

Raptor Report

Good evening, BGMS families. It has been wonderful to see our students settling into their routines and getting involved in school life. Volleyball season is now underway, and it's been great to see so many Raptors out on the court. A big thank you to our coaches for making this possible!

This Tuesday, September 29, we will come together for our Orange Shirt Day Assembly and Walk. We encourage all students and staff to wear orange as we honour the children who never returned home, Survivors of residential schools, and their families and communities. As we are now officially into fall, we will be outside rain or shine, so please ensure students are dressed appropriately for the weather. School will be closed on Wednesday, September 30, in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Our online school story is now live! We encourage families to take a few minutes to check it out and see what's happening at BGMS.

Looking ahead, we're excited to welcome the Tin Lizzie Food Truck to BGMS on October 6! Families can pre-order a bag of mini donuts for \$7 through MunchALunch until September 30. Donuts will also be available for \$8 on the day. The truck will be open to the public after school, so community members are welcome to stop by and enjoy a treat!

Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our BGMS community. Have a wonderful week, everyone!

A. Powell

Mr. Powell

Principal

Betty Gilbert Middle School



Future Dates

Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day Assembly & Walk
 Sept. 30 Truth & Reconciliation Day, School Closed
 Oct. 5 World Educators Day
 Oct. 6 Mini Donut Sale
 Oct. 9 Terry Fox Run / Spirit Day
 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

RAPTOR NEWS



BE BOLD
BE KIND
BE A RAPTOR

RAPTORS
BETTY GILBERT MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL MERCH

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

SHOP ONLINE | REP YOUR SCHOOL | SUPPORT BGMS | STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

10% OF THE SALES WILL BE DONATED BACK TO THE SCHOOL BY MARK'S ALDERGROVE

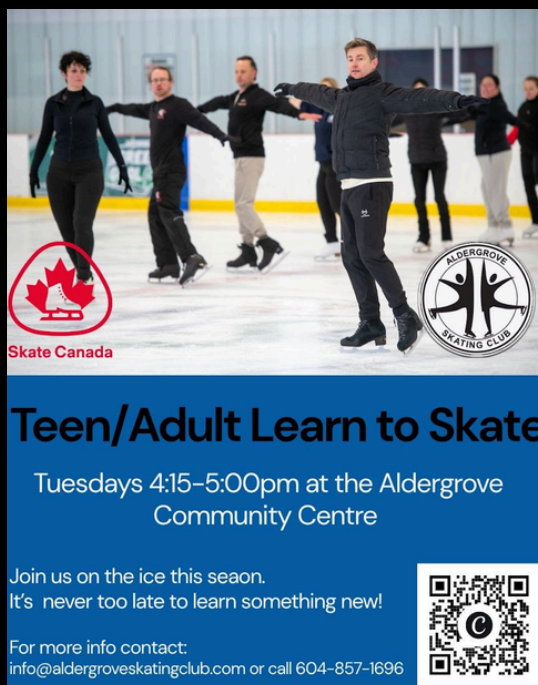
STORE CLOSING
30TH SEPTEMBER 2026
AT 6:30 PM

SHOP NOW

BETTY GILBERT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Want to show off your Raptor pride? 🦖 Our BGMS Raptor Gear online store is now open! There are a variety of items available, so be sure to check out the store and grab some gear for yourself or your Raptor. The online store is open now until September 30th, so don't miss out! Click the link below to browse the collection and place your order:

Click Here → [ONLINE STORE](#)



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

ALDERGROVE SKATING CLUB

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

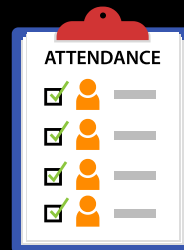
Attendance

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: VACANT
- 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



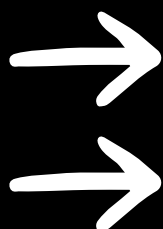
Munch a Lunch

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

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS IN EMERGENCIES

Emergencies can happen unexpectedly due to weather events (e.g., earthquake or flooding) or unforeseen situations in the community. The health and safety of students, staff, and families is the District's priority. The District, together with schools, follow emergency procedures to respond to incidents as well as prevent them from happening.

In these circumstances, schools may rely on members of the community to assist with emergency responses. Administrators may send a request to parents/guardians to help volunteer with first aid, facilities and maintenance, safety and security, and general labour. Adults with special skills in health care, policing, and engineering would be an asset in an emergency. No action is needed from families at this time as the purpose is to keep families informed.

Emergency Procedures in Schools

Schools follow emergency procedures and practice drills throughout the year to ensure students, staff, and any visitors at our sites are safe when unexpected incidents happen. The District encourages families to become familiar with emergency procedures to help you and your child be prepared. You will find the District's Emergency Procedures poster in schools and on the website [here](#).

September Health Messaging – Fraser Health

Tips for Parents for a Healthy Back to School Season

As children head back to school, parents face the familiar challenge of managing busy schedules, school routines and inevitably, health concerns.

Help set the stage for a healthy school year with Fraser Health's [Healthy Back to School Guide](#).

The guide provides information on a variety of ways to keep children healthy during a school year. For instance, fostering healthy routines for sleep, mealtimes and physical activity can greatly support your child's health and wellness.

Staying healthy during the school year is also about protecting children from illnesses that can spread quickly in classrooms. It is important to make sure children wash their hands properly, and to keep them home if they are feeling unwell.

Another way to protect your child's health is to ensure their immunizations are up to date. Vaccines help prevent several serious illnesses and infectious diseases, for example, measles. Please check that you (if born in or after 1970) and your children have received at least two doses of a measles-containing vaccine. Find out how to check your immunization records [here](#).

Vaccines are available at many [pharmacy locations](#), physician offices, and at all [public health units](#).

If you are new to B.C. or Canada, provide your immunization records to public health at fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform.

Need fast access to health advice? Call Fraser Health Virtual Care

Our Fraser Health Virtual Care registered nurses and dietitians can provide convenient, fast health advice and information for busy families. With options for phone or web chat consultations, families receive medical advice from nurses with emergency experience. It can save you time and may help you avoid having to visit a clinic or emergency department. Nurses can also connect you with an Urgent and Primary Care Centre, if needed.

How to reach Fraser Health Virtual Care

1. Dial 1-800-314-0999. For an interpreter, say your language in English.
2. For web chat, go to fraserhealth.ca/virtualcare and click the blue chat bubble in the right corner to start.

Available 10am to 10pm every day, including statutory holidays. After hours, call 8-1-1.

Learn more about Fraser Health Virtual Care, other care options and more at: Fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare

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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

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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					
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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