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Newsletter #16

Dec. 19, 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
Jan. 5	School Reopens after Winter Break

Dear Gordon Greenwood Families,

You would have received a link to our Winter-Christmas Concert in a school messenger link that was sent out earlier this afternoon. We hope that you can enjoy the recording together as a family. On behalf of the staff at Gordon Greenwood Elementary, we wish you an amazing holiday season.

Let's Geckoing into the winter break!

Alan Joo

Thankful to be the Principal at Gordon Greenwood Elementary

Kindergarten Registration 2026-2027

Kindergarten registration across the Langley School District runs January 5 – February 17, 2026.

If your child will be five years old by December 31, 2026, you will be able to register your child

online. Instructions and information about required documents is available on the District website and catchment school websites. For information, please visit the District website [here](#).

Basketball Coaches Needed!

Another exciting season of sports for GGE is just around the corner. We are looking for basketball coaches for the Gr 6 Boys & the Gr 7 Boys teams.

The season starts the week of Jan 20 for approximately 5 weeks.

Grade 6 games are on Tuesdays and Grade 7 games are on Wednesdays.

Grade 7 Boys will have 1 tournament PLAYDAY @ LEC the last week of January.

Please contact Ms. Yoon (eyoon@sd35.bc.ca) if you are interested in coaching our boys basketball teams.

Giants Tickets

Enter to Win 4 Tickets to a Vancouver Giants Hockey Game!

We have been gifted 4 tickets to each of the Vancouver Giant Hockey home games at Langley Events Center all season long! 1 entry per **student per month**, please select dates you are available to attend for January [HERE](#). Names will be drawn approximately 1 week prior to the game and will be sent home with your student. You will be notified via email if your student wins.

Cutlery

Please remember to send a spoon or fork if your child needs one for their lunch or snack.

Wet & Rainy Weather:

As the weather is changing, please ensure your child has proper footwear and clothing in case of rain/cooler weather. If possible, a change of clothing including socks and gym runners should be stored at school or in your child's backpack in case of mud puddle encounters.

This Month in the Arts - December

Below please find a link to the December "*This Month in the Arts*" poster which showcases the many different Arts Education productions and events that are happening around the District in December for staff, students, parents and community members to attend and enjoy!

[This Month in the Arts-December 2025.pdf](#)

Building Better Tech Habits Workshop from Media Smarts for Families

MediaSmarts has launched a new, free, self-guided workshop to help families develop healthier technology and screen-time habits. **[Building Better Tech Habits](#)**

provides practical, research-informed strategies for managing family screen use and addressing common digital challenges at all ages. The workshop can be accessed 24/7 via the link below and completed any time, making it easy to fit into busy schedules.

https://mediasmarts.ca/teacher-resources/building-better-tech-habits?mc_cid=c91580ec15&mc_eid=43f3fb04f2

Talk with Me, Play with Me, Learn with Me

Talk with Me, Play with Me, Learn with Me is a fun and engaging Langley Literacy Network program designed for kindergarten students and their caregivers. The program will run Saturday mornings from 10 –11 AM, January 17th, 2026, to March 7th, 2026, at Raphael House in the City of Langley. It is an opportunity to read, play, learn, and connect. Each week, families will explore new books and activities that support early literacy and learning. Plus, every participating family will take home eight new books to build their home library!

Registration is required, and space is limited—sign up today at <https://langleyliteracynetwork.com/talk-with-me-play-with-me-learn-with-me/>

Reading Buddies Program

Reading Buddies is an initiative that pairs different grade-level students for community reading time, outside of school hours. A Grade 10, 11 or 12 student buddies up with a Grade 2, 3 or 4 student to practice reading. The program will begin in February 2026 and take place in libraries across Langley. Registration for the program will open December 1st at <https://langleyliteracynetwork.com/reading-buddies/>. Please note that applying for the program does not guarantee a spot in the program. The number of Little Buddies served depends on the number of Big Buddies that sign up.

December Health Messaging – Fraser Health

Winter 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 Winter Health. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Keep Your Child Healthy During Winter

As the chilly winter season approaches, there are things you can do to help keep your children healthy and well.

