

# Raptor Report

Welcome back BGMS Families,

I hope everyone had a great summer filled with time to relax, recharge, and enjoy family and friends. We are excited to welcome our new families, students, and staff to the BGMS Raptors community. We are glad you are here.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead at Betty Gilbert Middle. Our staff cannot wait to see our new Grade 6 students on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:45am to 11:30am, and all students in Grades 6 to 8 on Wednesday, September 3 from 8:45am to 2:55pm.

Below you will find some key information to help you get ready for the year. Please take a few minutes to read through so you are up to date with what is happening at BGMS.

*Aaron Powell*

*Proud Principal – Betty Gilbert Middle School*



## Future Dates

Sept 1<sup>st</sup>: Labour Day (School Closed)

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>: School begins for **GRADE 6 STUDENTS ONLY** (8:45am-11:30am)

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>: FIRST FULL DAY - **ALL STUDENTS** Grades 6-8 (8:45am-2:55pm)

Sept 5<sup>th</sup>: GRADE 6 Band Demo

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>: Student Expectations Assembly

Sept 16<sup>th</sup>: Free Popcorn Day (PAC)

Sept 17<sup>th</sup>: PAC Meeting

Sept 19<sup>th</sup>: Terry Fox Run

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>: Photo Day

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>: Orange Shirt Week

Sept 29<sup>th</sup>: School Improvement Day – No Students

Sept 30<sup>th</sup>: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)

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## First Week Of School

Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Grade 6 students ONLY**

Time - 8:45am –11:30am

Sign-in (alphabetical) begins at the front of the school at 8:30am. Once students have received a name tag they will wait outside until 8:45am and the WEB leaders will guide them into the gym.

We will have many staff members available to support students and help to ensure they know where to go. Students will be connecting with our grade 8 WEB leaders and will be given a snack and juice box. At the end of the orientation, students will have the opportunity to connect with their homeroom teacher and will be given instructions in preparation for their full day on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please leave all school supplies at home as students will not need them for their orientation day.





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**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – ALL grades 6-8 students**

First FULL day - 8:45am-2:55pm

On Tuesday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> by 5PM an email will be sent by homeroom teachers confirming grade 7 & 8 students' division number, teacher name and room location. I have attached a school map to help guide you. Please watch for this email and check your junk mail if you do not receive it.

If you do not receive an email and your child does not know what class to attend then please have them ask a staff member who will be able to guide them.

Students who are new and have not registered should report to the office.



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## How do I find my classroom on the first day of school?

Grade 6 students will enter through the front doors on Tues. September 2<sup>nd</sup>

During their morning orientation, they will learn where their homeroom is.  
The following day, Grade 6's will line up at their homeroom exterior door.

## On Wed. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Grade 7 students will return to their former Grade 6 homeroom.

On Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, all Grade 7 & 8 families will receive an email with a school map attached explaining which homeroom their child will go to on Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Any student who is unsure of where their classroom is, can meet staff at the front doors of the school and they will be helped.



# Reminder

We are a 'no phones from bell to bell' school. Thank you for your support. Please call the office if you need to leave a message for your child.



BELL SCHEDULE	
8:40	Welcome Bell
8:45	10:20 Block 1
10:20	10:35 Recess
10:35	11:50 Block 2
11:50	12:25 Lunch
12:25	1:40 Block 3
1:40	2:55 Block 4

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## PAC EXECUTIVE

President: Laura Wheway

Vice-President: Allie Brush

Secretary: Raena Park

Treasurer: Jodi-Rae Stiglic

DPAC Representative: none

Members at Large: Tiffany Harrison, Nicole Chadwick, Jennifer Bradley

Coordinators:

Hot Lunch (none)

Popcorn: Allie Brush

Scholarships: Allie Brush

Fundraiser (none)

## PAC MEETINGS

*All parents/guardians are invited to attend the BGMS PAC meetings which will take place in the learning commons. The first meeting is September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please ([Click here](#)) for a direct link to the PAC Facebook Page.*



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## **Welcome New Staff**

We would like to welcome new and returning staff to BGMS... this is a fantastic team to belong to!

M. Brown - SEA

J. Van Mourik - Youth Care Worker

B. Becker - Resource



**WELCOME**

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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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## **RAPTORS SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE ONLINE!**

We offer hoodies, bags, t-shirts and other spirit wear options for students to purchase. Our Raptors Spirit Wear will be available online in the coming weeks. An email will be sent out once this is available.

## **HOT LUNCH & POPCORN ORDERS**

We will be continuing with hot lunch and popcorn days! More information will arrive in the coming weeks. Families are invited to order hot lunch and popcorn through the 'MunchaLunch' site. To set up or log into your account, please go to: <https://munchalunch.com/home.html>



## **STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS**

Students will be given a STUDENT VERIFICATION FORM during the second week of school. This form is VERY IMPORTANT as it contains the contact and medical information we have in our system. Please make any corrections in red ink if possible. It is vital that these forms are returned by September 20th so our records can be updated. For safety reasons, we need up to date contact information for each student.

## **THANK YOU**

A huge thank you goes out to our custodial staff who worked tirelessly this summer to ensure our school looks great. Their hard work is greatly appreciated and perfectly demonstrates our Raptor Traits of Respect and Responsibility. We will show our gratitude by doing our best to take care of the school.

THANK  
YOU



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## 2025/2026 School Calendar

School District #35 (Langley)

2025-2026 School Calendar

### Middle Schools

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sep 1 (M)	<b>Labour Day (School Closed)</b>
	Sep 2 (T)	School Opens
	Sep 29 (M)	<b>School Improvement Day (Students not in attendance)</b>
	Sep 30 (T)	<b>Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)</b>
October	Oct 13 (M)	<b>Thanksgiving (School Closed)</b>
	Oct 22 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 23 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 24 (F)	<b>Professional Development Day (Provincial - Students not in attendance)</b>
November	Nov 10 (M)	<b>Design &amp; Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students not in attendance)</b>
	Nov 11 (T)	<b>Remembrance Day (School Closed)</b>
	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)	<b>Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance)</b>
	Feb 13 (F)	<b>Design &amp; Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students not in attendance)</b>
	Feb 16 (M)	<b>Family Day (School Closed)</b>
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)	<b>Good Friday (School Closed)</b>
	Apr 6 (M)	<b>Easter Monday (School Closed)</b>
	Apr 29 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Apr 30 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
May	May 15 (F)	<b>Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance)</b>
	May 18 (M)	<b>Victoria Day (School Closed)</b>
June	Jun 23 (T)	Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 26 (F)	<b>Administrative Day (Students not in attendance) Final Learning Update</b>
July / August		Summer Session