

Raptor Report

Dear BGMS Community,

As we wrap up the year, it's hard not to pause and smile at just how incredible it's been. This school is special because of the people in it, our students, staff, families, and the wider community who show up, pitch in, and genuinely care about one another. We are incredibly grateful for the support, generosity, and positive energy that surrounds our school every single day.

The past few weeks were a perfect snapshot of that spirit. Our PAC Pancake Breakfast was a huge success, powered by teamwork and community pride, even a power outage couldn't slow it down. Our WEB leaders did an outstanding job connecting with our Grade 6 students through games and activities. The Christmas Assembly brought us together in celebration, and Wild Education brought an amazing collection of animals to our school, giving students the chance to learn up close with snakes, lizards, and other fascinating creatures that had everyone talking.

As we head into the break, we want to thank you for making this year such a meaningful one. We wish all of our families a restful and joyful two weeks off, filled with time together, laughter, and well-earned rest. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another great chapter together.

Aaron Powell
Principal
Betty Gilbert Middle School



Future Dates

December 20 – January 4: Winter Break
January 5: School reopens after Winter Break
January 16: School Dance
January 20: Popcorn Day (PAC)
January 22: PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM
January 29: Rotation #4 Begins

February 9: Pro-D Day, no students in attendance.
February 11: Grade 6 Immunizations
February 12: PAC Meeting @ 7:00 PM
February 13: Design and Assessment Day, no students in attendance
February 16: Family Day, school closed
February 25: Pink Shirt Day
February 26: Raptor Recognition Assembly (AM)



Jackman Manor



Our students visited Jackman Manor to deliver handmade cards, and judging by the smiles all around, the residents loved every minute of it. A simple act of kindness, and a powerful reminder that connection across generations never goes out of style.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



A huge thank you to our amazing PAC and to our school community for coming together to make the Pancake Breakfast happen. Even with a power outage trying to steal the spotlight, teamwork, flexibility, and good vibes prevailed. This is what community looks like, showing up for kids no matter what.



WILD EDUCATION



A huge thank you to Wild Education for bringing their incredible animals to our school. Our students were absolutely captivated, especially by the snakes and lizards, and the excitement, curiosity, and brave volunteering said it all. Learning came alive in the best possible way, hands-on, memorable, and full of wonder.



School Dance



GET UP & GLOW

School Dance

JANUARY 16TH

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Doors Open @ 5:45pm

For All Grades 6-8 BGMS Students

Tickets \$10.00

On Sale In Person @ Lunch

January 12th - January 16th

Or School Cash Online



ALL SCHOOL RULES & DRESS CODES APPLY

Cell Phones Will Be
Collected @ the Door



Available Family Resources



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As we enter the winter break, Aldergrove Community Schools want to ensure families can be connected to community services and resources. The holidays can be challenging times on top of recent flooding. We encourage all members of our community to seek support in whatever way is needed. Emergency Services information can be found on the Township of Langley [website](#). The resources listed below are current and are available to you now.

Food Resources:

- Aldergrove Food Bank - <https://langleyfoodbank.com/aldergrove/> or email info@langleyfoodbank.com
- See attached food resource flyer from Meals on Wheels for other Aldergrove Food options

Mental Health and Wellness Resources:

Your Child or Teen is having thoughts of suicide or is experiencing a mental health crisis START: Phone: 1-844-START1 / 1 (1-844-782-7811)

Counselling support and information for youth and families:

- Langley Foundry: <https://foundrybc.ca/centre/langley/>
- Foundry BC: <https://foundrybc.ca/foundry-virtual-bc/?tab=virtual-services>
- Helpful Apps: <https://foundrybc.ca/get-support/apps-tools/>

Crisis Lines: Available 24/7 by phone or video call for youth and families

- Kid's Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868 / <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>
- Fraser Health Crisis Line: 604-951-8855 or 1-877-820-7444 (toll-free)
- Crisis Line for Indigenous Elders, Adults and Youth: TOLL FREE: 1-800-588-8717 <https://www.kuu-uscrisisline.com/>



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Better health. Best in health care.

December Health Messaging – Fraser Health

We're continuing to support student health and safety. Please review these quick reminders from Fraser Health.

Get Ready for Winter

Winter weather can bring storms, cold snaps, and power outages. Make a plan to stay warm and safe at home.

- Get ready for winter: Snow and cold safety – Fraser Health Authority
- Indoor air quality – Fraser Health Authority

Dress for the Cold

Layer up with hats, gloves, scarves and waterproof boots. Kids can be more prone to hypothermia and frostbite, so remind them to bundle up before heading out.

Prevent Winter Illness

Flu season is here. Consider annual flu vaccines, teach hand-washing and good cough etiquette, and keep kids home when sick. Masks can help reduce spread when staying home isn't possible. Learn more about masks [here](#).

Keep Moving

Stay active with skating, sledding, family walks, indoor play, dancing, yoga or drop-in community programs. If you're playing on frozen lakes or ponds, make sure the ice is safe – check the Lifesaving Society website.

Find more winter health tips on Fraser Health's Winter Health page.



HOT LUNCH DATES

Lunch Date	Order by Date	Lunch Theme
Wed, Oct 01, 2025	Thu, Sep 25, 2025 11:59PM	Panago Pizza Hot Lunch
Tue, Oct 21, 2025	Fri, Oct 17, 2025 11:59PM	Popcorn Day
Wed, Nov 05, 2025	Mon, Oct 27, 2025 11:59PM	McDonalds Hot Lunch Day
Tue, Nov 18, 2025	Fri, Nov 14, 2025 11:59 PM	Popcorn Day
Wed, Dec 03, 2025	Mon, Nov 24, 2025 11:59 PM	KFC Hot Lunch Day
Tue, Dec 16, 2025	Fri, Dec 12, 2025 11:59 PM	Popcorn Day
Tue, Jan 20, 2026	Fri, Jan 16, 2026 11:59 PM	Popcorn Day



NEW FAMILIES CLICK HERE

RETURNING FAMILIES CLICK HERE



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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.



TIME	SUNDAY	MONDAY
8:00 AM		
9:00 AM		
10:00 AM		
11:00 AM		

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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