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Dear Betty Gilbert Middle School Community,

Spring is in full swing at BGMS, and you can feel the energy across the building. A huge shoutout to our WEB Leaders for organizing our annual Easter Egg Hunt, which brought so much joy and connection to our school community. We also want to recognize our staff for putting together engaging opportunities for students, including the LEGO workshop and Fast Track Go Karts, experiences that continue to make BGMS such a vibrant place to learn. As the weather begins to warm up, we kindly ask families to ensure students come to school each day with a filled water bottle so they can stay focused and energized. Looking ahead, we have several important dates coming up.

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on April 29th and 30th, with registration opening next week. We encourage all families to sign up and connect with teachers to discuss student progress and next steps. Our next school dance will take place on May 8th, and we are looking forward to another great evening for our students. For families, the Mane Event (Horse Racing) is scheduled for May 23rd, with proceeds supporting students and families across the Langley School District. Lastly, a reminder that online registration for Summer School and Skill Builders opens on April 27th. We encourage families to take advantage of these opportunities to support continued learning and growth. We appreciate your continued partnership and support as we move through a busy and exciting spring season together.

Mr. Powell
Principal
Betty Gilbert Middle School



Future Dates

April 22: Grade 6 Immunizations, 2nd Visit
April 23: PAC Meeting 7:00PM
April 24: Grade 8 Little Buddies
April 24: Spirit Day

April 29: Early Dismissal (1:55) for P/T Interviews, Early Night
April 30: Early Dismissal (1:55) for P/T Interviews, Late Night
May 5: BGMS Slam Poetry
May 5: Red Dress Day



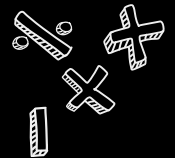
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SUMMER SCHOOL 2026



Are you looking for skill-building or new learning opportunities for your child to keep them engaged during the summer? The District offers a variety of courses as part of Summer Session. Online registration begins on Wednesday, April 22nd for Elementary (Grades 1 to 5), Monday, April 27th for Middle (Grades 6 to 8), and Wednesday, April 29th for Secondary (Grades 9 to 12) at 11:30am each day for Langley School District students. For important dates, times, and courses available to Grade 1-12 students, please visit our webpage → [here](#).

DISTRICT NUMERACY ASSESSMENT 6



The District Numeracy Assessment (DNA 6) is a short assessment designed to help us understand each student's current level of numeracy development. It focuses on key math concepts aligned with the Grade 6 curriculum and provides teachers with valuable information about students' strengths and areas for growth.

This assessment is not used for grading purposes. Instead, it helps guide instruction, supports targeted interventions, and ensures we are meeting the needs of all learners. The results also help our school teams collaborate and plan next steps to support student learning in numeracy.

Our Grade 6 classes will be writing the DNA 6 assessment anytime from next week through to the beginning of May. If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's teacher.

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SCHOOL DANCE

MAY 8TH
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Doors Open at 5:45pm

For All Grade 6 - 8 BGMS Students
Tickets \$10.00
On Sale In Person @ Lunch
May 4th - May 8th
Or School Cash Online

ALL SCHOOL RULES
& DRESS CODES
APPLY



Cellphones Collected @ The Door



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ELECTRIC SCOOTER REMINDER

As we head into the spring months, we are seeing more students using electric kick scooters to travel to and from school. We would like to take a moment to remind families of the safety rules and legal requirements in British Columbia.

Electric kick scooters are similar in design to traditional scooters, however they are powered by a motor and can reach much higher speeds.

In British Columbia:

- Riders must be at least 16 years of age
- Helmets are required
- Scooters cannot be ridden on sidewalks or in crosswalks unless signage permits



Use on public roads depends on municipal pilot programs

While some municipalities are part of a pilot program, not all areas permit their use.

We are aware that some students using electric scooters may be under the age requirement or not following safety guidelines. For safety and legal reasons, we ask families to review these expectations with their child. Schools are not able to store electric scooters for students under 16 and do not promote their use as transportation to and from school. For more information, please visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/personal-mobility-devices/scooter>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/electric-kick-scooter-rules>

Thank you for your support in helping keep all students safe.

