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Newsletter #29

April 17, 2026

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Upcoming Events</i> |
|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| Apr. 24 | Spirit Day – Dress like a Book Character |
| Apr. 30 | PAC Treat Day |
| May 1 | Reunification Drill |
| May 11 | PAC Hot Lunch |
| May 12 | PAC Meeting |
| May 15 | Pro-D Day (students not in attendance) |
| May 18 | Victoria Day (School Closed) |

Breakfast Club & Morning Supervision

Breakfast Club starts at 8:15 a.m. Students are welcome to grab their breakfast and then head back outside.

Please be reminded that outdoor supervision happens from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and 2:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M., students should not be left unattended before or after these times.

Thank you so much for helping keep our drop off and pick up times safe and running smoothly!

Cutlery

Please remember to send a spoon or fork if your child needs one for their lunch or snack. We no longer have them at the office.

LifeTouch Community Retakes

Lifetouch will be holding Individual Photos Community retakes, and we're happy to share the details below:

Photo Dates: April 23 - 24, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Mundy Park Field House

629 Hillcrest Street Coquitlam, BC V3J 6N9

Community retakes will be available for students who missed their individual photos this year, as well as for any student who would like to have their individual photos retaken.

Students can book their appointment using the link below:

https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/1dqpqss6/?e_id=13919

Summer Session 2026 – Elementary/Middle/Secondary

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 22nd for Elementary (Grades 1 to 5), Monday, April 27th for Middle (Grades 6 to 8), and Wednesday, April 29th for Secondary (Grades 9 to 12) at 11:30am each day for Langley School District students. For important dates, times, and courses available to Grade 1-12 students, please visit our webpage [here](#).

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>

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. The theme for April is Physical Activity Outdoors. Please share the following information below in your next newsletter or communication to families. This information will be shared on the District's social media channels.

Physical Activity Outdoors (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 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.

U-Connect


U-Connect offers programming at the elementary, middle and secondary level. For elementary and middle years (K-8), U-Connect offers multi-grade classes with a focus on small classes and a collaborative approach to learning between school and home. The secondary program is for students in grades 9 to 12. Students in the secondary program have the option of the blended pathway program and blended mornings. U-Connect also offers online-only courses for Langley students in grades 10-12. The school will be hosting Information Sessions this spring; please see the attached for more information.

LANGLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #35

U-CONNECT

A blended-learning, choice program for Langley residents, for students in grades K-12.

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 STARTING THIS SPRING: APRIL 8, APRIL 29, MAY 13



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Want to Learn More? Contact Us!
www.sd35.bc.ca/simonds-uconnect
604-530-2361

Homestay Families Needed

International Student Program Homestay Families

Embark on a rewarding journey of cultural exchange! The District is seeking homestay families to host International Student Program (ISP) students for the 2026-2027 school year and beyond. There are many benefits including learning a new culture, sharing your family traditions, and developing life-long friendships. Homestay families are provided \$1200 per month to offset costs. Start your journey here: [Students & Homestay](#)



HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

How to apply:



www.studyinlangley.com
isp@sd35.bc.ca
604-534-7891



School District #35 (Langley)
2025-2026 School Calendar
Elementary Schools

| MONTH | DATE | |
|---------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| September | Sep 1 (M) | Labour Day (School Closed) |
| | Sep 2 (T) | School Opens |
| | Sep 29 (M) | School Improvement Day (Students not in attendance) |
| | Sep 30 (T) | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed) |
| October | Oct 13 (M) | Thanksgiving (School Closed) |
| | Oct 24 (F) | Professional Development Day (Provincial - Students not in attendance) |
| November | Nov 10 (M) | Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students not in attendance) |
| | Nov 11 (T) | Remembrance Day (School Closed) |
| | 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) | Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance) |
| | Feb 13 (F) | Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students not in attendance) |
| | Feb 16 (M) | Family Day (School Closed) |
| 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) | Good Friday (School Closed) |
| | Apr 6 (M) | Easter Monday (School Closed) |
| May | May 15 (F) | Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance) |
| | May 18 (M) | Victoria Day (School Closed) |
| June | Jun 25 (Th) | Final Learning Update & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation |
| | Jun 26 (F) | Administrative Day (Students not in attendance) |
| July / August | | Summer Session |

APPROVED: SD35 Board of Education Meeting
 April 29, 2025

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ART CLASSES FOR KIDS . UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVE ENERGY .

GRADE 1-7



SPRING ARTPOP FINE ART CLASS 2026

**THURS, APRIL 2- JUNE 11
2:30-3:30PM**

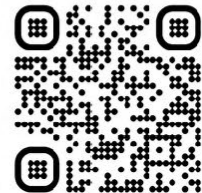
***NO CLASS ON : APRIL 9 & , MAY 14,
JUNE 4**

**9175 206 St, Langley
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**ALL MATERIALS
INCLUDED!**

www.kreativkoalas.com

REGISTER HERE!



