

Raptor Report

Families of Betty Gilbert, as we wrap up a vibrant week at BGMS, I want to thank our students, families, and staff for helping us celebrate Diwali. The decorations, henna, and dancing brought such great energy to the building, it was a wonderful reminder of the diversity and joy that make our community special.

A big thank-you as well to all the families who joined us for Teacher-Led Conferences. Your partnership and engagement mean a lot as we work together to support each student's growth.

Looking ahead, we're excited for our Halloween festivities this week! Please remember that costumes should be safe, inclusive, and respectful, no full face coverings or replica weapons. Most importantly, let's make sure everyone has fun and stays safe.

Thank you again for the spirit and care you bring to our school community every day.

Aaron Powell
Principal



Future Dates

Oct 28th : Photo re-take day

Oct 29th : HUB Day

Oct 31st : Spirit Day - Costume contest

Oct 31st : Grade 8 Halloween carnival

Nov 5th : Hot Lunch (PAC)

Nov 6th : PAC Meeting 7:00PM

Nov 7th : Remembrance Day assembly

Nov 7th : National Aboriginal Day

Nov 10th : Design & Assessment Day - No students

Nov 10th : Raptor Recognition Due

Nov 11th : Remembrance Day - School closed

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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





HALLOWEEN RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

WE NEED TO SEE FACES

Full-faced masks or costumes that completely hide a person's identity are not permitted, as they can be frightening for some students and pose a safety risk when we cannot identify who is in the building.

WE NEED TO BE SAFE IN TODAY'S AGE

Replica or fake weapons of any kind are not allowed. Exceptions may include a toy lightsaber or a small foam sword—these must clearly be non-functional and approved by Mr. Powell or Mrs. Guthrie.

WE ARE A SCHOOL THAT PROMOTES HEALTH & WELLNESS FOR ALL

Costumes that promote illegal activities, portray violence, or make fun of someone's culture are not permitted. Culture is not a costume—please be thoughtful and avoid dressing in ways that mimic, stereotype, or misrepresent another culture or identity.

BE RESPECTFUL – THIS IS OUR WORKPLACE

Students may not wear anything suggestive or provocative in nature (underwear as outerwear is not acceptable).

WE ARE KIND

Students are expected to show respect by not touching, defacing, or insulting other students' costumes and by ensuring their own costume is not hurtful toward others.





FROM THE LANGLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or www.sd35.bc.ca. Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict. If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

Student in Distress and School Safety

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Our schools follow procedures to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. Depending on the situation, communication to parents/caregivers is needed to keep families informed about incidents in our school, such as during lockdowns, hold & secures, and room clears, or in the event of a student in distress. Sometimes these situations may not be emergencies but events that require a school response.

It is important to note that the decision to send communications to families is dependent on a variety of factors including the nature of what happened, who has witnessed or was directly impacted by what happened, as well as student and staff privacy. Communication is unique and dependent on the specific situation; there are times when a student is in distress, yet the situation may or may not require a message or letter to families. In addition to communication with parents/caregivers, teachers and staff may debrief with students after an incident that may have upset them. In some cases, the school counsellor may offer support to students in need. As always, we want families to let us know if your child requires support. If you have any questions or concerns about communication related to situations or emergencies, please reach out to the school.



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ROAD AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

With less daylight hours and as we enter the season of wind, rain, and ice, we are sharing an important reminder from our community partner ICBC to students, staff, and families to help keep our community safe. Drivers should be alert, focus on the road, watch for pedestrians, especially at intersections and transit stops, and always be ready to stop. Pedestrians and travelers on bikes or scooters should be careful at intersections, always use designated crosswalks, remove headphones and devices, and be aware of your surroundings. For more tips read this resource [Kids Pedestrian Safety](#) or visit ICBC's webpage [here](#).



Halloween Food Safety Reminder for Langley Parents

Inspect Treats Carefully

Before children dig into their candy haul, take time to discard anything that's unwrapped, damaged, or unfamiliar. Be especially cautious of homemade treats unless they come from trusted friends or family.

