

RCG Family Newsletter

May 14th, 2026



Dear RCG Families,

In the month of May, we are grateful for the longer days, warmer weather, and the renewed energy it brings to our school community.

This time of year offers an opportunity to reflect on the importance of healthy habits for our students. At school, we continue to encourage students in developing routines that support overall well-being including: staying active, getting enough sleep, making nutritious food choices, limiting their screen time, and spending time outdoors. These habits play an important role in helping children feel ready to learn, to connect with others, and to thrive each day. Thank you for partnering with us in creating a positive and supportive environment for all learners.

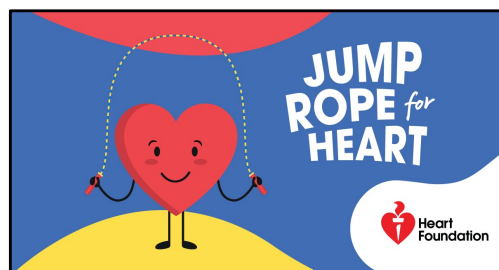
I want to extend my sincere gratitude to our families for your ongoing support of our school. Whether you are volunteering your time, attending events, supporting learning at home, or staying connected by reading this, your involvement strengthens our community. We truly value the collaboration that helps make our school a caring, inclusive, and vibrant place for every child.

I wish you all a wonderful month filled with health, happiness, and connection.

Sincerely,

Claire Burns

RCG Principal



Thank you for your contributions to our Jump Rope for Heart campaign. The day was such a fun success with students hopping, skipping, and jumping their way to improved fitness and new skills learned!



SPORTS DAY IS ON
FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH!



And... we need your help.

This year, our wonderful REMSS student leaders are unavailable to help us run our stations. In order for Sports Day to run smoothly, we require additional adults at each station. Please consider signing up so you can be in on the fun!

[Sports Day Volunteers – Fill out form](#)

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



Driving and Parking at RCG

We are a VERY BUSY place during morning and afterschool time. Here are some important reminders:

- Go slow and then go a little slower
- Follow the instructions on signs
- Shoulder check when pulling out of the drop off lane
- Take turns merging with other drivers
- If you are parked on the side street, please do not idle
- Model patience and understanding for your child(ren); everyone is dealing with the same challenge

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!!

RC GARNETT FAMILY FUN FAIR

Friday June 12, 5:00-8:00pm

at RCG



**5 Bouncy
Castles**

(1 extra this year!)
Wristbands can be
purchased onsite - \$10
per child / \$20 per family



**Yard
games**

Bring friends
& family!
Everyone is
welcome!



**Concession
& Food Trucks**



**Shoot & score
with Langley
Rivermen**



**RCG
tattoos**

And much more!

Silent Auction in the Gym and 50/50 Outside

Bidding & Sales end at 7pm

CASH ONLY except for Silent Auction & Food Trucks.
Children **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible person
over the age 16

**This event is hosted by the RCG Parent Advisory Council.
Follow us on Facebook @RCGarnettPAC**

Moving Schools? We Need to Know!

NOT Returning to RCG in September?

As we begin planning for the 2026–2027 school year, it is important for us to know if your family will *not* be returning to RCG in September. This helps us plan for class placements, staffing, and welcoming new students.

We currently have a waitlist at most grade levels, so having accurate enrollment information allows us to offer spaces to new families in a timely and organized way.

If your child(ren) will be attending a different school next year, please contact the office as soon as possible by phone or email.

Thank you for helping us prepare for a smooth start to the 26/27 school year.



Summer School Session 2026 – Elementary

Are you looking for skill-building or new learning opportunities for your child to keep them engaged during the summer?

The District offers a variety of courses as part of Summer Session.

Online registration begins on Wednesday, April 22nd for Elementary (Grades 1 to 5) at 11:30am for Langley School District students.

For important dates, times, and courses available to students, please visit the webpage [**here**](#).



