



# Gordon Greenwood Elementary School

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Newsletter #26

March 13, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
Mar. 13	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
Mar. 30	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
Apr. 3	Good Friday (School Closed)
Apr. 6	Easter Monday (School Closed)



Spring Break has arrived, and I hope that our students, families and staff are able to take some time to gain some rest and create memories. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Assembly and Jump





On Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> student representatives from kindergarten to grade 7 with the support of Ms. Cogorno led our Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Assembly. Our students were able to learn about heart health, healthy living, and learned about identifying the

signs of a person going through a stroke. On Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> students were able to participate in our Jump Rope for Heart event in our school gymnasium throughout the day. The students focused on active health and jumping with the goal of raising funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Thank you to our community for all your support as we reached our goal of \$2,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation!

Thank you for supporting Jump Rope for Heart and jumping with us! Our Jump Rope for Heart event was a success thanks to your support. Our school surpassed our \$2,000 goal by raising \$2,751! We are so proud of our school community! Together, we are helping beat heart disease and stroke. Our community truly came together and lived out our G.E.C.K.O. values (Great Leadership, Empathy, Consistent Effort, Kindness to Others and Outstanding Achievement). Way to GECKOING!

### ***Learning Resources in Schools***

*The Ministry of Education and Child Care is responsible for setting direction around the use of Learning Resources by educators in classrooms and school Learning Commons. In BC, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has determined that local boards of education have responsibility for determining how learning resources are chosen for use in schools. All boards and school districts must have policies and procedures for choosing learning resources. This directive is set out in the Ministry of Education and Child Care's Learning Resources Policy which can be found at the link below:*

**<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/learning-resources>**

*In Langley, there are two Administrative Procedures that guide the selection and use of Learning Resources in Langley schools. Both procedures can be found on the school district website and are being shared with parents at the links below:*

*Administrative Procedure 251 – Learning Resources*

**[https://media.sd35.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap\\_251\\_learning\\_resources.393d258361.pdf](https://media.sd35.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap_251_learning_resources.393d258361.pdf)**

*Administrative Procedure 252 – Selection Procedure for Library Learning Commons Resources*

**[https://media.sd35.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap\\_252\\_selection-procedure-for-library-learning-commons-resources.5ac4588360.pdf](https://media.sd35.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap_252_selection-procedure-for-library-learning-commons-resources.5ac4588360.pdf)**

*If parents/caregivers have questions or concerns about the resources available in their child's school or the local procedures regarding the review, evaluation, approval, and selection of learning resources, they should reach out first to their child's teacher or school principal. Most questions and concerns can be addressed productively through conversation with educators at the school level.*

### **Fraser Valley Regional Library (FVRL) Reading Advisor**

FVRL Reading Advisor is a free resource for everyone living or studying in communities served by FVRL, including Langley. The Reading Advisor service offers personalized book recommendations for readers of all ages, making it an excellent support for students and staff across the Langley School District. All that is required is to fill out a short form about your reading interests, and trained library staff respond with a customized reading list based on genre, themes, age level, and preferred formats (print, eBook, audiobook, graphic novel, etc.) This is ideal for boosting reading engagement, supporting diverse learning needs, and possibly helping teachers quickly discover high-quality texts for classroom use. This free community resource extends the capacity of school libraries and connects learners with a broader range of inclusive and accessible materials and would be a great resource to share with students and other staff to help them find some new great reads for over spring break. Happy Reading!

