October 25th 2026

# Raptor Report

Good evening, BGMS families!

I hope everyone has had a great week! Thank you to all the families who joined us for Parent-Teacher Interviews. We appreciate you taking the time to connect with our teachers and discuss your child's learning and progress. On October 20, we were also fortunate to welcome Jack Thomas to BGMS for his Down Beat of Hope presentation. Jack shared a powerful message of hope, resilience, and perseverance, and we are grateful he spent the day with our school community.

Looking ahead, our Grade 8 students will host the Halloween Carnival on October 30! Students are welcome to wear school-appropriate costumes. Please remember that costumes must not include weapons or replicas, face masks that conceal a student's identity, or culturally inappropriate costumes that stereotype or disrespect cultural, racial, or religious groups. We want everyone to enjoy a fun, safe, and inclusive celebration! November is Attendance Awareness Month at BGMS, and we encourage families to prioritize regular school attendance whenever possible. Being at school helps students build relationships, engage in learning, and feel connected to their school community.

We also have several important dates coming up. We will honour those who have served on Indigenous Veterans Day on November 8 and hold our Remembrance Day assembly on November 10. School will be closed Wednesday, November 11, for Remembrance Day.

Lastly, we look forward to celebrating our students at our Raptor Recognition Assembly on November 13! Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our BGMS community. Have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to another great week at BGMS!
Warm regards,

*A. Powell*

Mr. Powell
Principal
Betty Gilbert Middle School








## Future Dates

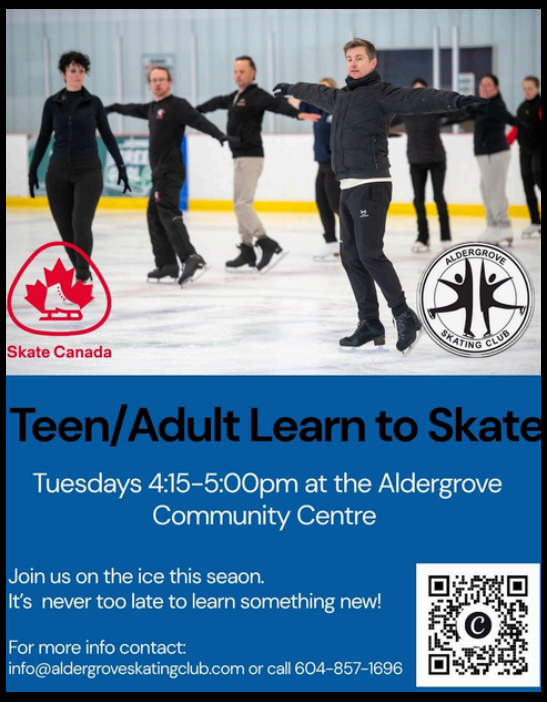
Oct. 26 Rotation #2 starts
Oct. 27 Hot Lunch
Oct. 30 Grade 8 Halloween carnival
Nov. 3 Photo re-take day
Nov. 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
Nov. 10 Remembrance Day assemblies
Nov. 13 Raptor Recognition Assembly
Nov. 17 Popcorn Day
Nov. 19 PAC Meeting 6:30PM
Nov. 20 No Students in session

# 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.




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!

📩 info@aldergroveskatingclub.com

# Attendance Awarness Month

November is Attendance Awareness Month at BGMS

This November we're putting a spotlight on attendance. To be clear right up front: if your child is sick, please keep them home. That's an absence we want to know about, not one we're worried about. What we're focusing on is cutting down on unexcused absences, where we don't hear from home, and lates.

Why it matters.

Every day at school counts, and missed days add up faster than you'd think. Two days a month, from Grade 6 to the end of Grade 8, adds up to about 60 days, or three months of school. We know every family's situation is different, and some kids have health or other challenges that make attendance harder. If that's the case for your child, please reach out. We'd much rather work on it together than have anyone feel alone with it.

Letting us know.

An absence is unexcused when we don't hear from home about why a student is away. When that happens, our office has to follow up, and honestly, we worry. If your child is going to be away for any reason, please call or email the office at (604) 856-8178 before 8:45AM. It only takes a minute, and it really helps us.
Lates. The bell rings at 8:38AM. Students who arrive even a few minutes late miss the start of the lesson and the instructions, and then they spend the class trying to catch up. A few things that help at home:

- Get backpacks packed and lunches ready the night before.
- Set one alarm and skip the snooze button. We know it's hard.
- Aim to leave home a few minutes earlier than you think you need to.

What's happening at school.

Each week we'll share how we're doing as a school on the morning announcements. We're working together to cut down on lates and make sure every absence gets called in. If we hit our goals, the whole school will celebrate together. In the spring, we'll follow up with a house team challenge!



# 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 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

# SD 35 INFORMATION

**Student Safety in Schools**

The District is sharing a reminder to all students, staff, and families regarding the prohibition of weapons on school property. This prohibition is in line with AP350, as well as the new Provincial Firearm Violence Prevention Act (FVPA). Please share the following message with your staff, students, and families in a newsletter or next communication. Please note there is one message for elementary families and one for middle/secondary families.

he Langley School District is committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility, and support optimal learning. Trauma Informed Practices and Procedures promote the creation and maintenance of safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, and nurturing school environments. The District expects all students to follow the Student Code of Conduct AP 350. This expectation is also in line with the new Provincial Firearm Violence Prevention Act (FVPA).

The District is sharing a reminder that no one can have “any weapon for any purpose” on school property. This means that weapons are not allowed to be used as part of an educational project, drama production, or themed costume. Examples of weapons include but are not limited to knives, brass knuckles, swords, decommissioned firearms, replicas, air soft guns, bb guns, and toy guns. The possession or use of fireworks, firecrackers, explosives, or similar devices or objects is also prohibited on school property. Failure to follow these expectations may result in confiscation, intervention, and consequences.

# SD 35 INFORMATION

**Daylight Saving Time Information for Families: Fraser Health**

Earlier this year, British Columbia adopted permanent daylight saving time, with the final clock change taking place on March 8, 2026. As a result, the province now observes Pacific Time (PCT) year-round, eliminating the twice-yearly switch between Pacific Standard Time (PST) and Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).

During parts of the winter, particularly between late November and early February, many children will travel to school before sunrise. Fraser Health is sharing this information to support families as they adapt to year-round Pacific Time and maintain healthy sleep habits and safe travel to and from school.

What Families Can Do
Support healthy sleep and well-being by:

- Spending time outdoors during morning daylight hours whenever possible.
- Encouraging physical activity and social connection through after-school programs and activities.
- Maintaining consistent bedtimes and wake-up times.
- Turning off screens at least one hour before bedtime, as evening screen use can make it harder to fall asleep.

Support safe travel to and from school by:

- Helping children choose well-lit routes with sidewalks and designated crossings.
- Encouraging children to wear reflective or high-visibility clothing and use a flashlight when travelling during darker morning hours.
- Reminding children to use designated crossings, scan traffic, and make sure vehicles have stopped before crossing.

If driving:

- Use extra caution when driving near schools, crosswalks, intersections and shared pathways.
- Be aware of one's surroundings and refraining from cell phone use, make eye contact, and shoulder check before turning or changing direction.
- Travel at slow speeds and stop completely at stop signs and crosswalks.

Additional school health resources can be found on our website at fraserhealth.ca/schoolhealth.

# Raptor Report

## 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 |
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| 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 |