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Newsletter #23

Feb. 20, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
Feb. 23-Feb 27	Diversity & Respect Week
Feb. 23	Orange Shirt Day
Feb. 24	Multicultural Day
Feb. 25	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 26	Abilities Day
Feb. 27	Rainbow Day
Mar. 4	Student Inclusive Conferences - 2 Hour Early Dismissal at 12:30
Mar. 5	Student Inclusive Conferences (Students not in attendance)

Gordon Greenwood Elementary IDEA Summit:

Over the past few months, our grade 7 students have been learning about financial management, sustainability, marketing, charity, and creative thinking. On Thursday, February 19th, our grade 7's had the opportunity to share their products at our IDEA Summit. We would like to thank our community for supporting our grade 7's as all our students had the opportunity to come through the gym to view the products as well as having the option to purchase. Our Grade 7 students demonstrated our C value of consistent effort and "O" value of outstanding achievement through all their efforts along the way. It is not about the final product itself; it is about the learning opportunities with highs and lows along the way. We are so proud of our grade 7's, as our school motto states, "If you believe, you can achieve!"





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](#).

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, please select dates you are available to attend for February [HERE](#). March dates can be found [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. We no longer have them at the office.

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.

Student Inclusive Conference Appointments

Appointment booking has been extended to Sunday February 22nd at 9:00 PM. Appointment availability varies by teacher and will be between February 23rd & March 5th. For classrooms that have more than 1 teacher, please only book with one teacher.

1. gge.schoolappointments.com
2. Add your children into the system by clicking the "Add a Student" button. Click "Insert New" button to add more children.
3. Click the "date" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "View Calendars" button. Use the "Ctrl" or "Command" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.
4. Click on available time slots to book your appointments to make your bookings.

The Langley School District has fully transitioned from parent teacher conferences to student inclusive conferences. Parent teacher conferences during the first and second term will now be student inclusive conferences.

- Each block of time will be scheduled for 20 minutes
- March 4th is a 2 hour early dismissal for student inclusive conferences
- March 5th is reserved for student inclusive conferences. Students

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/>

Message to Community from Minister of Education and Child Care

Health and safety continue to be a priority in our schools. We are sharing a letter from the Minister of Education and Child Care which provides information about health and safety in schools as well as resources to support students and families. Thank you to parents/guardians who continue to collaborate and cooperate with our staff, as we know they have an important role in ensuring a healthy, safe, and positive learning environment for all students.



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February 18, 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

As we continue to support the community of Tumbler Ridge, I know that school safety is weighing heavily on many of your minds. As a mom, I feel it too. Every single day our children walk out the door, we just want to know that they will be okay.

What happened was devastating. Our hearts are with the entire Tumbler Ridge community. Every school district has a Safe School Coordinator, as required by the Ministry of Education and Child Care, who leads district-wide safety planning, including detailed safety protocols and regular lockdown drills. Districts also receive ongoing provincial support, expert guidance and comprehensive training to help ensure strong, consistent safety practices across all schools. Schools across British Columbia are safe places for parents to send their kids to and for students to learn in.

While nothing can lessen the pain of what occurred, I am deeply grateful that the safety procedures in Tumbler Ridge, alongside the quick, courageous actions of all teachers, school staff, and students, prevented the situation from being far worse.

Districts and schools have emergency responses in place, and staff are trained to initiate them when needed. This kind of planning and practice happens in communities across the province. It is taken seriously, reviewed regularly, and designed to protect students and staff should the unthinkable occur.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care works closely with the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness and Safer Schools Together—provincial experts in prevention, crisis, and trauma response—to provide school districts with clear guidance and ongoing support for their safety planning. This coordination ensures that schools are prepared and that best practices are shared province-wide.

I also know that many of you, and your children, have questions about what happened. Some kids may be feeling anxious or may want to talk about their own safety. It is normal for children to experience emotional reactions after hearing about or experiencing a traumatic event—even when they remain safe. Parents can watch for signs that a child may need extra support, such as worry or fear about safety, trouble concentrating, sadness, withdrawal or increased irritability, shifts in sleep or appetite, and physical complaints like headaches or stomach-aches.

If you are looking for support on how to have these difficult conversations in an age-appropriate and trauma-informed way, resources are available on the [Expect Respect and a Safe Education \(erase\) website](#) and on this dedicated provincial [website to support people through the Tumbler Ridge tragedy](#).

