



Gordon Greenwood Elementary School

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Newsletter #2

September 12th, 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
Sept. 16	PAC Meeting 6:30 in the library
Sept. 19	Spirit Day – Wear green or GGE Gecko gear
Sept. 25	Individual & Class Photo Day
Sept. 25	Meet the Teacher night
Sept. 26	Orange Shirt Day
Sept. 29	School Improvement Day (Students not in Attendance)
Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)

Bell Schedule for 2025-2026

8:45 – Warning Bell

8:47 – School Day Starts

10:20 – Recess Starts

10:35 – Recess Ends

11:57 – Playtime

12:30 – Eating Period Begins

12:40 – Eating Period Ends

2:30 – School Day Ends

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

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

APPROVED: SD35 Board of Education Meeting
April 29, 2025

School Start-up Assembly: Motivational Magic- “Amazing Kids- 6 Secrets to Amazing” Steve Harmer



On Friday afternoon, our students and staff welcomed Steve Harmer to our start-up assembly. Steve Harmer shared that we all have a deep desire to be successful. We do not want to be just “ordinary” but become “extraordinary”. We do not want to just “survive” but “thrive”. We do not want to be just “average” but be “AMAZING”! We all have the potential to be great at something unique to us. The purpose of our Motivational Magic Assembly Show was to offer students 6 secrets that will help them become “amazing”. Students were challenged to learn and apply some “life secrets” that will guide them towards “amazing”, which was delivered through a magic show.

Thank you to our PAC for helping with funds to welcome Mr. Harmer to start our school year in a magical way.

I am looking forward to seeing our students develop their unique gifts throughout the 2025-2026 year. We believe in the gifts you all bring!

Mr. Alan Joo.

Thankful to be the Principal at Gordon Greenwood Elementary

Communicating With Your School

Schools and families continue to work together to ensure success for students. If you have an issue or concern but don't know who to speak with, the District encourages you to read these helpful Communicating with your School guidelines for parents/guardians found on our District website [here](#). As an additional reference, review this one-page resource [here](#).

Staff Update

Please join me in welcoming the staff at Gordon Greenwood Elementary School for the 2025-2026 School year. As we received a new division on Friday, September 5th, we have one more posting to fill in grade 2. I will provide further updates to division 11 as I go through the interview process.

Name	Div.	Grade
Mrs. Chan	1	6/7
Ms. O'Neill	2	6/7
Mrs. Forrest	3	6/7
Mrs. Gill	4	6/7
Mrs. Mclean (M, W-F) Mrs. Woelders (T)	5	5
Mr. Bacon	6	4/5
Mrs. Cogorno	7	4
Mrs. Hallen (M-W) Mr. Mills(Th/F)	8	3/4
Mrs. Miller	9	3
Mrs. Peterson	10	2/3
Ms. Shergill (Until Position is Filled) TBA	11	2
Mrs. Armstrong (F) Ms. Muuren (M-Th)	12	1/2
Mrs. Johnson M, T, Th, F) Mrs. Woelders (W)	13	K/1
Mrs. Aylett (M/T) Ms. Wilkinson (W-F)	14	K
Mrs. Morrison	15	K
Ms. Nicolson (M/W)	Library/Drama/Theatre	
Ms. McMillan	Resource	
Ms. Adams	Resource	

Ms. Leclerc (M-Th)	Resource
Mrs. Touzeau (W-F)	Resource/LA-LLI
Mrs. Roberts (T)	LA-LLI
Ms. Sidow (Th)	SLP
Mrs. Knowlson (M/T/W/ F)	ELL
Ms. Chijiwa	ELL
Ms. Vander Ster (W/F)	ELL
Ms. Ho (T/W)	ISP
Ms. Yoon	PE Specialist

Ms. Brimacombe	SEA
Mrs. Sangha	SEA
Mrs. Silverwood	SEA
Mrs. Stratis	SEA
Mrs. Warkman	SEA
Sukhi Ubhi	SEA
Mrs. Trisevic	SEA
Ms. Skorbinski	SEA
Mrs. Deol (M/Th)	Counsellor
Ms. McLeod (W)	Aboriginal Support Worker
Mrs. Sandhu (M/T/(Alternating F)	Youth Care Worker
Mrs. Lucas (T AM /Th AM)	Library Tech
Mr. Doerksen	Custodian
Ms. Holthi	Custodian
Mrs. Doney	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mrs. Tefenkjdian	Noon Hour Supervisor

Mrs. Ohrlein	Admin Assistant
Mr. Joo	Principal

Breakfast Club to begin on September 15th

The breakfast club will begin on Monday, September 15th. Our school was provided with Feeding Future Funds provided by the Ministry. We recognize that there may be times where families may have early work schedules, which make it difficult to prepare breakfast, or your child may want to start the day early and there may also be families that are stretched with our current economic pressures. Whatever the reason may be, we welcome your children to start the day in our breakfast club. The breakfast club will run from 8:15-8:40am and food will be provided in the school gym for students to have a morning meal. Students will then exit through the main foyer doors to head to their classes.

