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Newsletter #3

September 24th, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
Sept. 24	Meet the Teacher Night & PAC BBQ 5:00-6:00
Sept. 25	School Improvement Day (Students not in Attendance)
Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day
Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)

Meet the Teacher Night on September 24th:

Meet the Teacher Night will be on September 24th 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 questions, 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. Our grade 7 families will receive an email from the grade 7 teachers with more information about the meeting. Teachers are currently working on formative assessments to provide instruction for their students and will have more to share at Student Inclusive Conferences in November. A Big thank you to our PAC as they will be providing a welcome back BBQ on Meet the Teacher Night, which will begin at 5:30PM on the primary blacktop.

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

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**.

The Langley Rivermen will kick off the 2026-27 hockey season with two home games and a tailgate party this weekend!

- **Game:** Friday, September 25 / 7pm
- **Game:** Saturday, September 26 / 7pm
- **Tailgate Party:** Saturday 3:00 - 6:30pm / George Preston Rec Centre Sports Box
Free Entry / Family Friendly / Live Music / Games / Food / Face Painting

★ We are offering each student a pair of tickets for both games this weekend!

📱 Purchase Tickets through Online: <https://www.showpass.com/o/langley-rivermen-2/>

Use code: SCHOOLS to redeem your pair of tickets

Thank you for your continued support of the Langley Rivermen - we will see you at the rink this weekend!

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

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](#).

Parent Code of Conduct

The Langley School District is committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility, and support optimal learning. Trauma Informed Practices and Procedures promote the creation and maintenance of safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, and nurturing school environments.

*Families play an important role in helping students achieve success as well as helping create a compassionate learning community. Just as students are expected to follow the District's **Student Code of Conduct**, there is an expectation for parents/guardians to uphold the District's **Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct**.*

PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT



Our goal is to create compassionate learning communities that are both academically and socially inclusive. Parents and Guardians play an essential role in the achievement of this goal in both physical and online spaces.

EVERY PARENT AND GUARDIAN CAN EXPECT TO:

- be treated with and have their child treated with respect and courtesy.
- have their family's privacy respected.
- be consulted with about their child's educational programming.
- speak to teachers and administrators when they have questions, concerns or need information, and bring along a support person.
- feel safe in receiving services from the school.
- have their concerns listened and responded to promptly and respectfully.
- have their school and community treated respectfully by others on social media platforms.

EVERY PARENT AND GUARDIAN IS EXPECTED TO:

- treat others and their children with respect and courtesy.
- respect the privacy of other students, parents, caregivers and staff.
- consult with teachers and administrators about their child's educational programming when asked.
- communicate with school staff in a respectful manner.
- ensure their actions provide school staff with a workplace free of harassment, intimidation, threats and violence.
- address concerns by following the [Guidelines for Reporting an Issue or Concern](#) process.
- use social media platforms responsibly and avoid engaging in discussions that harm the school or community.

Any person who disrupts or interrupts the proceedings of a school may be directed by a principal, or their designate, to leave the school premises. Any person who engages in abusive, threatening, or harassing communication may have their communication with school staff restricted.



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>

Reminder about Closed Campus during school hours:

Just a reminder that all schools including Gordon Greenwood Elementary school are closed campuses. If families need to drop off lunch or belongings for their child, you are to drop them off at the office. Parents, guardians and caregivers are not to be using playgrounds during school hours. All visitors that are volunteering need to sign-in and sign-out at the office. If you are volunteering at the school, there will be further details coming regarding new

procedures from the School District, which involves a criminal record check that will be implemented across the District. Thank you in advance for helping keep our students safe.

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)

LEAP (Outdoor Education) Parent Information Session Thursday, October 1, 2026

Imagine your child's classroom in the open air! Join us on Thursday, October 1st @ 5pm at Fort Langley Elementary for our LEAP (Langley Environmental Awareness Program) Information Session. This meeting is for families interested in Kindergarten enrolment for the 2027-2028 school year, as well as any current grade 1-7 students who might want a change and an opportunity to learn in the great outdoors. For more about the outdoor education program and to watch our new stunning promotional video please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdXcrUJSzfl>

SchoolMessenger

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families throughout the school year. As we continue to welcome new families to our District, some parents/guardians may receive a text message notifying them about SchoolMessenger. If you need to update your contact info on file, please reach out to your school. For more info about SchoolMessenger, visit the District website [here](#).

Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day

Half-masting period: Sunday, September 27, 2026, from sunrise until sunset.

Half-masting Locations: All British Columbia government buildings and establishments across the province.

Where a Canadian flag and a British Columbia flag fly near to one other, both flags should be lowered to half-mast.

Notes: Whereas September 27th is on a weekend, if there are no maintenance staff working that day it is acceptable to lower flags to half-mast at the end of the day on Friday and return them to full mast on Monday morning.