**<https://www.fvrl.bc.ca/my-reading-adviser>**

### **Cutlery**

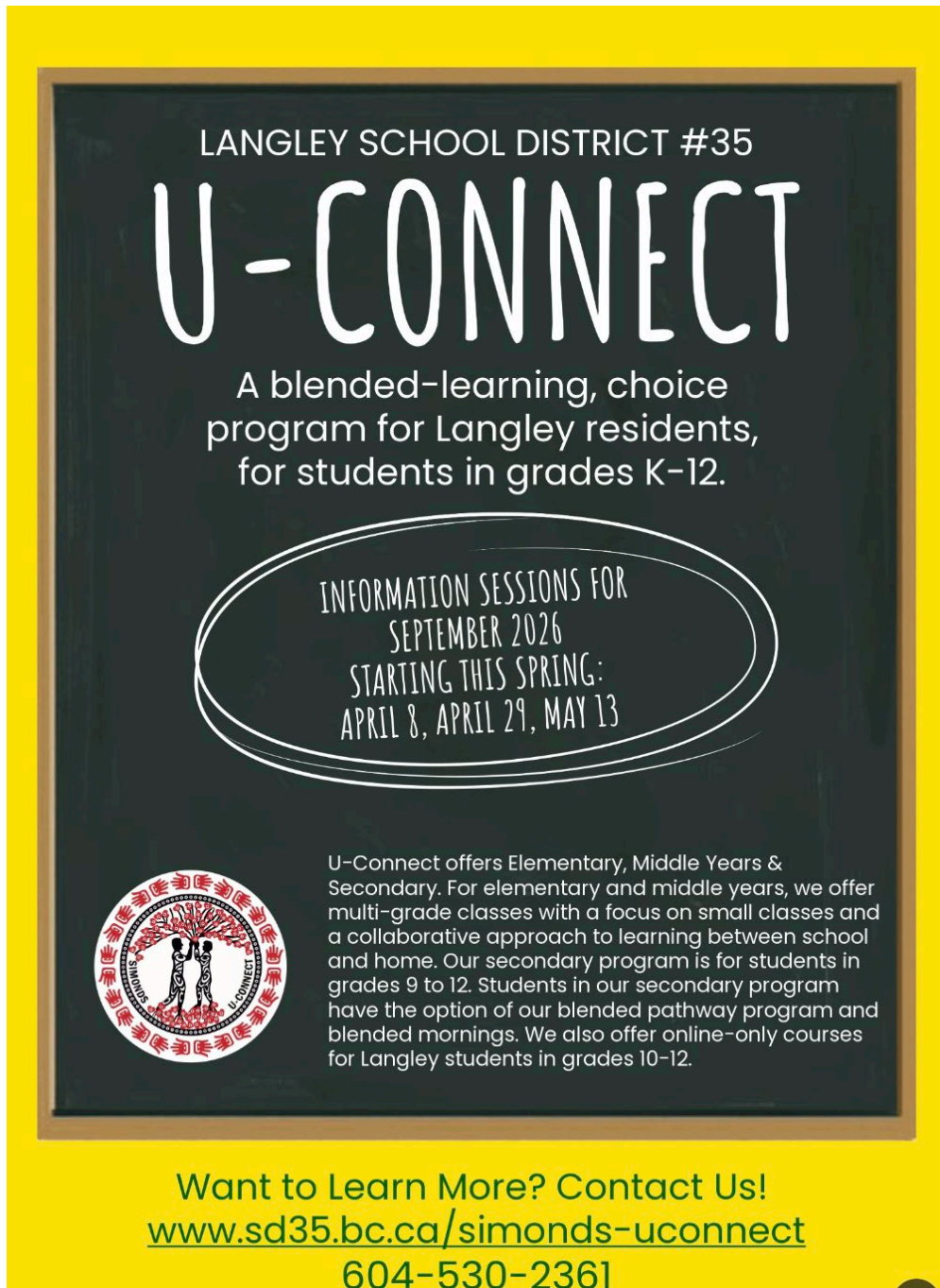
Please remember to send a spoon or fork if your child needs one for their lunch or snack. We no longer have them at the office.

### **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



U-Connect offers Elementary, Middle Years & Secondary. For elementary and middle years, we offer multi-grade classes with a focus on small classes and a collaborative approach to learning between school and home. Our secondary program is for students in grades 9 to 12. Students in our secondary program have the option of our blended pathway program and blended mornings. We also offer online-only courses for Langley students in grades 10-12.

Want to Learn More? Contact Us!  
[www.sd35.bc.ca/simonds-uconnect](http://www.sd35.bc.ca/simonds-uconnect)  
604-530-2361

## **March 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 March is spring 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.

### **Spring Health Information (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 spring health for school-aged children and youth. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

#### ***Spring Health for Kids***

*The spring season is approaching which means warmer weather and more outdoor activities. It's also an opportunity to foster new healthy habits for our children. Here are five practical tips for school-aged kids to make the most of this season.*

#### ***Get Active***

*Warmer weather makes spring the perfect time to get outside and play. Take a walk around your neighbourhood or head to a local park or hiking trail. You can also stay active close to home with jump rope or hopscotch in your neighbourhood.*

#### ***Think Fresh***

*Springtime often brings up images of fresh fruits and vegetables. Now is a great time to teach children about where food comes from by helping them to start their own home garden. You don't need a large space to get started. Any bright space indoors or outdoors can be used to grow fresh food. For tips, check out this resource about [gardening with kids](#).*

#### ***Be Sun Safe***

*Sunburns are possible, even in spring. Use a sunscreen that has Sun Protection Factor (SPF) 30 or more. When possible, schedule outdoor activities in the morning*

or late afternoon and early evening. If you and your children are out in the sun during mid-day hours, wear long sleeves, loose-fitting long pants and a hat.

