



Raptor



Report



Good evening, BGMS families, and Happy Thanksgiving! I hope everyone is enjoying a restful long weekend with family and friends.

It's been a busy few weeks at BGMS. Our students came out in full force for the Terry Fox Run, and we broke a school record for donations this year! Thank you to every student, family, and staff member who ran, cheered, and gave so generously to support cancer research.

On September 29, our school came together for our Orange Shirt Day Assembly and Walk. A special thank you to Melissa Epp for honouring us with her drumming and for leading our assembly. It was a meaningful morning as we honoured the children who never returned home, Survivors of residential schools, and their families and communities. Thank you to our students and staff for wearing orange and for the respect they showed throughout the day.

We also had a lot of fun at our Turkey Trot! Students showed great energy and school spirit. Looking ahead, we have a full month coming up. Our next PAC meeting is this Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 PM, and all families are welcome. On October 20, Jack Thomas will be at BGMS to share his Down Beat of Hope presentation with our students. Parent-Teacher interviews take place October 21 and 22, with early dismissal at 1:55 both days. October 21 is our late night, so evening times will be available for families who need them. October 23 is a Pro-D day with no students. Our Grade 8 students will close out the month with their Halloween carnival on October 30, and picture retake day is November 3.

Thank you for your continued support. A school is only as strong as the people who show up for each other, and at BGMS, we show up. Have a wonderful week, everyone!

A. Powell

Mr. Powell
Principal
Betty Gilbert Middle School



Future Dates

Oct. 12 Thanksgiving, School Closed
Oct. 15 PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Oct. 20 Popcorn
Oct. 20 Jack Thomas (Down Beat of Hope presentation)
Oct. 21 Early dismissal (1:55) for P/T interviews (Late Night)

Oct. 22 Early dismissal (1:55) for P/T interviews
Oct. 23 Pro-D day - No students
Oct. 26 Rotation #2 starts
Oct. 27 Hot Lunch
Oct. 30 Grade 8 Halloween carnival
Nov. 3 Photo re-take day

RAPTOR NEWS



Free Track and Field Sessions

BGMS students are invited to attend free, student-led track and field sessions at Aldergrove Community Secondary School on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3:30–4:00 p.m., October 20 to November 12. All skill levels are welcome! Please complete the attached permission form and email it to sartaajshokar@gmail.com or bring a copy to the first session. Questions can also be directed to Sartaaj Shokar at the same email address.



Skate Canada

Teen/Adult Learn to Skate

Tuesdays 4:15–5:00pm at the Aldergrove Community Centre

Join us on the ice this season.
It's never too late to learn something new!

For more info contact:
info@aldergroveskatingclub.com or call 604-857-1696



It's never too late to hit the ice! Join the Aldergrove Skating Club for our Teen/Adult Learn to Skate program, every Tuesday from 4:15–5:00 PM at the Aldergrove Community Centre. Whether you're a beginner or looking to build your confidence, come out, have fun, and learn something new!

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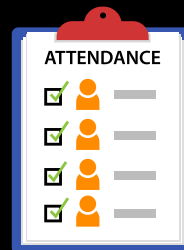
Attendance

Regular attendance is one of the biggest factors in student success. Being at school helps students build academic skills, friendships, confidence, and positive learning habits. Did you know?

- Missing just 2 days a month adds up to 18 days a year, or 10% of the school year.
- Chronic absenteeism is linked to lower academic achievement and a reduced likelihood of graduating from high school.

We understand that illness and family circumstances sometimes keep students home. If attendance becomes a challenge, please reach out so we can work together to support your child.

Every day matters. Every Raptor counts!



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.



PAC Information

- President: Laura Wheway
- Vice-President: Melissa Epp
- Secretary: Erin Reimer
- Treasurer: Allie Brush
- DPAC Representative: VACANT
- Members at Large: Jodi Stiglic

Coordinators:

Hot Lunch: Jen Bradley

Popcorn: Erin Reimer

Scholarships: Allie Brush

Fundraisers: VACANT

PAC MEETING Dates

All parents/guardians are invited to attend the BGMS PAC meetings which will take place in the Library. The first meeting is [September 17 at 7:15pm.](#)

Please → [CLICK HERE](#) for a direct link to the PAC Facebook Page.

