



Gordon Greenwood Elementary School

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Newsletter #3

September 19th, 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
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

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.

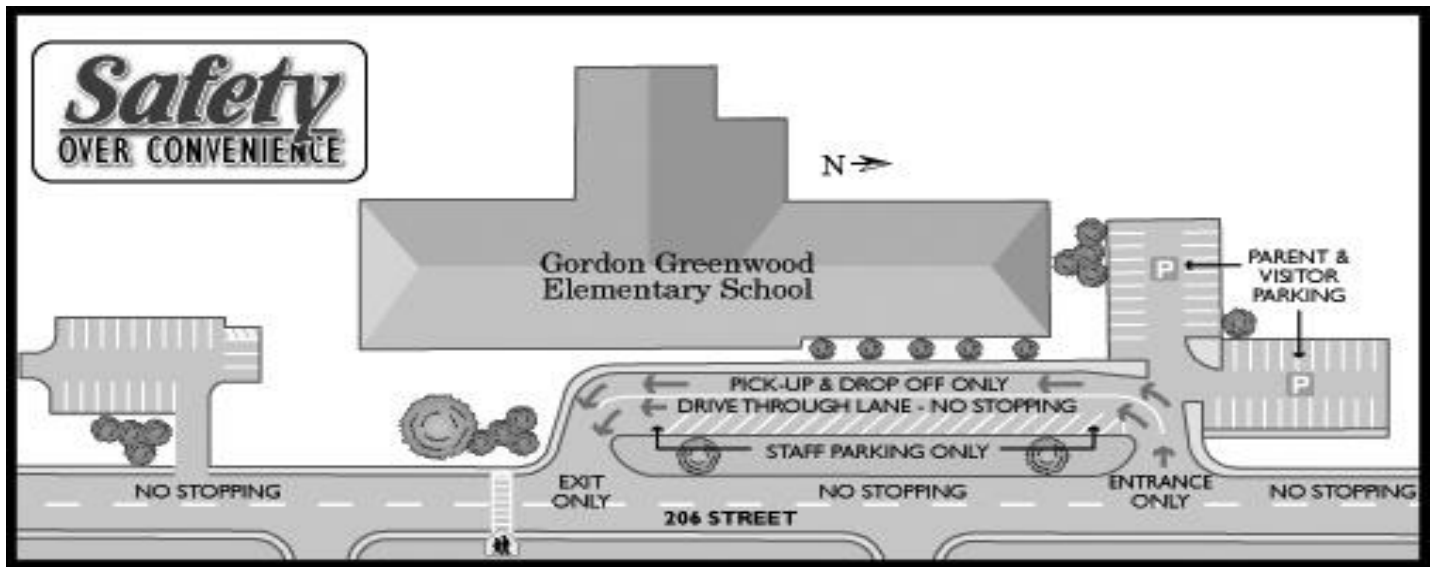


How were these parking & drop-off procedures decided on?

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.



Volunteers

Welcome to the Langley School District!

You may have been directed to this volunteer page because you have been identified by an administrator or manager as a potential volunteer for one of our schools or District departments.

Our school community strives to be an innovative, inspiring, and unified learning community thanks in part to the hard work, selflessness, and dedication of our volunteers. We believe that care, connection and collaboration between volunteers and our teachers and staff is necessary to supporting our District's mission to inspire all learners to reach their full potential and create a positive legacy for the future.

Volunteers play a pivotal role in shaping the educational experience of our students, whether it's by assisting teachers in the classroom, coaching sports teams, or overseeing extracurricular clubs. Your passion and commitment contribute significantly to the rich and meaningful learning opportunities and inclusive environments in our District. Thank you for considering joining our community of volunteers. We look forward to working and growing with you.

To complete the volunteer application process, please proceed with the following steps:

1. Watch the training video below:

<https://youtu.be/W2d51ghI2NI>

STAFF REFRESHER TRAINING AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING

2. All volunteers involved in coaching students in athletics must complete the Concussion Awareness Training Tool (CATT) from BCSS. If this applies to your role, use the following link to complete the training.

<https://cattonline.com/course/concussion-awareness-training-tool-for-coaches>

3. Complete this online Volunteer Safety Check Application Form [HERE](#).

4. For the convenience of volunteers and to meet the timely needs of the school, the District is offering TWO options to get your Police Information Check (PIC, formerly called a Criminal Record Check/CRC).

