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Newsletter #9 **November 6, 2026**

Date	***Upcoming Events***
Nov. 4- Dec. 3	Reindeer Lane Donations Accepted in the Foyer
Nov. 8	National Aboriginal Veteran's Day
Nov. 9	PAC Hot Lunch – Boston Pizza
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – School Closed
Nov. 12	Individual Photo Retakes
Nov. 20	Design & Assessment Day/Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)
Nov. 28	PAC Winter Craft Fair
Dec. 4	PAC Reindeer Lane
Dec. 9	Winter Concert

Remembrance Day Legion's Poppy Campaign

It is a long-standing tradition for schools to support our veterans and the efforts of the Royal Canadian Legion. Once again this year, our school will be receiving a poppy for every student and distributing them to classes. We will continue to collect funds this year in support of the Legion's Poppy Campaign but kindly ask students and their families to donate online via School Cash Online:

https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com/

Please do not send cash or cheques with your child to school. If you need assistance accessing School Cash Online, please contact the school office.

We appreciate your generosity. As always, our school is committed to educating our community about the meaning of the poppy and Remembrance Day.

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 puddle encounters.

Cutlery

Please remember to send spoons and forks as needed for snacks and lunches.

Bell Schedule for 2026-2027

8:40- Welcoming Bell
8:45- School Day Starts
10:20- Recess Starts
10:35- Recess Ends
11:57- Playtime
12:30- Eating Period Begins
12:40- Eating Period Ends
2:32- School Day Ends

Newcomers to Canada

To support newcomers to Canada, the following workshops are being offered at James Anderson Learning Center, SWIS portable beginning at 10am. The workshops are a great way to learn about Canadian schools and to meet other newcomer families.

- *November 13 - MyEdBC Parent Portal*
- *November 27 - Student Inclusive Conferences*
- *December 4 - All About ELL*

School District #35 (Langley)
2026-2027 School Calendar
Elementary Schools

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sep 7 (M)	***Labour Day (School Closed)***
	Sep 8 (T)	School Opens
	Sep 25 (F)	***School Improvement Day (Students Not in Attendance)***
	Sep 30 (W)	***Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)***
October	Oct 12 (M)	***Thanksgiving (School Closed)***
	Oct 23 (F)	***Professional Development Day (Provincial - Students Not in Attendance)***
November	Nov 11 (W)	***Remembrance Day (School Closed)***
	Nov 20 (F)	***Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)***
December	Dec 2 (W)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	Dec 3 (Th)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
	Dec 17 (Th)	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
January	Jan 5 (T)	School Re-Opens After Winter Break
February	Feb 8 (M)	***Professional Development Day (District - Students Not in Attendance)***
	Feb 15 (M)	***Family Day (Schools Closed)***
March	Mar 3 (W)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 4 (Th)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 12 (F)	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
	Mar 26 (F)	***Good Friday (School Closed)***
	Mar 29 (M)	***Easter Monday (School Closed)***
	Mar 30 (T)	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
April	Apr 12 (M)	***Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)***
May	May 21 (F)	***Professional Development Day (District - Students Not in Attendance)***
	May 24 (M)	***Victoria Day (School Closed)***
June	Jun 29 (T)	Final Learning Update & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 30 (W)	***Administrative Day (Students Not in Attendance)***
July / August		Summer Session

APPROVED: SD35 Board of Education Meeting
April 28, 2026

Students Requiring Nursing Support Services (NSS) Delegated Care Plans:

- Families must register for NSS through their Family Doctor
- Direct them to http://www.bcchildrens.ca/our-services/sunny-hill-health-centre/our-services/nursing-support

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 CKNW 730AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7FM, CBC 690AM or CBC 88.1FM for updates.

In the event of inclement weather, the District may implement a delayed start or early dismissal at school sites. This information will be communicated to families via one or more of these methods: SchoolMessenger, email and/or text and on the District website. For District bus riders, schedules may change depending on the school status. Bus riders will be notified of changes via one or more of these methods: My Ride K-12 App, email, phone, and/or District website.

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.

Attendance/Absence

If your child is going to be absent, arriving late, away or leaving early due to an appointment, please notify the school of your child's absence before 8:30 am by doing either of the following:

E-mail ***GGEAttendance@sd35.bc.ca*** with information including:

- Student First Name and Last Name
- Grade
- Division
- Length of Absence
- Reason (illness, late, appointment, vacation)

OR

1. Call ***604-882-0114*** and follow the prompts for the attendance line and leave a message with information including:

- Student First Name and Last Name
- Grade
- Division
- Length of Absence
- Reason (illness, late, appointment, vacation)

November Health Messaging – Fraser Health

Healthy Screen Use (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 Healthy Screen Use. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Why Does Screen Time Matter?