Half-Masting Notice – Sunday, September 14 - Firefighters’ National Memorial Day

Half-masting period: Sunday, September 14, 2025 from sunrise until sunset

Where a Canadian flag and a British Columbia flag fly near to one other, both flags should be lowered to half-mast. Flags on all Government of Canada buildings and establishments across the country, including the Peace Tower in Ottawa, will also be flown at half-mast. This national memorial day gives Canadians an opportunity each year to remember firefighters who have lost their lives while on the job.

School Health Resources

Fraser Health’s **Healthy Back-to-School Guide** has information on back-to-school anxiety, nutrition, safe travel to and from school, sleep and immunizations.

Fraser Health **School Health Web Resource** has answers to the most frequently asked health related questions from parents, teachers and school administrators.

Student Accident Insurance Plan (Voluntary Insurance)

The District is offering two options for a voluntary student accident insurance plans for students. This plan is voluntary, but provides significant benefits for accident insurance coverage for families.

Please note, enrolment in the program can be done online only, through one of the following options:

Insure My Kids

OR

Study Insured

Corresponding digital support materials for above service providers can be accessed via following links:

Insure My Kids:

Insure My Kids - School Resources

Study Insured:

[Study Insured - Support Material](#)

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)

Electric Kick Scooters

As more students use electric kick scooters to come to school, the District would like to inform schools on some basic safety:

1. What is an electric kick scooter? Electric kick scooters have a simple design and are very much the same scooters that children have used for decades... they require the rider to stand on a narrow platform with one foot and then kick or push off with the other. The difference now is that these kick scooters are electric, they no longer need the rider to push off, and they go at much faster speeds.
2. In BC, you must be at least 16 years of age and be wearing a helmet to operate an Electric kick scooter, within certain parameters, as per below and in the links.

3. Electric kick scooters cannot be ridden on public roads, except if the municipality is conducting a pilot. The Township is in the pilot, but the City is not. For more information, please click on the link:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/personal-mobility-devices/scooter>
4. Operators cannot ride an electric kick scooter on sidewalks or in crosswalks, except if a sign or traffic control device allows.
5. Please refer to the link below for a full list of safety rules for operators.
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/electric-kick-scooter-rules>

We are aware that some students who ride their electric kick scooters to school are under the age of 16 and/or may not be following safety rules. Please be aware of the age restrictions and the safety rules around electric kick scooters. These are Provincial and Municipal laws around electric kick scooters. Electric kick scooters should not be used as a form of transportation to/from school and should not be stored in any of our schools for students who are under 16 years of age.

Pickup and Dropoff at Gordon Greenwood

GORDON GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT & DRIVE THROUGH INFORMATION

- ***The area closest to the school is a pickup and drop off lane ONLY***, similar to the configuration you've likely seen at an airport. No parking and/or waiting will be allowed at any time in this lane. This also applies at the end of the day for pickup of students.
- ***The critical congestion times are 8:30-8:45 a.m. and 2:25-2:45 p.m.*** Please be mindful of these times when planning your day and dropping off or picking up your child(ren).
- ***The middle area is a lane that is for drive through traffic ONLY.*** Stopping, parking, picking up children or dropping off passengers in this lane is dangerous, inconsiderate, and will not be tolerated.
- ***Angled parking in front of the school is for staff members only.*** This will reduce the possibilities for conflicts in the parking lot as these cars generally do not need to be backed up during the most congested periods of the day.



If you park or wait in the drop off lane, you risk being towed. You're kidding, right?

NO. We're not kidding. You will **NOT** be able to park and leave your car, or park and wait in your car at any point along the front of the school. This will ensure that a steady flow of traffic can circulate in the parking lot safely. **The critical congestion times are 8:30-8:45 a.m. and 2:25-2:45 p.m.** If you need to park and wait for your child(ren), please do so in the parent and visitor parking lot. Thank you in advance for your support.

When do these parking and drop off expectations start?

When you arrive on the first day of school, the configuration will be in use.

What will happen if I still choose to ignore the new regulations?

Our administrative and teaching staff on morning and afternoon supervision duty, wearing bright orange vests, will let you know if you're acting in an unsafe manner or in a manner that is contrary to our parking and drive through expectations. Your respect for our staff who are out on supervision in the interest of the safety of our students and families is requested and appreciated.

But I HAVE to drive. What am I supposed to do in September?

Consider these options:

