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Newsletter #4

September 26th, 2025

Date	Upcoming Events
Sept. 29	School Improvement Day (Students not in Attendance)
Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
Oct. 3	Class & Individual Photo Day

Orange Shirt Day: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation:



During this week, students were able to take part in various learning opportunities in their classrooms around Truth and Reconciliation. One of the reflective learning activities we took part in as a whole school was a common display in the hallway. All students were able to trace their hands or have a handprint that was added onto a tree cutout in the main foyer. Students were able to write down why “Every Child Matters” on their hands.

As a school community we will continue to create a safe and caring space as we are committed to Every Child Matters. Orange Shirt Day continues to remind us of the importance of this vision. This can be seen on how the empty tree on the left compares to the tree on the right with the hands of our children and the hope that we can have for Every Child. On Friday, students also took part in a read-aloud through age-appropriate books that created further opportunities to learn and reflect on Truth and Reconciliation and why “Every Child Matters.”

Half-Masting Notice – Tuesday, September 30TH

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Half-masting period: Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 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.

Half-Masting Notice – Sunday, September 28th

Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day

Half-masting period: Sunday, September 28, 2025, from sunrise until sunset.

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

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Notes: Whereas September 28th 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.

Orange Shirt Day: September 26th:

Throughout the week students and staff acknowledged, honored and continued to learn about Truth and Reconciliation. As a community we wore orange today in order to show our commitment to raise awareness of residential schools and to honor the survivors and intergenerational survivors. Students created a display in our main foyer where students traced or handprinted their hands. The hands were displayed as leaves on a tree to show how we continue to grow in our learning. On each of the orange hands, students shared their thoughts on why “Every Child Matters”. I hope that our families had a chance to read the reflection pieces on Meet the Teacher Night. On Tuesday, September 30th, it is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.


National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

SEPTEMBER 30

Link to the
National
Day for T&R



As a vital part of Reconciliation, we honour the survivors of residential schools and the children who never came home, and their families and communities.

 **Location:** Derek Doubleday Arboretum
21177 Fraser Hy, Langley, BC

 **Time:** 5:00 to 8:00 pm
Educational Story-Walk,
Drummers, Speakers and
Candlelight Walking Vigil



We are honoured to work, learn, play and live on the ancestral lands of the **məθkʷey, ǵʷa:ńłəń, ǵícəý and səmyəmaʔt First Nations** who have occupied and stewarded this land since time immemorial.

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Please remember to send a spoon or fork if your child needs one for their lunch or snack. We have a very limited emergency supply in the office.

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



**Late French Immersion Online Registrations open
October 6 to October 20**

Looking for an educational program
that will lead to opportunities for
employment, travel and more?
Late French Immersion may be the
perfect fit. For more information, join
the Langley School District information
online meeting on October 1, at 6 pm
with this QR code, or learn more at:
<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/page/7449/late-french-immersion>





**Pumpkins with a Purpose
October 22, 2025**

THE GGE PUMPKIN PATCH



**Please pay \$3 to cashonline
by October 17th**

Gordon Greenwood Field





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**

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camps!



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Next PAC Meeting – TBA

IMPORTANT LINKS

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

Get ready to show your school spirit! Our spirit wear sale is officially open. This year's collection features new designs and classic favorites, including hoodies, t-shirts, and hats. Don't miss your chance to grab some gear and represent our school. The store is open for a limited time, so place your order today!

<https://www.9blocks.ca/gordongreenwoodspiritwear>

OH, HAPPY DAY! YOUR GGE PAC IS ONLINE!



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UP TO
DATE!**

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