Be Allergy Aware

Many Halloween treats contain common allergens like peanuts, tree nuts, dairy, or gluten. If your child has allergies, consider sending safe snacks to school and reviewing labels together.

Hand Hygiene Matters

Remind children to wash their hands before and after eating—especially when handling shared treats or participating in classroom activities.

Thank you for helping us keep Halloween safe, fun, and inclusive for all Langley students. Wishing your family a spooky and sweet celebration!

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Online Events

Connect & Learn

Online Events for Parents & Caregivers

Every month, we host events for parents and caregivers of a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance use challenge.

Join us to watch a video and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments, focusing on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.

Now What? A beginning conversation to support families when our kids begin experimenting with substances.

Learning that our kids are using substances can be scary. Our fears about substance use can affect how we react. This is a beginning conversation to help parents self-reflect on how they show up to talk to their kids about their substance use. Learn with us while Victoria Keddis hosts a conversation with Douglas Hardie, Registered Clinical Counsellor and Program Coordinator of Island Health's Child, Youth and Family Mental Health and Substance Use Programs.

Join us and other families for this video presentation and discussion that's facilitated by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

- **COST:** Free
- **DATES:**

Times are in Pacific Time (most of B.C.)

- Tuesday, November 4, 6:30pm
- Thursday, November 13, 6:30pm
- Wednesday November 26, 6:30pm



Register online at
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Substance Use and the Power of Support

Connection and relationship can make a difference in substance use and addiction. Guy Felicella, a renowned advocate and international speaker who has overcome a two-decade substance use disorder, passionately promotes harm reduction, trauma therapy, and faster access to treatment using his story of resilience and recovery. Learn how we can show care not just for our kids, but for the broader community impacted by substance use disorder.

Join us and other families for this video presentation and discussion that's facilitated by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

- **COST:** Free
- **DATES:**

Times are in Pacific Time (most of B.C.)

- Thursday, November 6, 12pm
- Tuesday, November 18, 6:30pm



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FamilySmart is hosting events this November. All of the programs are free - parents or caregivers can register on their website - [Family Smart Link](https://familysmart.ca/events) if interested.

In-Person Event

Connect & Learn

In-Person Event for Parents and Caregivers

Raising Children With ADHD: Finding Calm in Emotional Unpredictability

Come and Learn With Us

While strategies for managing challenging behaviour, whatever our child's neurotype, can be helpful, they're difficult to use when you're burnt out, overwhelmed, or caught up in your child's emotional state. Even though you can't control it, you're not powerless. In this session, we'll explore how shifting your own responses during difficult moments can ease tension and help you feel calmer and more confident as a caregiver.



Join FamilySmart and Rebecca Van Der Hijde, a Family Therapist and a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst. She has over 15 years of experience working with families raising children with autism, ADHD, and/or developmental disabilities. With a focus on calm, connection, and empowerment, Rebecca is passionate about helping caregivers understand their child's behaviour (and their own behaviour too!) Registration is limited.

DATE: Tuesday, November 18, 2025

TIME: 6:30 – 8:00pm (Pacific Time)

LOCATION: Executive Plaza & Suites
405 North Road, Coquitlam - Aspen Room

PARKING: Free.

Please make sure to register your vehicle number at the reception desk. **This step is essential to avoid any parking-related issues.*

COST: Free

For more information, go to:
familysmart.ca/events

With gratitude, FamilySmart would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Ministry of Children and Family Development for sponsoring this event.



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SCHOOL CLUBS



Chess Club – Mondays at lunch

Pokémon Club – Tuesdays at lunch

Reading Raptors – Thursdays at lunch

Kickboxing Club - Meeting Thursday after school

Homework Club - Wednesday after school

Raptors Volleyball

- Monday Morning – Grade 8 Girls Practice
- Monday After School – Grade 8 Boys Practice
- Wednesday After School – Grade 8 Girls Practice



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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