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Newsletter #8 **October 30, 2026**

Date	*Upcoming Events*
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)

Reminder that there is no Time Change:



Just a reminder that the Province of British Columbia no longer has the fall time change. Please be aware that some of your devices that have automatic time zone changes may fall back.

GGE Halloween Parade:

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We started our morning at Gordon Greenwood with a costume parade. There was lots of excitement and cheering for each class that made their way around the gym. Thank you to our families for making the day special for our students. It definitely represents our "O" value of Outstanding Achievement. We also spent some time going over safety and representing our school community through our GECKO values on Halloween. We are hopeful that the weather is beautiful, and students travel in groups with safe adults. Please remind your child to not eat any treats until their trusted adults have had a chance to ensure that all the treats are safe to eat.

Have a wonderful weekend and a safe Halloween!

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.

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)

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*

Gordon Greenwood Holiday Fundraiser



Help the PAC with funding technology at Gordon Greenwood.

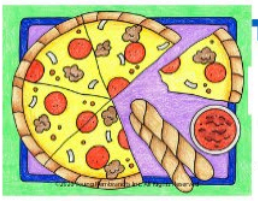
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https://fundraising.purdys.com/fundraising/campaign/000042002

Campaign ID: 000042002

Thank you for your support!









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Get your child off screens and back to creative fun.

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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 – TBA

