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Newsletter #7 **October 22, 2026**

Date	*Upcoming Events*
Oct. 23	Professional Development Day (Students not in attendance)
Oct. 27	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Oct. 30	Spirit Day - Costume Parade
Oct. 30	PAC Treat Day - Donuts
Nov. 8	National Aboriginal Veten's Day
Nov. 9	PAC Hot Lunch – Boston Pizza
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – School Closed
Nov. 12	Individual Photo Retakes

Gordon Greenwood Pumpkin Patch



On Wednesday, October 21st, Gordon Greenwood Elementary had a fresh delivery of pumpkins from Venechuk Farms. We were able to have our own pumpkin patch for the morning. Our primary classes were paired with their intermediate big buddy classes to choose their personal pumpkins.

Halloween Costumes:

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of October. We know that some of our families may be looking into costumes, and we wanted to share some information. Spirit Day will be on Friday October 30th and we remind our families regarding costumes at school; students are not to bring any accessories that involve weapons. Students can bring a mask, but this will only be worn during our costume parade. It is important to be mindful of appropriate school costumes as well. We also recognize that not all our students will want to wear costumes. Students also have the choice to wear black or orange on October 30th for Spirit Day.

Remembrance Day:

On November 10th, we will be recognizing Remembrance Day at our school. Remembrance Day is a Canadian holiday on November 11th. Remembrance Day is not a celebration but rather a time for us to reflect, recognize, and honor the sacrifices made by Canadians who fought for our freedoms. During our assembly, we are hoping to specifically honor those who have served or are serving in the Canadian military who have connections to our school community. We are asking for photos of those family members or family friends of students and staff who have served. We ask that you send an email with the **photo, soldiers name, when they served, and how they are connected to our school** (ex. grandpa of student name, aunt of student name, friend of student name). If you sent in photos last year, you do not need to send them in again unless you want to update the information. These will be used in our assembly presentation to showcase the connections Remembrance Day has to our school community. If you do not have a digital copy, feel free to drop off a picture at the office to be scanned and returned to you. If you have a digital copy, please send them to Mrs. Forrest at dforrest@sd35.bc.ca. Photos and information are due by **October 23rd**.

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.

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

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)

Daylight Saving Time Information for Families: Fraser Health

Earlier this year, British Columbia adopted permanent daylight-saving time, with the final clock change taking place on March 8, 2026. As a result, the province now observes Pacific Time (PCT) year-round, eliminating the twice-yearly switch between Pacific Standard Time (PST) and Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).

During parts of the winter, particularly between late November and early February, many children will travel to school before sunrise. Fraser Health is sharing this information to support families as they adapt to year-round Pacific Time and maintain healthy sleep habits and safe travel to and from school.

What Families Can Do

Support healthy sleep and well-being by:

- *Spending time outdoors during morning daylight hours whenever possible.*
- *Encouraging physical activity and social connection through after-school programs and activities.*
- *Maintaining consistent bedtimes and wake-up times.*
- *Turning off screens at least one hour before bedtime, as evening screen use can make it harder to fall asleep.*

Support safe travel to and from school by:

- *Helping children choose well-lit routes with sidewalks and designated crossings.*
- *Encouraging children to wear reflective or high-visibility clothing and use a flashlight when travelling during darker morning hours.*
- *Reminding children to use designated crossings, scan traffic, and make sure vehicles have stopped before crossing.*

If driving:

- *Use extra caution when driving near schools, crosswalks, intersections and shared pathways.*
- *Be aware of one's surroundings and refraining from cell phone use, make eye contact, and shoulder check before turning or changing direction.*
- *Travel at slow speeds and stop completely at stop signs and crosswalks.*

Additional school health resources can be found on our website at fraserhealth.ca/schoolhealth.

Programs of Choice – Deadline to Register is Monday, October 26th

Langley School District offers a rich diversity of programs that are designed to meet the specific needs and interests of students. Programs include Fine Arts, French Immersion, Fundamental, Langley Environmental Awareness Program (outdoor education), Montessori, and UConnect. Registration for Kindergarten entry (for most programs) begins on ***Monday, October 5th at 12 noon****, and closes on* ***Monday, October 26th at 12 noon****. For UConnect, please contact the school directly. For more information and instructions to register your child, visit our District website* ***here*** *and review our FAQ choice programs resource* ***here****.*

Election Day – Use of School Sites (October 17 and October 24)

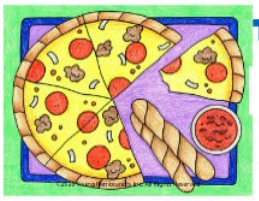
On Saturday, October 17th (local election) and Saturday, October 24th (provincial election), many school gyms across the District will be used as election polling stations. As guided by Section 81 of the Election Act "accommodation in a school that is the property of a Board of School Trustees under the School Act must be made available by the Board for use as a voting place."

*Please take note of extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area of these sites on these days. The District appreciates the support and cooperation from families and members of our community. The District is encouraging everyone who is eligible to do their civic duty and vote. For a list of school sites being used, visit the District website **here**.*

VIDEO: Overview of the District Website

*The District is sharing a 7-minute video to give students, staff, and parents and overview of the new District website. In this video, you will learn about new key features including a translation function, accessibility adjustments, and insights on how content is organized to help users navigate. Watch **HERE**.*









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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!
Your young artist will learn proper drawing techniques through our award-winning program while exploring a variety of mediums and artistic styles. Every week is a brand-new creative adventure and we come right to your school!

Get your child off screens and back to creative fun.

Register today to reserve your artist's spot!

REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPT 16, 2026

HELP KEEP COST DOWN
PAY CASH OR E-TRANSFER AND SAVE 3%
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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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Next PAC Meeting – October 27, 2026 6:30 PM in the library

