



# Gordon Greenwood Elementary School

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Newsletter #14

Dec. 5, 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
Dec. 10	Winter Concert, 1:00 PM, Doors open at 12:30 PM
Dec. 12	Pancake Breakfast
Dec. 19	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
Jan. 5	School Reopens after Winter Break

## **Reindeer Lane:**



Reindeer Lane has been a wonderful winter tradition at Gordon Greenwood Elementary School. Today, students had an amazing day living out our “K” value in G.E.C.K.O., by showing kindness to others by purchasing thoughtful gifts for their loved ones. There was laughter and smiles from all our students as our volunteers stepped up to set up the tables and gift wrapping throughout the day. Our volunteers also represented our G.E.C.K.O. values of “C” for their consistent effort and “O” for outstanding achievement. Without our PAC, volunteers, and our families, this day would not have been possible. Thank you so much to our PAC for creating this opportunity for our community to continue to build connections. We would also like to thank our families for donating items that could be regifted to bring some joy to our families.

Way to Geckoing Gordon Greenwood Elementary Community!

## **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 December dates [HERE](#). January dates can be found [HERE](#). Names will be drawn approximately 1 week prior to the game and will be sent home with your student. Dates over winter break will be sent home on December 18, 2025. 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.

### **Winter Concert**

Tickets have been sent home to all families that have placed an order. There are still limited tickets available for families that have not ordered their first 2, please click [here](#) to secure your free tickets, they will be sent home with your student on Monday December 8. Please ensure you bring your tickets

### **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](#)**

### **Half-Masting Notice – Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

- Half-masting period: Saturday, December 6, 2025 from sunrise until sunset.
- Where a Canadian flag and a British Columbia flag fly near to one other, both flags should be lowered to half-mast. Flags on all Government of Canada buildings and establishments across the country, including the Peace Tower in Ottawa, will also be flown at half-mast.
- Half-masting Locations: All British Columbia government buildings and establishments across the province.

Notes: Whereas December 6<sup>th</sup> is on a weekend, if there are no maintenance staff working that day it is acceptable to lower flags to half-mast at the end of the day on Friday and return them to full mast on Monday morning.

### **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](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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)	<b><i>Labour Day (School Closed)</i></b>
	Sep 2 (T)	School Opens
	Sep 29 (M)	<b><i>School Improvement Day (Students not in attendance)</i></b>
	Sep 30 (T)	<b><i>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)</i></b>
October	Oct 13 (M)	<b><i>Thanksgiving (School Closed)</i></b>
	Oct 24 (F)	<b><i>Professional Development Day (Provincial - Students not in attendance)</i></b>
November	Nov 10 (M)	<b><i>Design &amp; Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students not in attendance)</i></b>
	Nov 11 (T)	<b><i>Remembrance Day (School Closed)</i></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><i>Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance)</i></b>
	Feb 13 (F)	<b><i>Design &amp; Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students not in attendance)</i></b>
	Feb 16 (M)	<b><i>Family Day (School Closed)</i></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><i>Good Friday (School Closed)</i></b>
	Apr 6 (M)	<b><i>Easter Monday (School Closed)</i></b>
May	May 15 (F)	<b><i>Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance)</i></b>
	May 18 (M)	<b><i>Victoria Day (School Closed)</i></b>
June	Jun 25 (Th)	Final Learning Update & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 26 (F)	<b><i>Administrative Day (Students not in attendance)</i></b>
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](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](https://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.*

## Wednesday HOT ELEMENTARY – December 2025

This lunch program is for EVERYONE! Two Ways to Order

Set up a Regular Account and place orders at [thelunchlady.ca](http://thelunchlady.ca) / Order Now Each meal is \$5.75.

You can also access subsidized meals through the Feeding Futures Program. Reach out for more info.



