



# Gordon Greenwood Elementary School

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Newsletter #1

September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
Sept. 9	Send School Supplies to New Classes
Sept. 9	PAC Meeting @ 6:00PM
Sept. 12	Motivational Magic Presentation
Sept. 26	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)	<b><i>Labour Day (School Closed)</i></b>
	Sep 2 (T)	School Opens
	Sep 29 (M)	<b><i>School Improvement Day (Students not in attendance)</i></b>
	Sep 30 (T)	<b><i>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)</i></b>
October	Oct 13 (M)	<b><i>Thanksgiving (School Closed)</i></b>
	Oct 24 (F)	<b><i>Professional Development Day (Provincial - Students not in attendance)</i></b>
November	Nov 10 (M)	<b><i>Design &amp; Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students not in attendance)</i></b>
	Nov 11 (T)	<b><i>Remembrance Day (School Closed)</i></b>
	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)	<b><i>Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance)</i></b>
	Feb 13 (F)	<b><i>Design &amp; Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students not in attendance)</i></b>
	Feb 16 (M)	<b><i>Family Day (School Closed)</i></b>
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)	<b><i>Good Friday (School Closed)</i></b>
	Apr 6 (M)	<b><i>Easter Monday (School Closed)</i></b>
May	May 15 (F)	<b><i>Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance)</i></b>
	May 18 (M)	<b><i>Victoria Day (School Closed)</i></b>
June	Jun 25 (Th)	Final Learning Update & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 26 (F)	<b><i>Administrative Day (Students not in attendance)</i></b>
July / August		Summer Session

APPROVED: SD35 Board of Education Meeting  
April 29, 2025

## 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**.*



**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.

### **Official Class Placement Update:**

Hello Gordon Greenwood Families,

It is hard to believe that the weekend has arrived, and we have completed our very first week of school. It has been amazing to reconnect with all our students and families throughout the week.

On Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, students will return to the classes they were in this past week. I have included the chart below as a reminder. Our new Kindergarten students will carry on with their Kindergarten gradual entry schedule. On Monday, students will then be assigned to their official classrooms during the school day. At the end of the day, students will return to the classes from the morning drop off, so that there is no confusion for pickup. On Monday, your child(ren) will be coming home with a letter sharing which class they will be attending for the year. Beginning on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, students will be attending their official classrooms. We appreciate your patience as much time and thought has been spent on creating the classrooms with the district's guidelines in class size and composition. Please see the chart below to see where your child is to be dropped off and picked up on Monday. Kindly send school supplies on Tuesday as students settle into their new classrooms

Kindest regards,

Alan Joo

Thankful to be the Principal at Gordon Greenwood

**Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>: Dropoff and Pickup Class Location**

Last Year's Division	Last year's Teacher	Where do I go for the first week?	Teacher for the first week
3	Hegquist	Rm 151	O'Neill
4	Forrest	Rm 142	Forrest
5	McLean	Rm 141	McLean/Woelders
6	Cogorno	Rm 149	Cogorno
7	Hallen/Cudmore	Rm 150	Hallen/Mills
8	Morrison	Rm 146 North Hall Exterior Doors	Morrison (Tues)  TBA (Tues-Fri)
9	Miller	Rm 164	Miller
10	Peterson	Rm 166	Peterson
11	Johnson/Woelders	Rm 161	Johnson/Woelders
12	Armstrong	Rm 152	Armstrong/Muuren
13	Sanderson	Rm 154 (Tues.)  Room 140 (Wed-Fri)	Gill  Gill
14	Ash/Hobbs	Rm 160 (Tues.)  Rm. 147 (Wed.-Fri)	Ash/TBA/Chan  Chan

## **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](mailto: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?**