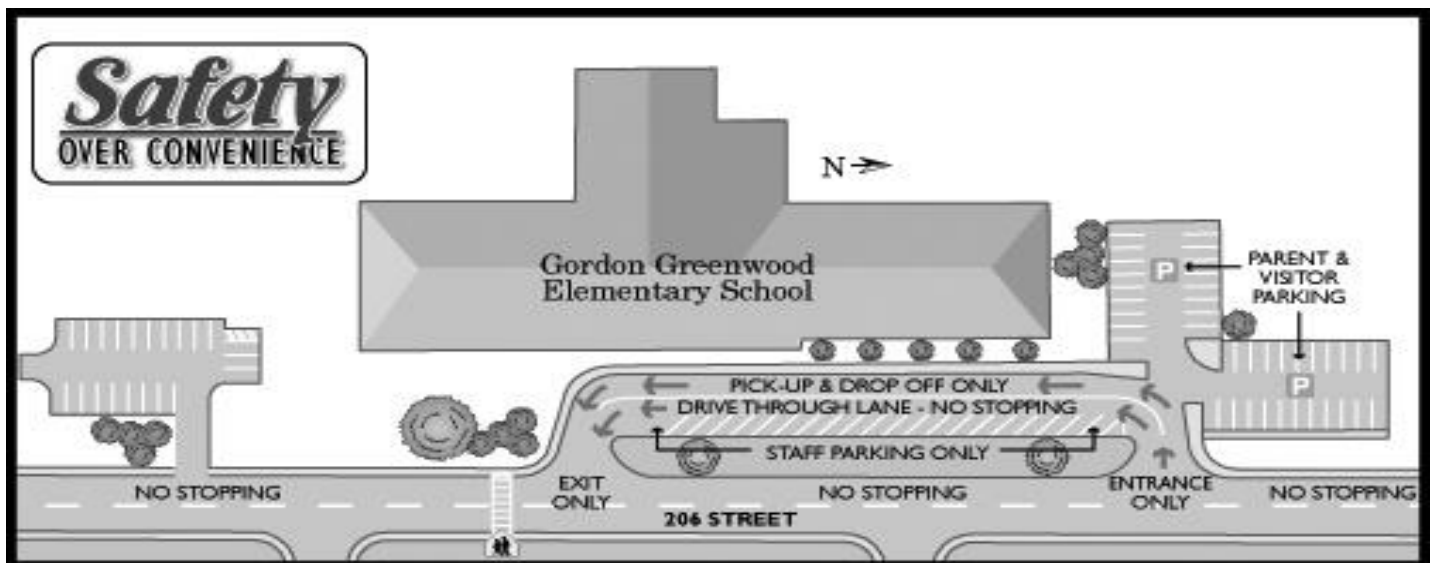
- drop your child off a few minutes earlier or pick them up a few minutes later when congestion has eased. The level of supervision before and after school is comparable to recess or lunch time. Please feel that your students are safe for a few minutes while traffic eases. Even ten minutes makes a huge difference to the amount of congestion in the lot.
- if your children are older, have them walk to a set meeting point away from the congested area at the front of the school.
- park outside of the parking lot and walk in. You'll feel less stressed, get some fresh air, and be acting as a positive role model for your children.



How were these parking & drop-off procedures decided on?

These improvements were the result of many months of research and assessment by the Gordon Greenwood Elementary Safer School Travel Committee. This committee has had input from the School Administration, parent volunteers, the School District, and the Township of Langley's Engineering Department. Yes, change is difficult – but these measures are being implemented with the interest of improving safety for our students, staff, and families. Thank you for your cooperation during our time of transition. Please contact the office for further information or to volunteer to help supervise traffic flow. Your assistance is always appreciated.

REMEMBER: SAFETY FOR ALL OVER CONVENIENCE FOR SOME.



VIDEO: Overview of the District Website

*The District is sharing a 7-minute video to give students, staff, and parents an 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**](#).*

Meet the Teacher Night on September 25th:

Meet the Teacher Night will be on September 25th at 5:00pm. This will be an open house evening where your children can introduce you to their classroom teacher and show you the room. This is not a time for individual parent teacher interviews. If you have any concerns, please remember to contact your child's teacher. Grade 7 parents will also have an opportunity to sign-up for grade 7 roles for the year at Meet the Teacher Night. Teachers are currently working on formative assessment to provide instruction for their students and will have more to share at Student Inclusive Conferences in November.

Mountain Movers: An Anger Management Group for Men

If you notice you have struggles with anger and are looking for a supportive and empowering environment to learn healthier coping mechanisms, we invite you to join our anger management group and take a journey towards self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and ultimately, a happier and healthier life. Facilitated by a Registered Clinical Counsellor (RCC).

6-Week Anger Management Group for Men

When: Wednesdays

September 17- Oct 22

Time: 5pm-7pm in-person

Where: Langley Community Services

5339 207th street

Langley BC, V3A 2E6

***Cost:** \$200

Space is Limited

Register: lmargueratt@lcss.ca

leave a message at 604-534-7921 ext. 1240

**sliding scale available*

Certificate provided following completion of all 6 sessions



PAC NEWS

PAC EXECUTIVE

President - Danielle Chretien

Vice President - Jenn Sondrup

Treasurer - Justine Trenholm

Secretary - Rhead Fedorchuk

Hot Lunch - Julia Sage/ Jenn Borque/ Karen Adams

DPAC

Social Media Coordinator (Member at Large) - Elaine Happer

Event Coordinators (Members at Large) - Chadd Little and Jenn Borque

Next PAC Meeting – September 16th, 6:30 pm in the Library

IMPORTANT LINKS

ggepac@hotmail.com

ggepachotlunch@hotmail.com

PAC Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/252372494939238>

The GGE PAC has a **NEW WEBSITE!**



Stay up to date on
special days, fundraisers,
upcoming events, hot lunch
and more!

CHECK US OUT at
<https://ggeelem.wixsite.com/gge-pac>