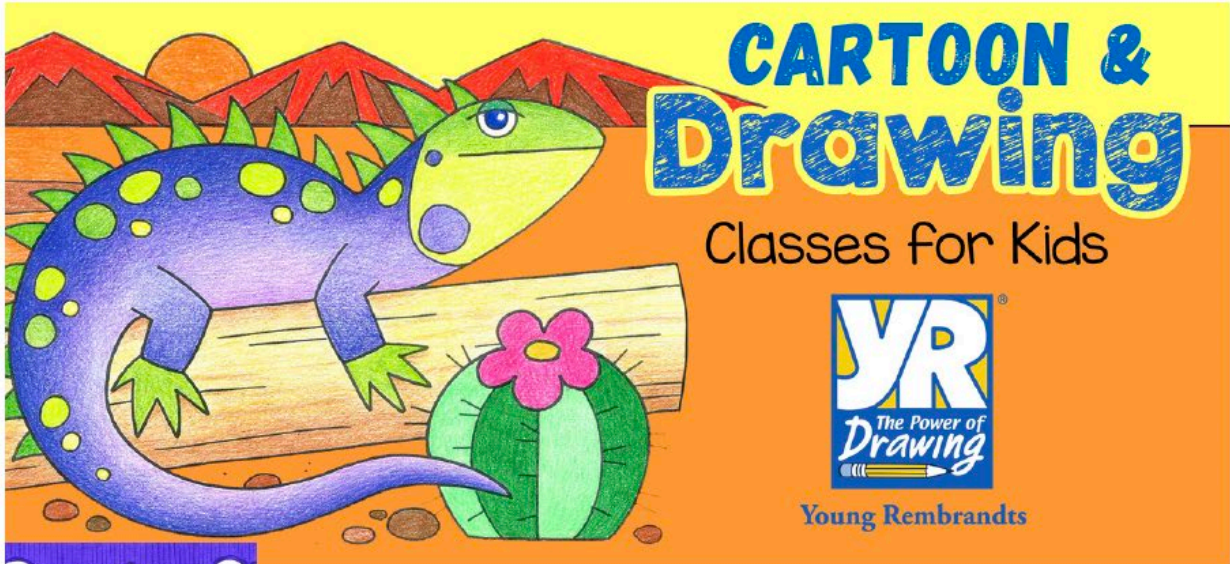
Paint, draw, and build with clay inspired by Romero Britto, Yayoi Kusama & Jean Dubuffet, featuring pastel lion faces, underwater animals, and playful patterns —all using high-quality art materials.

UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVE ENERGY . ART CLASSES FOR KIDS.

7 SESSIONS: \$215

Can't join us this session? Sign up for updates on Spring Break & Summer Camps via our mailing list?

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CARTOON & Drawing

Classes for Kids



Young Rembrandts



JOIN US THIS SPRING AT GORDON GREENWOOD 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!

WE TEACH KIDS HOW TO DRAW & COLOUR



DAY OF WEEK

Day: Wednesdays
 Time: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
 Date: April 1 to June 10/2026
 Grades: 1-6
 Room: Library



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PAC NEWS

PAC EXECUTIVE

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Secretary - Rhea Fedorchuk

Hot Lunch - Julia Sage/ Jenn Borque

DPAC

Social Media Coordinator (Member at Large) - Elaine Happer

Event Coordinators (Members at Large) - Jenn Borque

Next PAC Meeting – Apr 14 6:30 PM in the Library

IMPORTANT LINKS

ggepac@hotmail.com

ggepachotlunch@hotmail.com

PAC Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/252372494939238>

Raise dough without baking dough 🍞

Did you know that every purchase you make at **Cobs Bread (Walnut Grove)** can benefit **Gordon Greenwood Elementary**?

Simply mention “**Gordon Greenwood Elementary School**” at checkout, and **5% of your purchase** will be donated back to GGE. The school receives a cheque at the end of the year to support things like new equipment, uniforms, field trips, and classroom supplies.

It's an easy way to support our school while checking one more thing off your holiday to-do list!

📍 **Cobs Bread – Walnut Grove**

Unit 175, 20330 88th Ave, Langley

Get ready to show your school spirit! Our spirit wear sale is officially open. This year's collection features new designs and classic favorites, including hoodies, t-shirts, and hats. Don't miss your chance to grab some gear and represent our school. The store is open for a limited time, so place your order today!

<https://www.9blocks.ca/gordongreenwoodspiritwear>



DONATE YOUR EMPTIES FOR A CAUSE

**Download the Return-It App to donate
your empty beverage containers to us
and help us make a difference!**

Thank you for your support!



Support Our School by Donating Your Empties

Did you know you can support our PAC simply by recycling your empty beverage containers? Through the **Return-It App**, you can donate your bottle refund directly to Gordon Greenwood Elementary PAC — it's quick, easy, and makes a real difference for our school.


How it works:

1. Download the **Return-It App** (available on iOS and Android) or visit <https://app.return-it.ca>
2. Log in or create a free Return-It account
3. Donate to our PAC using this link:
<https://app.return-it.ca/gordongreenwoodelementarypac>
4. Choose a **one-time donation** or set up **auto-donations**
5. Return your empty beverage containers at any Return-It Express location

Every container counts, and all funds raised go directly toward supporting PAC initiatives and activities for our students.

Thank you for helping our school community — we truly appreciate your support!

OH, HAPPY DAY! YOUR GGE PAC IS ONLINE!



STAY UP TO DATE!



FOLLOW US for information about:

- fundraisers •
- next meeting date and time •
- past meeting minutes •
- links to proposals •
- PAC achievements •

(your fundraising dollars at work)

- special days •
- upcoming events •
- GGE calendar •

hot lunch ... and more!

ggeelem.wixsite.com/gge-pac  [gge_pac](#)  Gordon Greenwood Elementary PAC