PAC Meeting Dates (6:30PM start time)

October 15

November 19

December 10

January 21

February 11

March 11

April 15

May 13

June 10



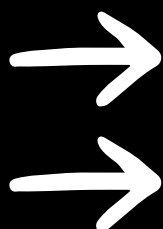
Munch a Lunch

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

UPCOMING LUNCH DATES

Order your student's lunch through Munchalunch!
Be sure to place your order by the deadline for each date.

OCT 6	Mini Donuts 	Order Closes: SEPT 28
OCT 20	Popcorn 	Order Closes: OCT 15
OCT 27	Panago 	Order Closes: OCT 19
NOV 17	Popcorn 	Order Closes: NOV 12
NOV 24	KFC 	Order Closes: NOV 16
DEC 8	A&W 	Order Closes: NOV 30
DEC 15	Popcorn 	Order Closes: DEC 10
JAN 12	Nikko Sushi 	Order Closes: JAN 4
JAN 19	Popcorn 	Order Closes: JAN 14



New Families Click here

Returning Families Click here

Election Day – Use of School Sites (October 17 and October 24)

On Saturday, October 17th (local election) and Saturday, October 24th (provincial election), many school gyms across the District will be used as election polling stations. As guided by Section 81 of the Election Act “accommodation in a school that is the property of a Board of School Trustees under the School Act must be made available by the Board for use as a voting place.”

Please take note of extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area of these sites on these days. The District appreciates the support and cooperation from families and members of our community. The District is encouraging everyone who is eligible to do their civic duty and vote. For a list of school sites being used, visit the District website [here](#).

Parent Consent Forms on MyEDBC Ready for Families

Parent consent forms can now be received on MyEDBC. Families are asked to please log in to the [MyEDBC parent portal](#) and complete the process. A set of consent forms will need to be completed for each child attending a Langley school. It is advised to access MyEDBC and complete the parent consent forms using a desktop or laptop as the process requires the full site version (which is not mobile-friendly). For step-by-step instructions, please read [here](#). More information can be found on the District website [here](#).

Coats for Kids Campaign

The Langley School District Foundation, in partnership with the Langley School District, is pleased to bring back the Coats for Kids Campaign for its second year.

Schools are invited to collect new or gently used winter coats for students from K - Grade 12. We're asking for your help in sharing this campaign with your school community and encouraging families to participate. Cash donations are also graciously accepted and will help us purchase additional coats for students in need.

Collection Dates: October 14th – 30th

Drop-off: Any Langley School OR Langley School Board Office

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School Calendar 2026-2027

2026 – 2027 BGMS CALENDAR

X	School Closed
PTC	1 Hour Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences
R1-6	Exploration Rotation Start
PD	Pro-D Day Students Not in Attendance
DA	Design & Assessment Day Students Not in Attendance
SID	School Improvement Day Students Not in Attendance
TD	Transition Day Students Not in Attendance
Green = Hub Days for Gr8 Expos See separate doc explaining timing on these days (only impacts Gr 8)	

PT Conference Bell Schedule		ACSS HUB Day
Welcome	8:38	8:38
Block 1	8:43 – 9:50	8:43 – 9:51
Block 2	9:55 – 11:00	9:56 – 11:02
Lunch	11:00 – 11:40	11:02 – 11:37
Block 3	11:40 – 12:45	11:42 – 12:48
Block 4	12:50 – 1:57	12:53 – 1:57

Regular Bell Schedule		A	B		C	D
Welcome	8:38	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Block 1	8:43 – 10:20	A	B	Varied	C	D
Recess	10:20 – 10:35					
Block 2	10:35 – 11:50	B	A	Block	D	C
Lunch	11:50 – 12:25					
Block 3	12:25 – 1:40	C	D	Order	A	B
Block 4	1:40 – 2:57	D	C	See Calendar	B	A