Get Ready For Winter At Home And In The Community

Winter can bring extreme weather and it's important to have plans to be safe during cold weather, storms and power outages, including staying warm, having a carbon monoxide detector and planning for emergencies. Learn about programs that can support your family:

- [***Get ready for winter: Snow and cold safety for you and your home - Fraser Health Authority***](#)
- [***Indoor air quality - Fraser Health Authority***](#)

Bundle Up For The Cold

Dressing appropriately for cold weather keeps your child comfortable and protected. Wearing multiple layers is a great way to trap body heat and provide insulation against the cold.

Keep a warm hat, gloves, scarves and warm, waterproof boots handy. Remind your child to wear these items before heading outside to play or going to school. Learn about [***hypothermia***](#) and [***frostbite***](#) as children can be more susceptible.

Protect Against Winter Illnesses

Winter brings an increased risk of colds and flu. Ensure your child receives their annual flu vaccine and talk to a health care provider about any additional vaccines that may be recommended. Teach your child good respiratory etiquette such as regular hand washing, covering their coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick. If they are sick and cannot stay away from others, masks can help to reduce the risk of spreading illness. Learn more about masks [***here***](#).

Keep Their Bodies Moving

It is important to keep your child active during winter as regular physical activity is important for good health. Outdoor activities such as skating, sledding and going for walks as a family are all great ways to keep active. On colder days, indoor play and activities such as dancing, yoga or sports are great ways to promote movement. Look for drop-in programs at local community centres or indoor sports facilities.

If you play on frozen lakes or ponds, be sure that the ice has been tested for strength and safety. Learn more on the [***Lifesaving Society's website***](#).

Find more tips for a healthy winter on Fraser Health's [Winter Health](#) page.

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

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

APPROVED: SD35 Board of Education Meeting
April 29, 2025

Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

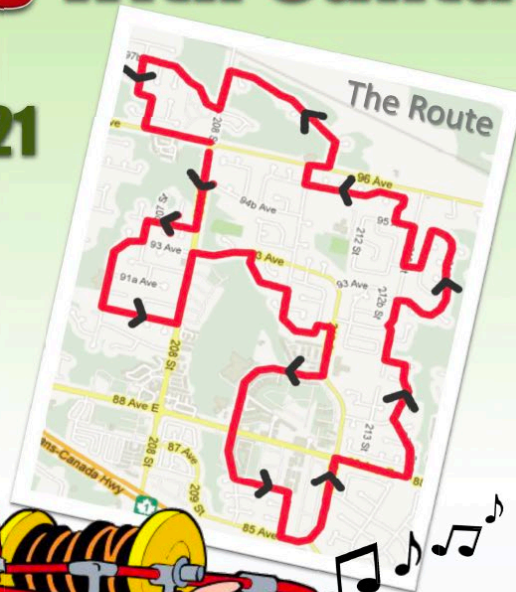
Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can 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 CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

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.

Walnut Grove Firefighters **Caroling with Santa**

Sunday, Dec 21
6:00 - 8:30 pm

Accepting donations
of non-perishable
food for the Sources
Food Bank!



JANUARY 2026 - NEW Monday and Wednesday Hot Days

This lunch program is for EVERYONE! Two Ways to Order

Set up a Regular Account and place orders at thelunchlady.ca / Order Now Each meal is \$5.75 or
Access subsidized meals through the Feeding Futures Program. Reach out for more info.



Week 1	Monday 01/05	Tuesday 01/06	Wednesday 01/07	Thursday 01/08	Friday 01/09
Regular	Spaghetti and Beef Meatballs with Tomato Sauce Fruit of the Day	Mediterranean-Style Plate Hummus Pita Cheese Stick Fresh Veggies and Dip Apple Slices	Chicken Nuggets (5) Warm Bun Plum Sauce Fruit of the Day	Deli Roast Beef and Cheese Bun Fruit of the Day	Chicken Salad Sandwich Snack Mix Fruit of the Day
Vegetarian	Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce Fruit of the Day		Veggie Chick'n Nuggets (5) Warm Bun Plum Sauce Fruit of the Day	Egg Salad on a Bun Pretzels Fruit of the Day	Bagel with Cream Cheese Snack Mix Fruit of the Day
Halal Friendly	Spaghetti and Halal Beef Meatballs with Tomato Sauce Fruit of the Day		Halal Chicken Nuggets (5) Warm Bun Plum Sauce Fruit of the Day	Egg Salad on a Bun Pretzels Fruit of the Day	Halal Chicken Salad Sandwich Snack Mix Fruit of the Day