Children and families are increasingly spending time on screens such as TVs, computers, tablets, smartphones and gaming devices. Too much screen time can take away from activities that are essential for healthy development, like spending time with family and friends, playing outdoors and getting a good night's sleep.

Choosing Quality Screen Time at Home

Not all screen time is the same. Educational screen time, such as homework, online classes or video calls with family, can be beneficial and support learning and

connection. Recreational screen time includes activities like watching videos, gaming or scrolling on devices for entertainment. Too much recreational screen use can have negative impacts on childhood growth and development, such as:

- *Less time for social interaction and family connection.*
- *Less physical activity and outdoor play.*
- *Less opportunity for creativity, reading and other offline interests.*
- *Negative impacts on mental well-being and behaviour.*

How Much Screen Time is Recommended?

According to the Canadian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines:

- ***Under 2 years:** Screen time is not recommended.*
- ***Ages 2–5:** Limit to less than one hour per day.*
- ***Ages 5 and older:** Limit to less than two hours per day.*

Simple ways to encourage healthy screen habits

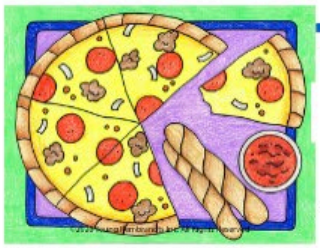
The Canadian Paediatric Society highlights the "four M's" to help families build healthy routines:

- ***Manage**: Set clear rules and limits, such as creating a family media plan.*
- ***Meaningful use**: Encourage content that supports learning and active engagement.*
- ***Model**: Show healthy screen habits in your own daily routines.*
- ***Monitor**: Watch for signs that screen use is replacing important offline activities.*

Helpful resources

- *Fraser Health Screen Time for Children*
- *Fraser Health Screen Time Brochure for Caregivers - Ages 5-12*









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GORDON GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY

Our new After-School ART STUDIO offers the same amazing drawing and colouring program we've provided for over a decade...now with painting and pastels!
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Get your child off screens and back to creative fun.

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HELP KEEP COST DOWN
PAY CASH OR E-TRANSFER
AND SAVE 3%
TEXT, CALL OR EMAIL
FOR DETAILS

DATES ~ TIMES ~ROOM

Day: **Wednesday**
Dates: **Sept. 23-Dec. 9, 2026**
Time: **2:35-3:35 PM**
Room: **Library**

TUITION

Cost: **$215.00**
For the entire session, includes all supplies.

PAYMENT PLAN IS AVALIBALE ONLINE (3 equal payments)

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DATES	TIME	LOCATION	CITY
NOV 23 - JAN 25	5:30-7:00PM	WALNUT GROVE SEC.	LANGLEY
NOV 26 - JAN 28	6:30-8:00PM	LANGLEY CHRISTIAN	LANGLEY
NOV 27 - JAN 29	6:30-8:00PM	ST JOHN BREBEUF	ABBOTSFORD

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PAC NEWS

Gordon Greenwood Holiday Fundraiser



Help the PAC with funding technology at Gordon Greenwood.

Last day to order is November 18th, 2026. Thank you for your support!

https://fundraising.purdys.com/fundraising/campaign/000042002

Campaign ID: 000042002



Come shop local and kick off the holiday season while supporting GGE!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Volunteers needed! We are looking for help with setup the night before, or on market day. Email GGEPAC@hotmail.com if you can lend a hand!

REINDEER LANE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

During School Hours

Students can shop for special gifts for family and friends for just

$2 EACH!

HELP US FILL THE SLEIGH!

Donations of gently used items are being accepted in the school lobby through December 3.

Please no clothing, books or holiday decorations.
Gift wrap, gift bags and tissue paper are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help with setup, wrapping or takedown.
Email GGEPAC@hotmail.com to join the fun!

GORDON GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY



Santa Breakfast

December 11!

SERVING UP PANCAKES & HOLIDAY CHEER!

One of GGE's favourite holiday traditions!
Students will enjoy a special pancake breakfast during school hours, filled with festive fun and holiday spirit.



STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR PAC!

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Gordon Greenwood Elementry PAC
ggeelem.wixsite.com/gge-pac

FOLLOW US to keep updated on:
fundraisers · PAC meeting dates and times · upcoming events · hot lunch … and more!

Don't forget us the next time you run your errands!
These ongoing fundraisers a great way to give back with minimal effort, and run all year long.



RETURN IT PROGRAM
app.return-it.ca/gordongreenwoodelementarypac



COBS DOUGHRAISER
Shop at COBS Bread Walnut Grove and mention Gordon Greenwood at checkout. 5% of your purchase goes directly to GGE PAC at no extra cost to you!

PAC EXECUTIVE

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Next PAC Meeting – TBA