I also want to acknowledge the heightened anxiety many 2SLGBTQIA+ students, staff, and families are feeling amid the rise in harmful rhetoric. Schools must continue to be safe, welcoming places where every student belongs. If your child or someone you know experiences threats or harassment, please use the [Report It tool](#) and connect with a teacher, principal, or school staff member.

At a time when British Columbians are coming together to support a grieving community, it is unacceptable to use this tragedy to target and harm vulnerable children.

You will have likely heard from your local school district with a further safety update. In the meantime, please contact your school principal if you have questions about safety protocols in place at your school.

We will continue working to ensure our schools remain places of safety, care, and belonging for every student.

Sincerely,

Lisa Beare
Minister

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Ministry of Education
and Child Care

Office of the Minister

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Parliament Buildings
Victoria

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](#)



SCHOOL DISTRICT

Langley

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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

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.

THIS MONTH IN THE ARTS

February



10 -
12

TURNING PAGES - Nights of Dance

Langley Fine Arts School
Chief Sepass Theatre 7:00 PM

11

JAZZ & JAVA

R.E. Mountain Secondary School
MTN Main Gym 7:00 PM

12

JAZZ CAFE

DW Poppy Secondary School
Poppy Gym 6:30 PM

18-21
25-28

THE PROM

Brookwood Secondary School
Brookwood Theatre 7:00 PM

26-28
MARCH
5-7

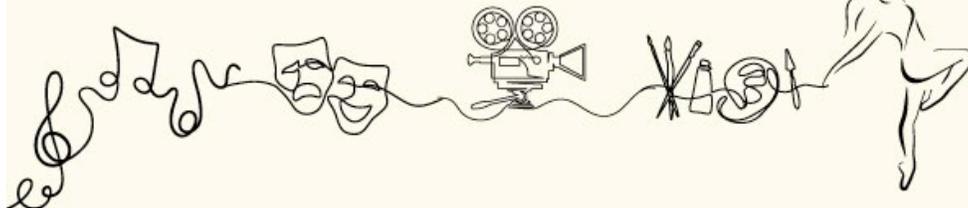
NEWSIES: The Broadway Musical

Langley Secondary School
LSS Main Gym 7:00 PM

26-28
MARCH
5-7

NEWSIES: The Broadway Musical

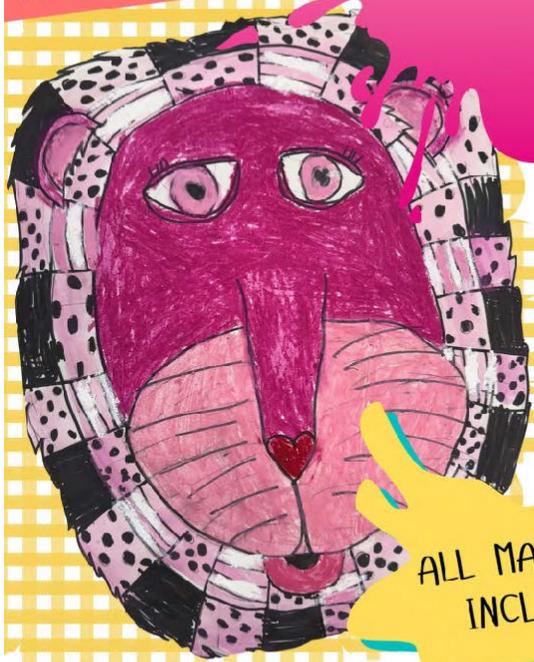
DW Poppy Secondary School
Poppy Gym 7:00 PM



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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
Twp, BC, V1M 2X2**

**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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Drawing

Classes for Kids



Young Rembrandts



JOIN US THIS WINTER AT YOUR SCHOOL!

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



ENROLLMENT

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



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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 – February 17, 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



Hop over to the Gordon Greenwood Easter Fundraiser!

We need your help raising funds for much-needed new computers for the school community.

Last day to submit orders is February 23, 2026

Items will be going home with students when they are delivered in the first or second week of March.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000023498>

Campaign ID: 000023498



Thank you for your support!



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!

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!

ggeelem.wixsite.com/gge-pac

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