

# Raptor Report

Dear Betty Gilbert Community,

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful Sunday weather. Happy Black History Month. Throughout February, our students will be learning about important Black leaders, innovators, and changemakers, and taking part in activities that celebrate diversity, equity, and the many contributions of Black communities in Canada and around the world.

We were very grateful to have some grads come in to teach our Grade 8 students karate. It was a great opportunity for our students to learn new skills, build confidence, and connect with older students who serve as positive role models.

Just a reminder that students do not have school this Monday or Friday. We hope you enjoy the long weekends, get outside if you can, and spend some quality time with family and friends. Have a wonderful week ahead.

Aaron Powell  
Principal  
Betty Gilbert Middle School



## Future Dates

Feb 9 Pro-D day - No students  
Feb 11 Grade 6 immunizations (1st visit)  
Feb 12 Spirit Day  
Feb 13 Design & Assessment Day - No students  
Feb 16 Family Day - School closed  
Feb 17 Grade 8 Course Planning ( BGMS Library)  
Feb 19 PAC Meeting  
Feb 26 Raptor Recognition Assembly (AM)

Mar 3 District Team Lead  
Mar 4 Band concert  
Mar 4 Formal learning updates due Q2  
Mar 4 HUB day  
Mar 5 Staff meeting (3:10)  
Mar 6 International Women's day  
Mar 9 – 13 Spirit week

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Happy New Year from your Community School

This year we continue to have more programs and resources coming your way. We're always looking for feedback regarding community schools. Please fill out the [survey link](#) to help us grow.

## Upcoming Programs

Babysitter's Course – 11+ yrs

Mon, Feb 9

8am-4pm

BGMS

\$75/person

[Signup Link](#)

\*there will be another course on May 15

Valentine's Paint Night – All Ages

Wed, Feb 11

6:30-8pm

ACSS

\$20/person

[Signup Link](#)



Langley Fine Arts School Open House – Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Are you looking for a program that encourages secondary students to EXPLORE, CREATE, and INSPIRE? Langley Fine Arts is inviting families to an open house to learn more about secondary programming streams including Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Photography, and Writing. This unique, publicly funded, K-12 fine arts school located in historic Fort Langley, combines provincial curriculum with high-level courses that develop aesthetic intelligence in student artists. Administrators and staff will share information, lead tours, and answer questions. Join us on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> anytime between 9:30am and 2:30pm. Our address is 9096 Trattle Street (Fort Langley) and check in will be at the main entrance (on Trattle Street).

For more information about LFAS, visit the school website:

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/lfas>

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## MÍMELE playgroup

An Indigenous Drop-in Playgroup

A CULTURALLY SAFE SPACE FOR INDIGENOUS  
FAMILIES TO GATHER, LEARN, AND PLAY.

WE STRIVE TO BUILD A STRONG COMMUNITY FOR  
RAISING CHILDREN WITH TRADITION AND  
CULTURE.

ALL FAMILIES WITH INDIGENOUS  
CHILDREN 0-8 YEARS OLD ARE  
WELCOME! THIS PLAYGROUP IS FOR  
CHILDREN AND PARENTS/CAREGIVERS.

### MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

9:30 AM-11:30 AM

SHORTREED ELEMENTARY  
27330 28 AVE, ALDERGROVE, BC

### TUESDAY & FRIDAYS

9:30 AM-11:30 AM

BLACKLOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
5100 206 ST, LANGLEY, BC

Limited food hampers will be available  
to families attending from  
Stable Harvest farms

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# HOT LUNCH DATES

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



**RETURNING FAMILIES CLICK HERE**

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fraserhealth

Better health. Best in health care.

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 February is Sexual Health. Please share the following information below in your next newsletter or communication to families. This information has been shared on the District's social media channels.

## Sexual Health (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 Sexual Health. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

## Sexual Health (from Fraser Health)

### Healthy Childhood and Youth Development includes Sexual Health

Learning about sexual health, including understanding your body, its changes, health conditions, personal hygiene, healthy relationships, consent and sexuality, are all part of growing up. Youth going through puberty experience big physical, emotional and social changes. Talking about sexual health can encourage children and youth to identify their values and develop skills that promote healthy decision making and self-esteem.

### How do I teach my child about sex and sexuality?

Beginning to talk to your children, as early as pre-school age, about sexual health is important. Establishing an open and trusting relationship with your child will help them know they can come to you for honest and reliable information about sex and sexuality.

For help on how to talk to your child and what to include about sexual health, read Fraser Health's [Sexual education for children page](#).

## Youth Clinics

Let your teen know about our youth clinics. Located throughout the Fraser Health region, these clinics offer free and confidential sexual health care for youth, with age eligibility varying by site and service. Learn more about the services available at youth clinics [here](#).

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## SCHOOL CLUBS



Creative Writing Club – Mondays at lunch

Mindful Colouring Club- Wednesday

Pokémon Club – Tuesdays at lunch

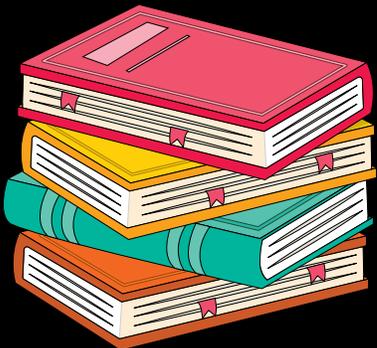
Reading Raptors – Thursdays at lunch

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.



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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