### ***Be Prepared for Extreme Weather***

Spring weather can be very unpredictable and can bring heavy rains or heat. Make sure you and your family are ready for possible flooding, heat and indoor air quality issues.

Plan for summer heat by preparing your home early. Find tips on Window safety for children as well as information and resources, including programs to help, at Fraser Health's Before a heat event page.

### ***Practice Road Safety***

Biking is a great way to exercise and spend quality time with your family. Remember to keep safety top of mind. Protect their heads with a well-fitted helmet and teach them the rules of the road, such as the hand signals for stop, right and left-hand turns. Check out our Fraser Health's Bike safety for children page.

For tips on all of this and more, check out Fraser Health's Spring health guide.

## **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](http://www.studyinlangley.com)

[isp@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:isp@sd35.bc.ca)

604-534-7891



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

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

APPROVED: SD35 Board of Education Meeting  
 April 29, 2025

# 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
8-11 Boys	March 23-26	12:30pm-3:30pm	Langley Christian	Langley

**KREATIV KOALAS**

**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**

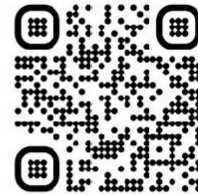
**\*NO CLASS ON : APRIL 9 & , MAY 14,  
JUNE 4**

**9175 206 St, Langley  
Twp, BC, V1M 2X2**

**ALL MATERIALS  
INCLUDED!**

**[www.kreativkoalas.com](http://www.kreativkoalas.com)**

**REGISTER HERE!**



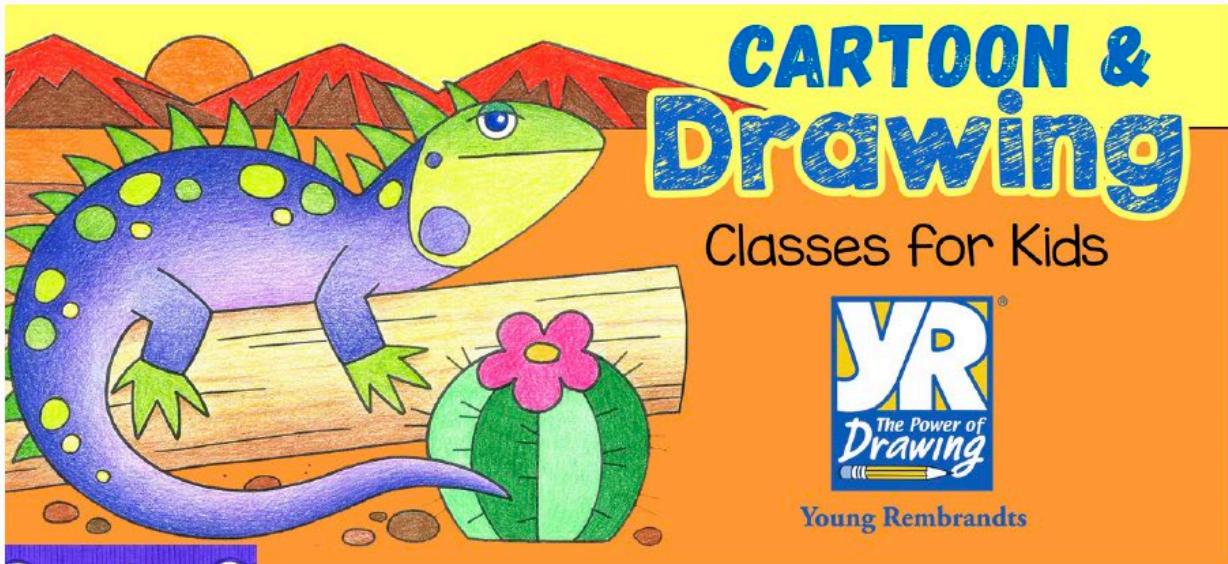
**Paint, draw, and build with clay inspired by Romero Britto, Yayoi Kusama & Jean Dubuffet, featuring pastel lion faces, underwater animals, and playful patterns—all using high-quality art materials.**

**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



#### TUITION

11 Weeks \$210  
 \*\*\*SPRING SPECIAL 11 classes for the cost of 10  
 Payment Plan Available Online (3 payments)



#### ENROLLMENT

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



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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 – Mar. 10 6:30 PM in the Library**

## 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>

## 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>



## **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!

# 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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