- For volunteers who want a more timely response with a “volunteer letter” from the school, please go to the nearest RCMP Detachment. This can include RCMP Community Policing Offices. If you live in Langley, these checks can often be done on the same day, and sometimes even within 10-15 minutes.**
- For volunteers who have more time and prefer to apply online, we have a link below you can use. Please be sure to show two pieces of government-issued ID to the school Administrator, and please understand that this could take 3-4 weeks before we get back a response.**

- Apply Online: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/>
- Access Code: 43TC8K8JGK

Please ensure that the results are brought/sent to the school where you will be volunteering. A PIC/CRC “clearance” must be given to the District BEFORE you can begin to volunteer in the Langley School District.

For more information on the District’s volunteer process, requirements and expectations to help you in your role, we encourage you to read [Administrative Procedure 490](#) as well as a [Community Volunteer Letter of Understanding](#).

If you have any questions, please email: feedback@sd35.bc.ca

Emergency Procedures in Schools

Schools follow emergency procedures and practice drills throughout the year to ensure students, staff, and any visitors at our sites are safe when unexpected incidents happen. The District encourages families to become familiar with emergency procedures to help you and your child be prepared. You will find the District’s Emergency Procedures poster in schools and on the website [here](#).

Community Volunteers in Emergencies

*Emergencies can happen unexpectedly due to weather events (e.g., earthquake or flooding) or unforeseen situations in the community. The health and safety of students, staff, and families is the District’s priority. The District, together with schools, follow emergency procedures to respond to incidents as well as prevent them from happening. As stated in the provincial **Emergency Management Planning Guide for Schools, Districts and Authorities**, staff have a legal “duty of care,” meaning that they “must ensure that students are cared for until such time as they can be safely reunited with their parents.” Depending on the situation, the school may be caring for students for many days.*

In these circumstances, schools may rely on members of the community to assist with emergency responses. Administrators may send a request to parents/guardians to help volunteer with first aid, facilities and maintenance, safety and security, and general labour. Adults with special skills in health care, policing, and engineering would be an asset in an emergency. No action is needed from families at this time as the purpose is to keep families informed.

Hello Gordon Greenwood Community!

We are excited to announce that we will again be offering cross country at Gordon Greenwood this fall.
Any students in Grade 4 – 7 are welcome to join.

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

PRACTICES: Your child will participate in 2 practice a week, **on Tuesdays and Thursdays during outdoor lunch time**. Rain or shine!



CROSS-COUNTRY MEETS:

Meet Dates:

Oct 1, 2025

Oct 8, 2025

Oct 15, 2025

The championship race will be on TUESDAY, October 21 (for students who qualify).

Time: Leave GGE 2:40pm, return to GGE by 5pm

Meet Location: Aldergrove Regional Park

If your child is interested in joining, extra permission forms can be found at the office.

Please Contact Mrs. Touzeau (jtouzeau@sd35.bc.ca) or Ms. Cogorno (rcogorno@sd35.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

Go Geckos!!!

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





LEARN HOW TO DRAW WITH YOUNG REMBRANDTS THIS FALL AT GORDON GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY

Every week, your child will discover exciting new lessons designed to inspire creativity and make learning fun! Our classes boost hand-eye coordination, sharpen critical thinking, and build confidence—all while kids enjoy exploring their artistic talents in a lively, supportive environment.

WHY CHOOSE YOUNG REMBRANDTS?

- Enhances Hand-Eye Coordination
- Boosts Brain Development & Critical Thinking
- Fosters Creativity & Unique Artistic Expression
- Encourages Creative Thought & Problem Solving

MOST IMPORTANTLY – IT'S A WHOLE LOT OF FUN! OUR LIVELY CLASSES INSPIRE KIDS TO EXPLORE THEIR ARTISTIC TALENTS WHILE MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND GAINING CONFIDENCE.

CLASS DATES: SEPT. 24 – DEC. 17/2025

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS at 2:40 PM - 3:40 PM

WHERE: THE SCHOOL Library

COST: \$240 for 11 classes over 12 weeks

***PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE AT CHECKOUT**

See our
Website for
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camps!



REGISTER TODAY SCAN:

OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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DPAC

Social Media Coordinator (Member at Large) - Elaine Happer

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

Next PAC Meeting – TBA

IMPORTANT LINKS

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

**OH, HAPPY DAY! YOUR
GGE PAC IS ONLINE!**



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- past meeting minutes •
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- special days •
- upcoming events •
- GGE calendar •
- hot lunch ... and more!

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