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Newsletter #17

Jan. 9, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
Jan. 13	PAC Meeting
Jan. 29	Spirit Day – Crazy Hair/Hat Day

Dear Gordon Greenwood Families,

I hope that your first week back has brought about routine for your child(ren) and family. I know that it is not an easy adjustment for students as well as their caregivers. Thank you so much for all you do in preparing your child for school. Hopefully this first weekend brings about some rest as we continue to adjust. Have a wonderful start to the new year!

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 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 every month**, please select dates you are available to attend for January [HERE](#). February dates are [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.

Incoming Kindergarten Students 2025-2026

The **Annual Kindergarten Welcome Teams event for ALL incoming Kindergartens in the Langley School District** is **Wednesday, January 28th**.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTBiNTJIOTMtZDM1My00MThkLWlzOTktZjc4OWQ5YWNkZWZh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fcabfaae-f80a-4f74-b6a7-ba15c2a4bb24%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2230f921e8-4243-4d81-a040-dcdbe37f27f2%22%7d

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

"A Season of Theatre"

The Langley School District is proud to be presenting another season of Main Stage Productions! This year's lineup dives deep into what makes us human - **identity, love, resilience, and transformation**. From the bold defiance of *Antigone* to the glittering ambition of *Chicago*, the heart of *The Prom*, and the magic of *The Little Mermaid*, every show invites you to explore who we are and what we stand for. Please see the full listing of shows and dates at the link below and reserve your seats and experience the power of live theatre!

[Season of Theatre.pdf](#)

This Month in the Arts – January 2026

The Langley School District is proud to showcase the hard work of our Fine Arts students and teachers through our January "This Month in the Arts" poster which showcases the many different Arts Education productions and events that are happening around the District in January for staff, students, parents and community members to attend and enjoy!

[This Month in the Arts January.pdf](#)

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.

January 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 January is Child and Youth Mental Health. Please share the following information below in your next newsletter or communication to families. This information has been shared on the District's social media channels.

Child and Youth Mental 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 Child and Youth Mental Health. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Support Your Child's Mental Health

Positive mental health allows us to enjoy our lives and can help children and youth weather the normal ups and downs of life. It plays a critical role in the healthy development of children and youth, supporting their ability to build healthy relationships and succeed in school.

How Can Parents Support Positive Mental Health?

Parents can foster positive mental health through strong and caring relationships with their children.

- Self-care – focus on doing something for yourself, even if just for a few minutes.
- Build routines – consistent schedules, such as meal, sleep and play times help children feel safe.
- Connect – talk and listen to their feelings and experiences.
- Be active together – take a walk and build physical activity into family time.
- Take notice – encourage and praise the positive behaviours and choices your children make.
- Keep learning – encourage your child to learn from both positive and negative experiences.
- Be present, not perfect – give your time, your encouragement and your presence.

Get more information about positive mental health for children and youth [***here***](#).

Sometimes parents aren't sure how to talk about mental health. Learn more about [***tips for how to talk to your child or teen about mental health***](#).

Family transitions like separation and divorce can be tough and can impact mental health. To learn more and access practical resources visit [***FamiliesChange.ca***](#).

Need help? Find out services, programs and resources for your child and/or youth on Fraser Health's [***Child and youth mental health***](#) page.

Remember, you can get fast and reliable health advice from registered nurses with emergency experience who have access to your child's personal health record. Contact them via phone at 1-800-314-0999 or web chat. Learn more at [***Fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare***](#).

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.

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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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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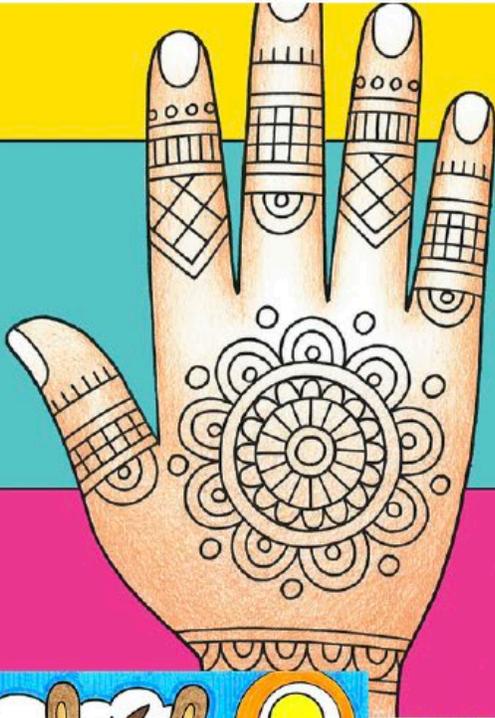
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Drawing

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



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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 – January 13, 6:30 PM in the library

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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