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Newsletter #30

April 24, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
Apr. 28	Spring Fun Fair Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
Apr. 30	PAC Treat Day
May 1	Reunification Drill
May 11	PAC Hot Lunch
May 12	PAC Meeting in the Library 6:30 PM
May 15	Pro-D Day (students not in attendance)
May 18	Victoria Day (School Closed)
May 22	Kindergarten Orientation

Gordon Greenwood Track and Field 2026



This week we began the first two days of our Grade 4-7 track and field practice and qualifying. Not all our students will be able to represent our school at our Walnut Grove Family of Schools Track Meet as Track and Field is the one sporting event at the elementary level, which involves a tryout. This may bring about disappointment as well as excitement for our students. At Gordon Greenwood Elementary, we believe in providing opportunities for student involvement, so we also run our practice for all students to be able to participate in the experience at the school level. Although there will be a select number of students that will qualify for the track meet, students will have the opportunity to learn and participate at the school level over a span of 8 sessions. Our staff at GGE run

events which include 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500M (Gr. 6/7), Relay, Long Jump, High Jump, and Ball Throw. We will also be requiring parent/guardian drivers to the Walnut Grove Family of Schools Track Meet, which will be held on Monday, June 1st at McLeod Athletic Park. More details will follow once we have a list of students that have qualified.

Schedule of school Practice/Qualifying:

Day 1: Tuesday, April 21st

Day 2: Wednesday, April 22nd

Day 3: Tuesday, April 28th

Day 4: Wednesday, April 29th

Day 5: Thursday, April 30th

Day 6: Tuesday, May 5th

Day 7: Wednesday, May 6th

Day 8: Monday, May 11th

Personal Digital Devices in School

This is a friendly reminder for all students and families around the use of personal devices in school. Student devices (e.g. cellphones, and smartwatches) will be collected by the classroom teacher and placed in safe keeping in the classroom upon school entry, and it is not to be used until the bell at the end of the day. Electronic devices will not be used during recess and lunch unless otherwise permitted by their teacher.

Electronic devices are to only be used with permission by the teacher and under teacher supervision during the school day. These guidelines are in alignment with the District and Province with the intention of ensuring a healthy, safe, and positive learning environment for our students. It is important to have conversations with your child about when it is okay to use personal electronic devices at school and at home and how to use them safely. For more information about these guidelines please reach out to me at the school or read more [here](#).

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.

Term 2 CSL Documents

Term 2 CSL Documents are now available on your students' My Education account. Here is the link to log in: [Aspen Logon](#) .

Please see the following instructions if you need assistance finding it.

[CSL Document Download Instructions](#)

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:



Receive
\$1200
monthly!

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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GRADE 1-7



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

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

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INCLUDED!**

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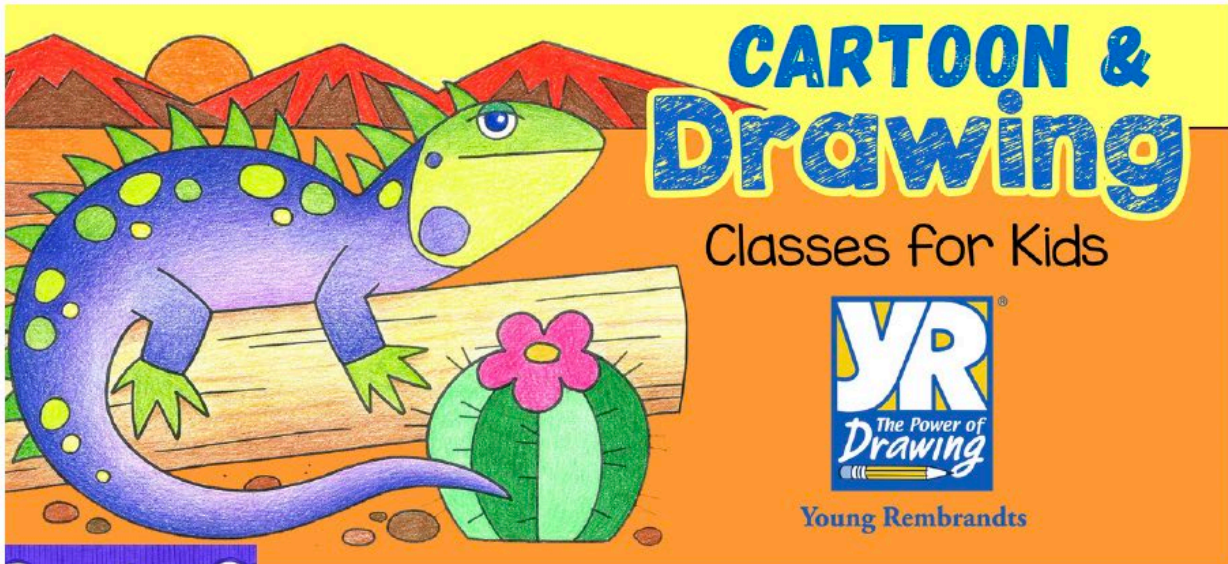
Paint, draw, and build with clay inspired by Romero Britto, Yayoi Kusama & Jean Dubuffet, featuring pastel lion faces, underwater animals, and playful patterns —all using high-quality art materials.

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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

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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 – May 12 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>



SPRING FUN FAIR



**GGE Families
We Need Your
Help!**

Join us for our Spring Fun Fair
planning meeting:

Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30 PM at GGE

Come meet other parents and help
shape the event!

If you'd like to get involved or learn more, please
reach out to us at ggespringfunfair@gmail.com



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!



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!

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