Week 1	COLD Mon Dec 1	COLD Tues Dec 2	HOT Wed Dec 3	COLD Thurs Dec 4	COLD Fri Dec 5
<b>Regular</b>	<b>NEW:</b> Lunch Box with Assorted Crackers, Cheese and Turkey Deli Slices Fruit of the Day	<b>NEW:</b> Egg Salad on a Bun Snack Mix Apple Slices	French Toast (1) Turkey Sausage (2) Apple Sauce Syrup	Turkey Deli Submarine with Lettuce Side Pickles	<b>NEW:</b> Chicken Salad on a Bun Side Cucumber Slices Apple Slices
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Lunch Box with Assorted Crackers, Cheese, and Veggie Nuggets Fruit of the Day	Cheddar Cheese on a Bun Snack Mix Apple Slices	Panwich (Pancake and Egg Patty Sandwich) Apple Sauce Syrup	Cheese Submarine with Lettuce Side Pickles	Veggie Chick'n Salad on a Bun Side Cucumber Slices Apple Slices
<b>Halal Friendly</b>	Lunch Box with Assorted Crackers, Cheese, and Halal Deli Chicken Slices Fruit of the Day	Egg Salad on a Bun Snack Mix Apple Slices	Panwich (Pancake and Egg Patty Sandwich) Apple Sauce Syrup	Chicken Deli Submarine with Lettuce Side Pickles	Halal Chicken Salad on a Bun Side Cucumber Slices Apple Slices
Week 2	COLD Mon Dec 8	COLD Tues Dec 9	HOT Wed Dec 10	COLD Thurs Dec 11	COLD Fri Dec 12
<b>Regular</b>	Cold Pizza Plank Fruit of the Day	Chicken Pasta Salad Fruit of the Day	Beef Meatball Submarine topped with Cheese Fruit of the Day	Mediterranean-Style Plate Hummus Pita Cheese Portion Fresh Veggies and Dip Apple Slices	Chicken Caesar Salad & Garlic Bread Side Cucumber Slices
<b>Vegetarian</b>		Chickpea Pasta Salad Fruit of the Day	Cheese Pizza Submarine Fruit of the Day		Bagel with Cream Cheese Snack Mix Fruit of the Day
<b>Halal Friendly</b>		Halal Chicken Pasta Salad Fruit of the Day	Halal Beef Meatball Submarine topped with Cheese Fruit of the Day		Halal Chicken Ranch Salad & Garlic Bread Side Cucumber Slices

You can Order/Change/Cancel online anytime with 2 business days' notice  
 Sorry – no last-minute cancellations. Uncollected meals are given to the school office.  
 Questions? Need help? [jenifer@thelunchlady.ca](mailto:jenifer@thelunchlady.ca)

**theLunchLady.ca**

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Week 3	COLD Mon Dec 15	COLD Tues Dec 16	HOT Wed Dec 17	COLD Thurs Dec 18	COLD Fri Dec 19
<b>Regular</b>	<b>NEW:</b> BLT on a Bun (Turkey Bacon) Fruit of the Day	Farmer's Fruit and Veggie Plate Chicken Nuggets Crackers	Macaroni and Cheese Fruit of the Day	<b>NEW:</b> Lunch Box with Cinnamon Raisin Bagel, Side Cheddar Cheese, Fruit, and Yogurt Cup	Beef Taco Salad Box Nacho chips Fruit of the Day
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Bagel with Cream Cheese Snack Mix Fruit of the Day	Farmer's Fruit and Veggie Plate Egg and Cheese Crackers	Macaroni and Cheese Fruit of the Day		Veggie Ground Taco Salad Box Nacho chips Fruit of the Day
<b>Halal Friendly</b>	Tuna Salad on a Bun Snack Mix Fruit of the Day	Farmer's Fruit and Veggie Plate Halal Chicken Nuggets Crackers	Halal Macaroni and Cheese Fruit of the Day		Halal Beef Taco Salad Box Nacho chips Fruit of the Day

**HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY BREAK – See you in the NEW YEAR!!**

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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

**PLAYERS DEVELOPMENT  
BASKETBALL IQ  
LEADERSHIP**

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# PAC NEWS

## PAC EXECUTIVE

President - Danielle Chretien

Vice President - Jenn Sondrup

Treasurer - Justine Trenholm

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 – TBA**

## IMPORTANT LINKS

[ggepac@hotmail.com](mailto:ggepac@hotmail.com)

[ggepachotlunch@hotmail.com](mailto:ggepachotlunch@hotmail.com)

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

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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