Half-Masting Notice – Wednesday, September 30th

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Half-masting period: Wednesday, September 30, 2026, from sunrise until sunset.

Half-masting Locations: All British Columbia government buildings and establishments across the province.

Where a Canadian flag and a British Columbia flag fly near to one other, both flags should be lowered to half-mast.

Notes: Whereas September 30th is a statutory holiday, if there are no maintenance staff working that day it is acceptable to lower flags to half-mast at the end of the day on Tuesday and return them to full mast on Thursday morning.

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.

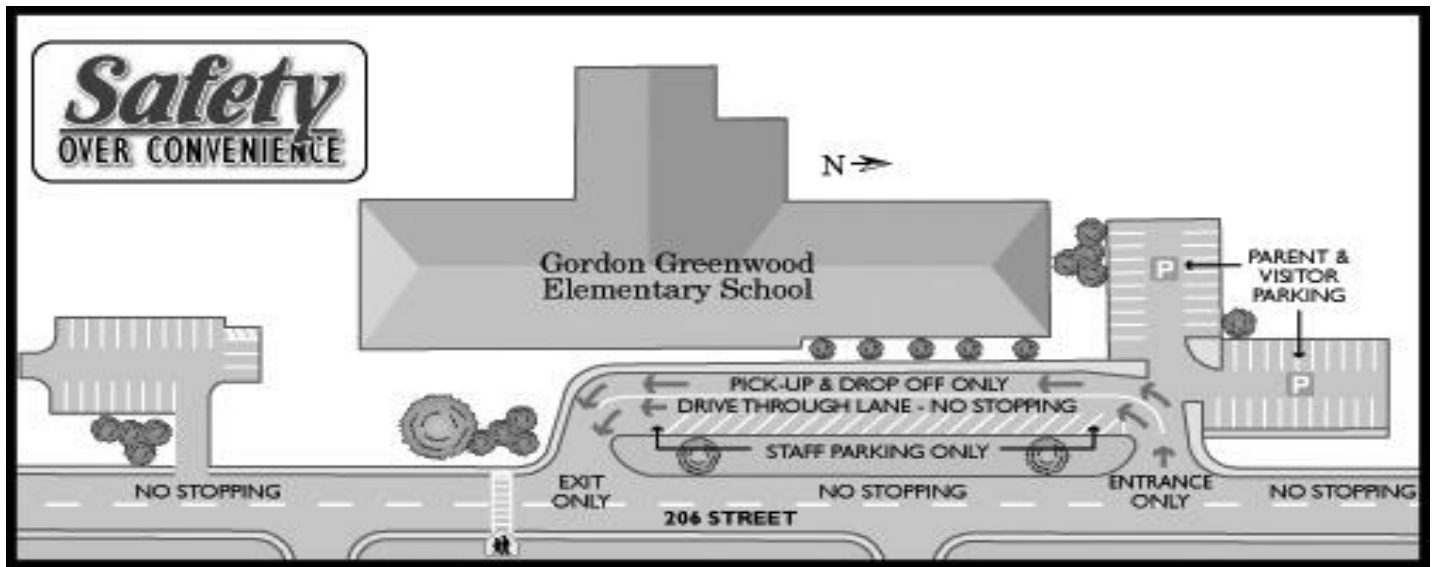


How were these parking & drop-off procedures decided on?

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

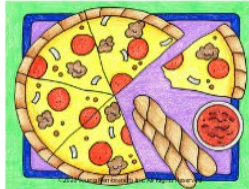
appreciated.

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](#).



THE ART STUDIO THAT COMES TO THE SCHOOL! 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! 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



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 AVAILABLE ONLINE (3 equal payments)



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FALL CAMPS

FALL 2026

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept 29 through Oct 22
WGSS Small Gym

Jr. Ballers

\$100

Grades 1-3 (or a Grade 4 new to basketball)

+ GST (\$105.00)

Tue/Thu, 5:00-6:00 pm

Intermediate Basketball

\$130

Grades 4-6 (or a Grade 7 newer to basketball)

+ GST (\$136.50)

Tue/Thu, 6:00-7:30 pm

Fall Skills / League

\$130

Grades 6-7

+ GST (\$136.50)

Tue/Thu, 7:30-9:00 pm

Email: sturgeonbasketballcamps@gmail.com

PAC NEWS

PAC EXECUTIVE

President - Janelle Born

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Social Media Coordinator - Elaine Happer

Hot Lunch - Ket Shcherbakova and Rhea Fedorchuk ggepac@hotmail.com

IMPORTANT LINKS

ggepac@hotmail.com

Next PAC Meeting – Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30PM

Back to School

WELCOME BBQ

Thursday Sept 24th | 5:30PM

Join us for a Welcome Back Barbecue and get to know your
2026-2027 GGE PAC!



■ Enjoy hot dogs,
■ pop & juice
■

*limited quantities, while supplies last

WE CAN'T WAIT TO
SEE YOU THERE!

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>