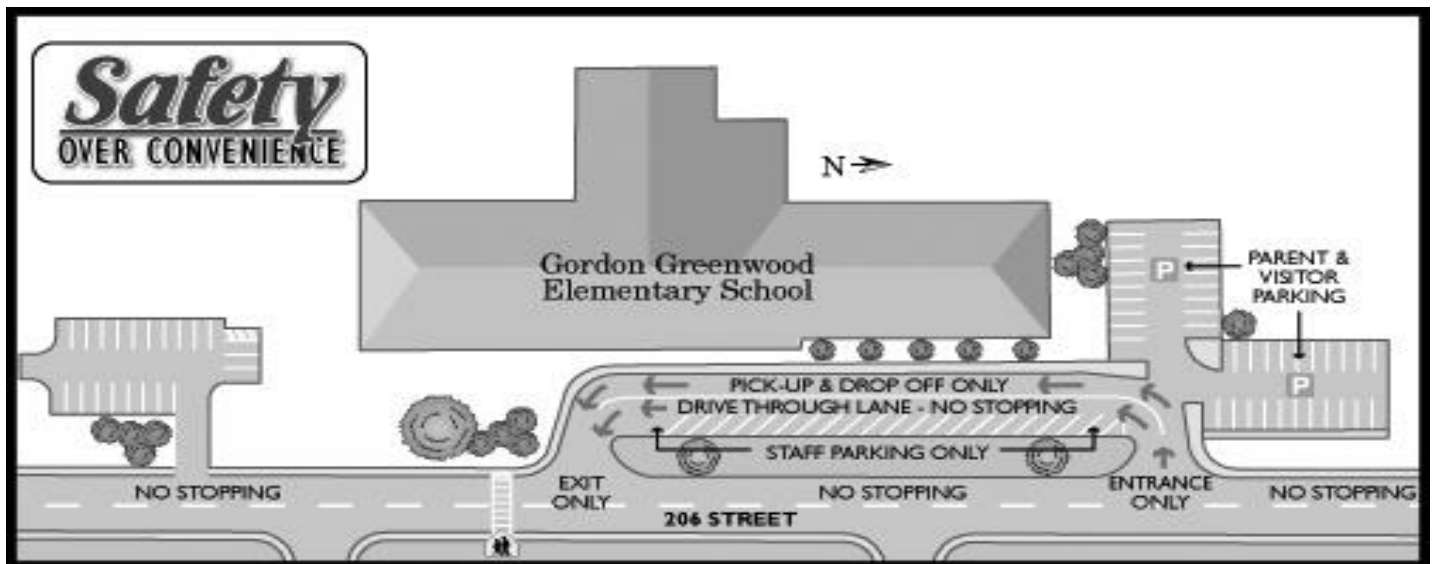
Consider these options:

- 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\*\*](#).*

### **September Health Messaging – Fraser Health**

As part of its health promotion for students and families, our community partner Fraser Health is sharing important information on various topics. The theme for September is Back to School Health. Please share the following information below in your next newsletter or communication to families. This information will be shared on the District's social media channels.

#### ***Back to School Health Tips (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 various topics to keep our students healthy and safe as they return to school. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.*

#### ***Tips for a healthy back to school season***

*As children head back to school, parents face the familiar challenge of managing busy schedules, school routines and inevitably, health concerns.*

*Help set the stage for a healthy school year with Fraser Health's [\*\*Healthy Back to School Guide\*\*](#).*

*Fostering healthy routines for sleep, mealtimes and physical activity can support your child's health and wellness. Learn more at Fraser Health's [\*\*School Health\*\*](#) and [\*\*Children and Youth\*\*](#) pages.*

*Staying healthy during the school year isn't just about routines - it's also about protecting children from illnesses that can spread quickly in classrooms. An important preventable illness to be aware of right now is measles, which has been increasing globally, including here in Canada. Symptoms of measles include fever, cough, runny nose and red, inflamed eyes, followed by a rash. The rash usually starts on the face and neck and spreads to the chest, arms and legs.*

***Get vaccinated against measles***

Immunization is the best way to prevent measles infection. Please check that you (if born in or after 1970) and your children have received at least two doses of a measles-containing vaccine. Find out how to check your immunization records [here](#).

Measles-containing vaccines are available at many [pharmacy locations](#), physician offices and at all [public health units](#).

If your children have symptoms of measles, please keep them home.

If you or your child needs urgent care for something like a high fever, please inform your health care provider before you visit so they can take steps to prevent the spread of measles. Wear a mask and avoid using public transportation.

### **Need general health advice? Fast care for busy families with Fraser Health Virtual Care**

Our Fraser Health Virtual Care registered nurses and dietitians have access to your personal health record and provide convenient, fast health advice and information for busy families. With options for phone or web chat consultations, families receive medical advice from nurses with emergency experience, saving time and, in many cases, avoiding unnecessary visits to clinics or emergency departments. Nurses can connect you directly with a health care provider at an Urgent and Primary Care Centre for various health needs, including questions about measles-like symptoms.

### **How to reach Fraser Health Virtual Care**

1. **Dial 1-800-314-0999.** For an interpreter, say your language in English.
2. For web chat, go to [fraserhealth.ca/virtualcare](https://fraserhealth.ca/virtualcare) and click the blue chat bubble in the right corner to start.

Available 10am to 10pm, seven days a week including statutory holidays (after hours Call 8-1-1). Learn more about Fraser Health Virtual Care, other care options and more at: [\*\*Fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare\*\*](https://fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare)

## **Meet the Teacher Night on September 26th:**

Meet the Teacher Night will be on September 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

# 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 12th, 6:30 pm in the Library

## **IMPORTANT LINKS**

[ggepac@hotmail.com](mailto:ggepac@hotmail.com)

[ggepachotlunch@hotmail.com](mailto: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>

