical activity outdoors. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

### **Get Outside and Play**

Physical activity is a necessary requirement for optimal health. Regular physical activity in childhood and adolescence helps to develop cardiovascular fitness and muscle strength, supports positive social connections and improves mental well-being.

There are many benefits to unstructured play. These benefits are even greater when engaging in physical activity outdoors. When children and youth spend time outside, they:

- 1. Sit less, move more and play longer** - key to cardiovascular health and fitness.
- 2. Have healthier eyes** - spending more time outside reduces nearsightedness risks.
- 3. Sleep better** - sunlight helps regulate sleep hormones and sleep patterns.
- 4. Enjoy improved mood** - physical activity can reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression.
- 5. Feel more connected to nature** - appreciation of the environment and being in nature can support healthy and balanced emotions.

Planning active outings doesn't have to be challenging or costly. Here are some fun ideas you can try:

- **Try a new activity** – check out [geocaching](#) or attend a local explorer day with [NatureKidsBC](#).
- **Unplug and connect** – ideas to decrease recreational [screen time](#).
- **Go for a scavenger hunt** – try this [nature scavenger hunt](#).
- **Go for a walk or hike** – try these [10 hikes to take your kids on this summer](#).
- **Play in a forest or park** – try a new [regional park](#) every day for a week.
- **Explore a local stream** – check these [beautiful watershed walks](#) in the region. Learn about [water safety for children](#).
- **Swim at the pool, waterpark or beach** – check [beach safety conditions](#) first or stay cool at a local spray park.
- **Ride a bike or scooter** – explore the [Hope Bike Park](#) or check out these rides along [Boundary Bay](#), [Pitt Meadows](#) or [Vedder Greenway](#). Learn more about cycling safety on [Fraser Health's website](#).
- **Visit farms, fish hatcheries and bird sanctuaries** – try this [local family fun guide](#) for unique ideas.

Find more ideas to keep your kids active through the year on Fraser Health's [Keeping children active](#) page.

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Online Events

# Connect & Learn

## Online Events for Parents & Caregivers

Every month, we host events **for parents and caregivers** of a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance use challenge.

Join us to watch a video and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments, focusing on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.

### Emotion Regulation Part 2: Deepening Our Understanding

Our kids' big emotions don't always make sense. As parents, we might even feel like we're walking on egg shells because we're scared of another big emotional outburst. Watch our second video conversation with Nicole Allen, Registered Clinical Counsellor, to deepen your understanding about your kids' emotion regulation. Nicole helps us understand why some kids cope easier than others, how to determine what our child needs during those hard moments, and shares some strategies that can help.

Join us and other families for this video presentation and discussion that's facilitated by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

- **COST:** Free
- **DATES:**

Times are in Pacific Time (most of B.C.)

- Tuesday, April 7, 6:30pm
- Tuesday, April 21, 12:00pm
- Wednesday, April 29, 6:30pm



Register online at  
[familysmart.ca/events](https://familysmart.ca/events)





# 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)**  
**2025-2026 School Calendar**  
**Elementary Schools**

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sep 1 (M)	<b>Labour Day (School Closed)</b>
	Sep 2 (T)	School Opens
	Sep 29 (M)	<b>School Improvement Day (Students not in attendance)</b>
	Sep 30 (T)	<b>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)</b>
October	Oct 13 (M)	<b>Thanksgiving (School Closed)</b>
	Oct 24 (F)	<b>Professional Development Day (Provincial - Students not in attendance)</b>
November	Nov 10 (M)	<b>Design &amp; Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students not in attendance)</b>
	Nov 11 (T)	<b>Remembrance Day (School Closed)</b>
	Nov 26 (W)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	Nov 27 (Th)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
December	Dec 19 (F)	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
January	Jan 5 (M)	School Re-Opens After Winter Break
February	Feb 9 (M)	<b>Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance)</b>
	Feb 13 (F)	<b>Design &amp; Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students not in attendance)</b>
	Feb 16 (M)	<b>Family Day (School Closed)</b>
March	Mar 4 (W)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 5 (Th)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 13 (F)	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
	Mar 30 (M)	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
April	Apr 3 (F)	<b>Good Friday (School Closed)</b>
	Apr 6 (M)	<b>Easter Monday (School Closed)</b>
May	May 15 (F)	<b>Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance)</b>
	May 18 (M)	<b>Victoria Day (School Closed)</b>
June	Jun 25 (Th)	Final Learning Update & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 26 (F)	<b>Administrative Day (Students not in attendance)</b>
July / August		Summer Session

APPROVED: SD35 Board of Education Meeting  
 April 29, 2025

**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](mailto:rcgattendance@sd35.bc.ca)**

Please **DO NOT** email Mrs. Bradford directly regarding attendance or lates as her inbox is not monitored for attendance.