Week 2	Monday 01/12	Tuesday 01/13	Wednesday 01/14	Thursday 01/15	Friday 01/16
Regular	Mac n' Dogs Fruit of the Day	Chicken Pasta Salad Fruit of the Day	Chicken Teriyaki Noodle Bowl Fruit of the Day	Turkey Deli Submarine with Lettuce Side Sliced Pickles	Crunchy Chicken Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day
Vegetarian	Macaroni and Cheese Fruit of the Day	Chickpea Pasta Salad Fruit of the Day	Tofu Teriyaki Noodle Bowl Fruit of the Day	Cheese and Lettuce Submarine Side Sliced Pickles	Crunchy Veggie Chick'n Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day
Halal Friendly	Halal Mac n' Dogs Fruit of the Day	Halal Chicken Pasta Salad Fruit of the Day	Halal Chicken Teriyaki Noodle Bowl Fruit of the Day	Chicken Deli Submarine with Lettuce Side Sliced Pickles	Crunchy Halal Chicken Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day



You can Order/Change/Cancel online anytime with 2 business days' notice
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Questions? Need help? jennifer@thelunchlady.ca

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Week 3	Monday 01/19	Tuesday 01/20	Wednesday 01/21	Thursday 01/22	Friday 01/23
Regular	Creamy Chicken Pasta Fruit of the Day	Farmer's Fruit and Veggie Plate Chicken Nuggets Crackers	Breakfast Burrito (Egg and Cheese) Hash Brown Triangles Side Ketchup Fruit of the Day	Chicken Breast Caesar Wrap Fruit of the Day	Beef Taco Salad Box Nacho chips Fruit of the Day
Vegetarian	Creamy Veggie Pasta Fruit of the Day	Farmer's Fruit and Veggie Plate Hummus Crackers	Grilled Cheddar Cheese Softie Hash Brown Triangles Side Ketchup Fruit of the Day	Hummus and Garden Veggie Wrap Fruit of the Day	Veggie Ground Taco Salad Box Nacho chips Fruit of the Day
Halal Friendly	Creamy Halal Chicken Pasta Fruit of the Day	Farmer's Fruit and Veggie Plate Halal Chicken Nuggets Crackers	Breakfast Burrito (Egg and Cheese) Hash Brown Triangles Side Ketchup Fruit of the Day	Halal Chicken Breast Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day	Halal Beef Taco Salad Box Nacho chips Fruit of the Day

Week 4	Monday 01/26	Tuesday 01/27	Wednesday 01/28	Thursday 01/29	Friday 01/30
Regular	Chicken Burger Potato Wedges Side Ketchup Fruit of the Day	Lunch Box with Cinnamon Raisin Bagel, Side Cheddar Cheese, Fruit, and Yogurt Cup	Topsy Turvy Pasta (Rotini with Meat (Beef) Sauce topped with Cheese) Fruit of the Day	Chicken Caesar Salad & Garlic Bread Fruit of the Day	Turkey Deli Sandwich with Lettuce Snack Mix with Dried Fruits
Vegetarian	Veggie Chick'n Burger Potato Wedges Side Ketchup Fruit of the Day		Veggie Topsy Turvy Pasta (Rotini with Tomato Sauce topped with Cheese) Fruit of the Day	Veggie Cobb Salad & Garlic Bread Fruit of the Day	Cheese, and Lettuce Sandwich Snack Mix with Dried Fruits
Halal Friendly	Halal Chicken Burger Potato Wedges Side Ketchup Fruit of the Day		Halal Topsy Turvy Pasta (Rotini with Tomato Sauce topped with Cheese) Fruit of the Day	Halal Chicken Ranch Salad & Garlic Bread Fruit of the Day	Halal Chicken Deli Sandwich with Lettuce Snack Mix with Dried Fruits