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INFORMAL LEARNING UPDATES

Elementary and Middle schools may wish to share the following information to K-8 families in your preferred method of communication:

Over the next few weeks , your child will receive a paper record of the second informal learning update as part of the requirements within the Ministry of Education and Childcare's Reporting Order.

This informal Learning Update serves as a record of communication, which can include (but is not limited to) past email communication, meeting, digital student portfolio or written communication, to serve as an update to families on student learning progress since the Term 2 Formal Learning Update. Parents/Caregivers will be able to see the method of communication indicated at the top of the paper informal Learning Update.

If you have further questions on your child's learning progress, please contact your child's classroom teacher.



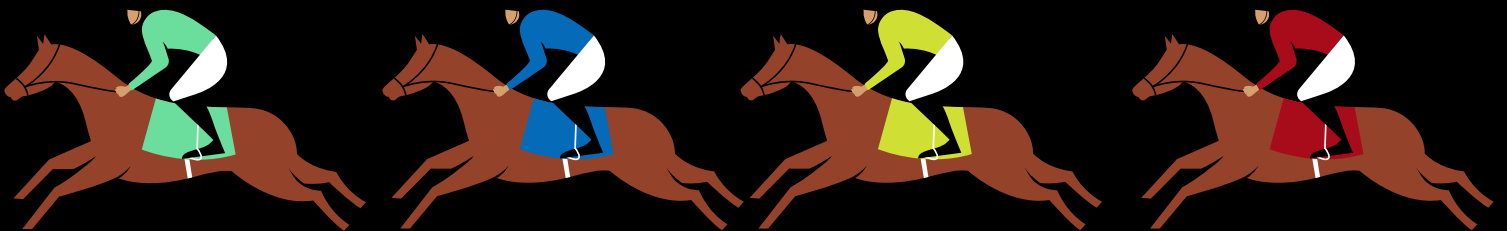
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MANE EVENT

If you're looking for something a little different this spring, The Mane Event is worth a spot on your calendar.

Hosted at Thunderbird Show Park, this Kentucky Derby-inspired afternoon brings together community and world-class show jumping, all in support of Langley students. It's a chance to step away from the everyday and experience something elevated, social, and meaningful.

All proceeds support programs that help remove barriers for students, ensuring they have access to the opportunities they deserve.

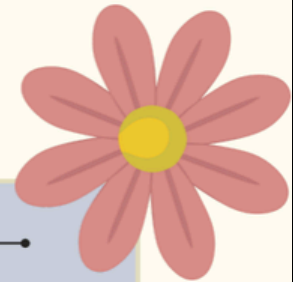


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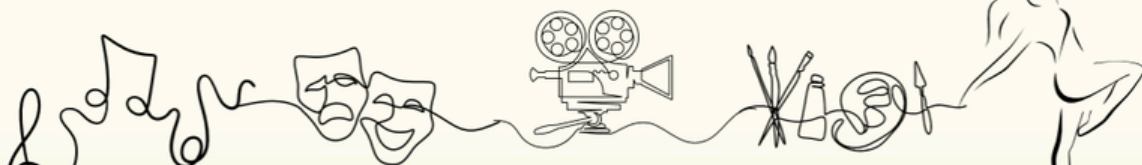


THIS MONTH IN THE ARTS








April



9	NIGHT OF MUSIC Langley Secondary School Main Gym 7:00 PM
15	IB ART SHOW RE Mountain Secondary School Upper Floor 7:00 PM
20-24	NIGHTS OF DRAMA Langley Fine Arts School Chief Sepass 6:30 PM
21	MUSIC JAMBOREE Brookwood Secondary School Main Gym 12:00 - 3:00 PM
22-25 27-29	THE LITTLE MERMAID Langley Fundamental Middle Secondary Main Gym 7:00 PM
30 May 1-2, 7-9	CHICAGO: The Musical Walnut Grove Secondary School WGSS Theatre 7:00 PM



HOT LUNCH DATES

Lunch Date		Lunch Theme
February 10 th		Popcorn
March 4 th		McDonalds
March 31 st		Popcorn
April 8 th		KFC
April 21 st		Popcorn
May 13 th		Pizza
May 26 th		Popcorn



RETURNING FAMILIES CLICK HERE

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Better health. Best in health care.

