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Newsletter #24

Feb. 27, 2026

Date	Upcoming Events
Mar. 4	Student Inclusive Conferences - 2 Hour Early Dismissal at 12:30
Mar. 5	Student Inclusive Conferences (Students not in attendance)

Diversity Week: Feb. 23- 27th



Hello Gordon Greenwood families, I hope that you had a wonderful week as we enter into the weekend with the sunshine outside. Throughout the week, students were able to learn and reflect on the uniqueness and diversity we have within our community and beyond. Each day, we had a theme where classes were able to have meaningful

conversations around Orange Shirt Day, Multicultural Day, Pink Shirt Day, Abilities Day and Rainbow Day. As a school-wide art activity, each of our classes was provided with puzzle pieces that connect to create a heart. In each of the pieces, students drew a picture or added words that shared what was unique about themselves. There are 14 hearts that will be displayed in our main foyer to remind us that the diversity in our community connects us to the global community and helps our hearts beat together at Gordon Greenwood Elementary.

Students were also able to step outside of their comfort zone and take part in Zumba Sessions and learn together. Students brought high-energy and dance-based fitness to the gym, which also combines Latin and International music that is choreographed with high cardio dance. On Friday afternoon, our primary students and intermediate students were able to present their choreographed dance during our assembly as well. We are thankful to the PAC for helping fund our Zumba instructor for the week.

Introducing Jump Rope for Heart:



Monday, March 9 we will kick off Jump Rope for Heart! Please see the postcard that will be sent home with your child for more details.

This event teaches our students the importance of giving back and encourages them to learn the EASY healthy habits, so they understand the importance of staying active, eating well, and taking care of their heart and brain health.

The funds our school raises will help support important heart and brain research funded by Heart & Stroke. Let's work together as a school community and show how generous we can be! Our Event Date is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 11**. Register online today <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/114526> .

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 March [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.

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

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.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Beare".

Lisa Beare
Minister

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
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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

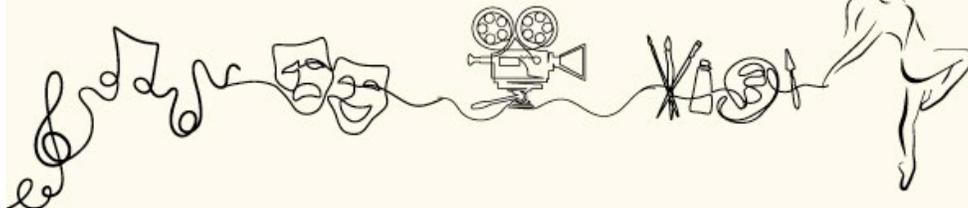
NEWSIES: The Broadway Musical

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



IMPACT HOOPS

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

LANGLEY & ABBOTSFORD – GRADES 4-11

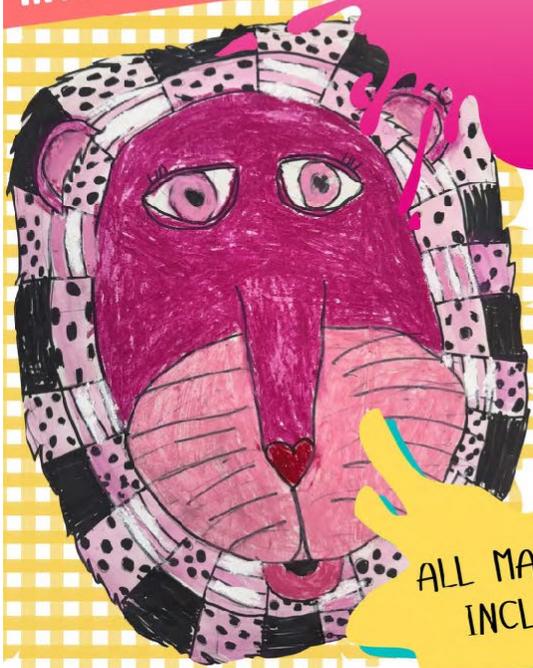


Grades	Dates	Time	Location	City
4-9 Girls	March 16-19	9:00am-12:00pm	Columbia Bible College	Abbotsford
4-9 Boys	March 16-19	9:00am-12:00pm	Columbia Bible College	Abbotsford
4-7 Girls	March 23-26	9:00am-12:00pm	Langley Christian	Langley
4-7 Boys	March 23-26	9:00am-12:00pm	Langley Christian	Langley
8-11 Girls	March 23-26	12:30pm-3:30pm	Langley Christian	Langley
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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!



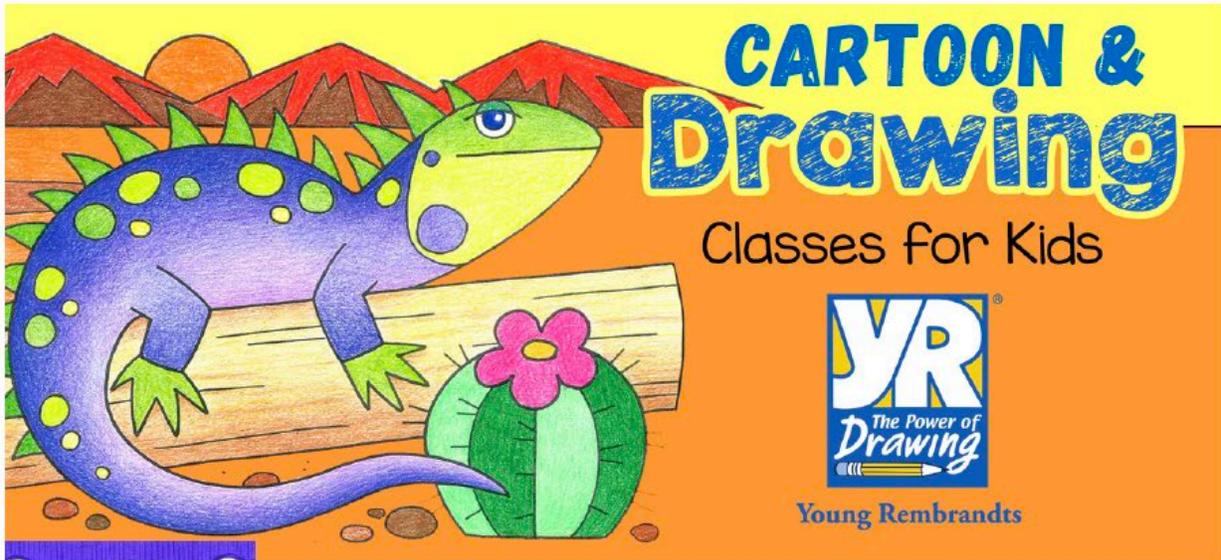
Paint, draw, and build with clay inspired by Romero Britto, Yayoi Kusama & Jean Dubuffet, featuring pastel lion faces, underwater animals, and playful patterns—all using high-quality art materials.

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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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

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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!

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