	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
SEPT		1 X	2 X	3 X	4 X	7 X	8 Gr.6 Only	9 A1	10 C2	11 D1	14 A2	15 B1	16 A2	17 C1	18 D2	21 A1	22 B2	23 D1	24 C2	25 SID	28 A1	29 B2	30 X		
OCT				1 C1	2 D2	5 A1	6 B2	7 B1	8 C2	9 D1	12 X	13 B2	14 A1	15 C2	16 D1	19 A2	20 B1	21 D2 PTC	22 C1 PTC	23 PD	26 A2	27 B1	28 C2	29 C1	30 D2
NOV	2 A1	3 B2	4 A1	5 C2	6 D1	9 A2	10 B1	11 X	12 C2	13 D1	16 A2	17 B1	18 D2	19 C1	20 DA	23 A2	24 B1	25 B2	26 C1	27 D2	30 A1				
DEC		1 B2	2 C1	3 C2	4 D1	7 A2	8 B1	9 D2	10 C1	11 D2	14 A1	15 B2	16 D1	17 C2	18 X	21 X	22 X	23 X	24 X	25 X	28 X	29 X	30 X	31 X	
JAN					1 X	4 X	5 B1	6 A2	7 C1	8 D2	11 A1	12 B2	13 C1	14 C2	15 D1	18 A2	19 B1	20 B2	21 C1	22 D2	25 A1	26 B2	27 D1	28 C2	29 D1
FEB	1 A1	2 B2	3 A1	4 C2	5 D1	8 PD	9 B2	10 A1	11 C2	12 D1	15 X	16 B2	17 A1	18 C2	19 D1	22 A2	23 B1	24 D2	25 C1	26 D2					
MAR	1 A1	2 B2	3 C1	4 C2	5 D1	8 A2	9 B1	10 D2	11 C1	12 D2	15 X	16 X	17 X	18 X	19 X	22 X	23 X	24 X	25 X	26 X	29 X	30 B1	31 A2		
APR				1 C1	2 D2	5 A1	6 B2	7 B1	8 C2	9 D1	12 DA	13 B2	14 B1	15 C2	16 D1	19 A2	20 B1	21 A2	22 C1	23 D2	26 A1	27 B2	28 D1 PTC	29 C2 PTC	30 D1
MAY	3 A2	4 B1	5 A2	6 C1	7 D2	10 A1	11 B2	12 B1	13 C2	14 D1	17 A2	18 B1	19 D2	20 C1	15 PD	24 X	25 B2	26 A1	27 C2	28 D1	31 A2				
JUN		1 B1	2 A2	3 C1	4 D2	7 A1	8 B2	9 C1	10 C2	11 D1	14 A2	15 B1	16 D2	17 C1	18 D2	21 A1	22 B2	23 C1	24 C2	25 D1	28 TD	29 TD	30 X		

2026/2027 School Calendar

School District #35 (Langley) 2026-2027 School Calendar Middle Schools

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sep 7 (M)	Labour Day (School Closed)
	Sep 8 (T)	School Opens
	Sep 25 (F)	School Improvement Day (Students Not in Attendance)
	Sep 30 (W)	Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)
October	Oct 12 (M)	Thanksgiving (School Closed)
	Oct 21 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 22 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 23 (F)	Professional Development Day (Provincial - Students Not in Attendance)
November	Nov 11 (W)	Remembrance Day (School Closed)
	Nov 20 (F)	Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)
	Nov 27 (F)	Learning Updates Issued
December	Dec 17 (Th)	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
January	Jan 5 (T)	School Re-Opens After Winter Break
February	Feb 8 (M)	Professional Development Day (District - Students Not in Attendance)
	Feb 15 (M)	Family Day (Schools Closed)
March	Mar 12 (F)	Learning Updates Issued
	Mar 12 (F)	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
	Mar 26 (F)	Good Friday (School Closed)
	Mar 29 (M)	Easter Monday (School Closed)
	Mar 30 (T)	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
April	Apr 12 (M)	Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)
	Apr 28 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Apr 29 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
May	May 21 (F)	Professional Development Day (District - Students Not in Attendance)
	May 24 (M)	Victoria Day (School Closed)
June	Jun 25 (F)	Last Day for school for students prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 29 (T)	Final Learning Update Issued
	Jun 30 (W)	Administrative Day (Students Not in Attendance)
July / August		Summer Session