April 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 April is Physical Activity Outdoors. 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.

Physical Activity Outdoors (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 the importance of physical activity outdoors. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Get Outside and Play

Physical activity is a necessary requirement for optimal health. Regular physical activity in childhood and adolescence helps to develop cardiovascular fitness and muscle strength, supports positive social connections and improves mental well-being.

There are many benefits to unstructured play. These benefits are even greater when engaging in physical activity outdoors. When children and youth spend time outside, they:

1. Sit less, move more and play longer - key to cardiovascular health and fitness.
2. Have healthier eyes - spending more time outside reduces nearsightedness risks.
3. Sleep better - sunlight helps regulate sleep hormones and sleep patterns.
4. Enjoy improved mood - physical activity can reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression.
5. Feel more connected to nature - appreciation of the environment and being in nature can support healthy and balanced emotions.

Planning active outings doesn't have to be challenging or costly. Here are some fun ideas you can try:

- Try a new activity – check out [geocaching](#) or attend a local explorer day with [NatureKidsBC](#).
- Unplug and connect – ideas to decrease recreational [screen time](#).
- Go for a scavenger hunt – try this [nature scavenger hunt](#).
- Go for a walk or hike – try these [10 hikes to take your kids on this summer](#).
- Play in a forest or park – try a new [regional park](#) every day for a week.
- Explore a local stream – check these [beautiful watershed walks](#) in the region. Learn about [water safety for children](#).
- Swim at the pool, waterpark or beach – check [beach safety conditions](#) first or stay cool at a local spray park.
- Ride a bike or scooter – explore the [Hope Bike Park](#) or check out these rides along [Boundary Bay](#), [Pitt Meadows](#) or [Vedder Greenway](#). Learn more about cycling safety on [Fraser Health's website](#).
- Visit farms, fish hatcheries and bird sanctuaries – try this [local family fun guide](#) for unique ideas.

Find more ideas to keep your kids active through the year on Fraser Health's [Keeping children active](#) page.

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SCHOOL CLUBS



Creative Writing Club – Mondays at lunch

Mindful Colouring Club- Wednesday

Pokémon Club – Tuesdays at lunch

Reading Raptors – Thursdays at lunch

Homework Club - Tuesdays

Homework Club ELL -Tuesdays

Kickboxing Club - Meeting Thursday after school

Homework Club - Wednesday after school



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Bell Schedule 2025-2026

Please [Click Here](#) for the 2025-26 bell schedule.

School Calendar 2025-2026

Please [Click Here](#) for the Middle school calendar for 2025-26.



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2025/2026 School Calendar

School District #35 (Langley)

2025-2026 School Calendar

Middle Schools

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sep 1 (M)	Labour Day (School Closed)
	Sep 2 (T)	School Opens
	Sep 29 (M)	School Improvement Day (Students not in attendance)
	Sep 30 (T)	Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)
October	Oct 13 (M)	Thanksgiving (School Closed)
	Oct 22 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 23 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 24 (F)	Professional Development Day (Provincial - Students not in attendance)
November	Nov 10 (M)	Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students not in attendance)
	Nov 11 (T)	Remembrance Day (School Closed)
	Nov 28 (F)	Learning Updates Issued
December	Dec 19 (F)	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
January	Jan 5 (M)	School Re-Opens After Winter Break
February	Feb 9 (M)	Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance)
	Feb 13 (F)	Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students not in attendance)
	Feb 16 (M)	Family Day (School Closed)
March	Mar 13 (F)	Learning Updates Issued
	Mar 13 (F)	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
	Mar 30 (M)	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
April	Apr 3 (F)	Good Friday (School Closed)
	Apr 6 (M)	Easter Monday (School Closed)
	Apr 29 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Apr 30 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
May	May 15 (F)	Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance)
	May 18 (M)	Victoria Day (School Closed)
June	Jun 23 (T)	Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 26 (F)	Administrative Day (Students not in attendance) Final Learning Update
July / August		Summer Session