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IMPACT HOOPS

WINTER SHOOTING CAMPS

LANGLEY & ABBOTSFORD – GRADES 4-12



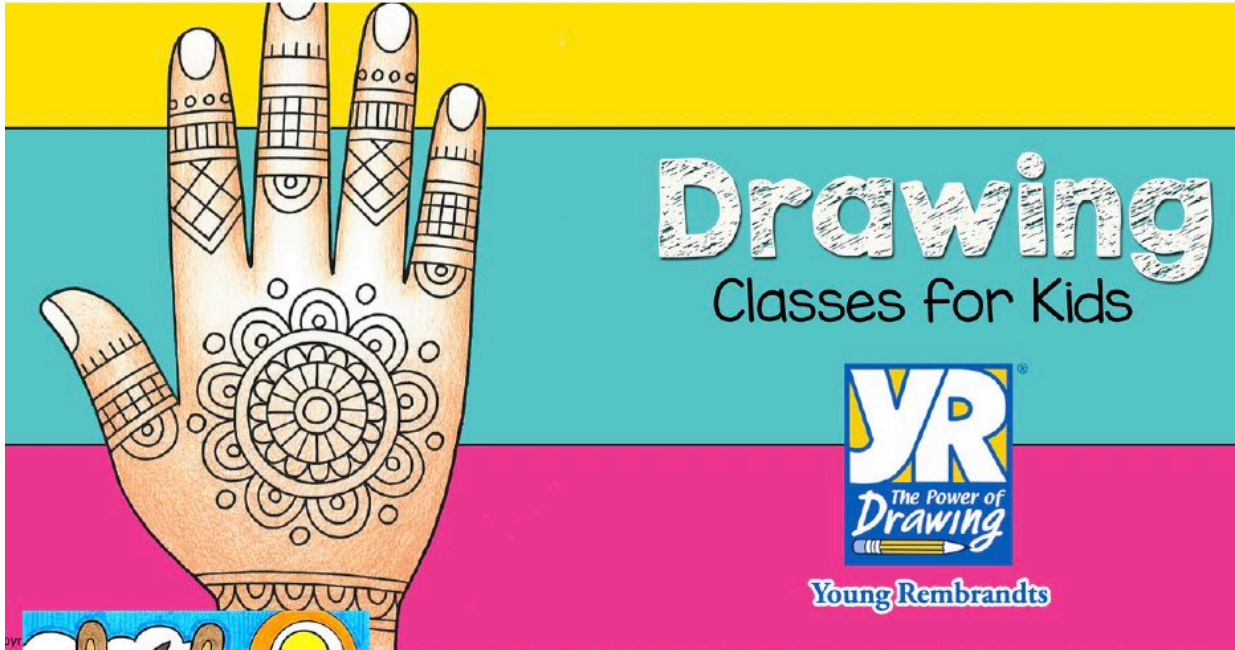
Grades	Dates	Time	Location	City
4-9 Boys	Dec 29-30	9:00am-1:00pm	Walnut Grove Secondary	Langley
4-9 Girls	Dec 29-30	9:00am-1:00pm	Walnut Grove Secondary	Langley
4-9 Boys	Dec 29-30	12:00pm-4:00pm	Columbia Bible College	Abbotsford
4-9 Boys	Dec 29-30	12:00pm-4:00pm	Columbia Bible College	Abbotsford
8-12 Boys	Dec 22-23	9:00am-1:00pm	Walnut Grove Secondary	Langley
8-12 Girls	Dec 22-23	9:00am-1:00pm	Walnut Grove Secondary	Langley

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

If you register by December 12
cost will be \$195

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Drawing

Classes for Kids



Young Rembrandts



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GORDON GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY

Young Rembrandts students will flex their artistic muscles with an exciting lineup of drawing lessons. We'll warm up with whimsical Winter Birdhouses and a festive birthday cake—perfect projects to spark imagination. Budding artists will take on dynamic challenges like a Snowboarder, adorable Llamas, & much more. We'll wrap things up with a blend of elegance graphic design in imaginative lessons like Trolls at Home. Don't let the winter blues stick around enroll your artist today and make this season a masterpiece!



DAY OF WEEK

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 2:35 PM - 3:35 PM

Date: Jan.7 Mar.11/2026

Grades: 1-6

Room: Library



TUITION

\$210 for 10 Week Session

Payment Plan Available Online



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ENROLLMENT

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PAC NEWS

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Secretary - Rhea Fedorchuk

Hot Lunch - Julia Sage/ Jenn Borque

DPAC

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Event Coordinators (Members at Large) - Jenn Borque

Next PAC Meeting – TBA

IMPORTANT LINKS

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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>

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!

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