RCG IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Fri. May 15	❖ ProD Day No school for students
Mon. May 18	❖ Victoria Day, No School
Tues. May 19	❖ PAC Meeting 6:30pm
May 25 - 29	❖ Math Bee
Wed. May 27	❖ Early Dismissal for Current Kindergarten Students @ 12pm ❖ Welcome to Kindergarten Event for new (26/27) students (afternoon)
Thurs. May 28	❖ Earthquake and Reunification Drill (PM)
Tues. June 2	❖ Grade 5 Parent Info Night at PEMS 6-6:30pm
June 8,9,10,12	❖ Grade 5 Operation Waterproof Swimming (4 days only, not on Thursday)
Thurs. June 11	❖ Grade 4&5 District Trackmeet (for students who qualify)
Fri, June 12	❖ PAC Year End Event 5-8pm -> Plan to join the fun: food, bouncy castles, games, silent auction, and more!
Thurs. June 18	❖ REMSS Grad Walk (start time 10:40)
Fri. June 19	❖ Sports Day
Thurs. June 25	❖ Last Day of School ❖ Gr5 Year End Assembly 9am ❖ Dismissal at 11:30am

Curious about Late French Immersion?

Is your child going into grade 5?
Are you interested in Late French
Immersion (starting in grade 6)?

French Immersion Event!

Students can enjoy
French games, crafts,
and snacks while
parents learn
information about
the program!

May 25 3:30-4:30
James Hill Elementary

June 2 3:30-4:30
Noel Booth Elementary

RSVP here:



Learn more
about French
immersion
here!



Applications take place
in October of grade 5.

Students attend Noel
Booth Elementary for
grades 6-7, then
Brookwood Secondary
for grades 8-12.

Students graduate with
a double Dogwood
diploma and the DELF
certification!



May 1, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Re: Willoughby Slope Catchment Boundary Changes

The District is sharing important information for all students and their families on the Willoughby Slope to help you plan for the 2027-2028 school year. As you know, the District will be opening a new middle and secondary school in the Smith neighbourhood in September 2027. At the February 24, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Trustees announced the names of the two new schools - statl w Middle and Emery Dosedall Secondary. Earlier this week at its Regular Board Meeting, the Langley Board of Education approved new catchment boundaries for the Willoughby Slope.

New Catchments Beginning September 2027

The new catchment changes will impact many students transitioning to middle and secondary school in September 2027. You can review the catchment changes in this infographic [here](#).

What does this mean for my child?

With new catchments in effect beginning in September 2027, students and families can expect the following school to school transitions, dependent on their home address:

Willoughby Elementary > Yorkson Creek Middle > Emery Dosedall Secondary

Lynn Fripps Elementary > statl w Middle > Emery Dosedall Secondary

Richard Bulpitt Elementary > statl w Middle > Emery Dosedall Secondary

Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary (East) > statl w Middle > Emery Dosedall Secondary

Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary (West) > Peter Ewart Middle > RE Mountain Secondary

Josette Dandurand Elementary > Yorkson Creek Middle > RE Mountain Secondary

Langley Meadows > Peter Ewart Middle > RE Mountain Secondary

R.C. Garnett Demonstration School > Peter Ewart Middle > RE Mountain Secondary

Additional Approved Changes and Actions

- The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a District program and will accept students from catchments beyond RE Mountain Secondary.
- The District will work with the Principal of Emery Dosedall Secondary to create a Pre-IB program at Emery Dosedall Secondary at Grades 9 and 10.
- Students going into Grade 12 at REMSS in September 2027 will remain at REMSS to graduate. Their younger siblings, however, would not be "grandfathered" to be at REMSS. The District will look at individual cases to consider hardship on families, using the existing cross-boundary process.
- Only for students going into Grade 8 at PEMS on September 2027 who live south of 80th Ave and West of 200th Avenue (in the Josette Dandurand Elementary catchment), these students may apply to cross boundary at PEMS or go to their catchment school which will become Yorkson Creek Middle. Their siblings, however, would not be grandfathered to remain at PEMS.

Fort Canoe Kayak Club Summer Camp 2026

FOR ALL YOUTH AGES 8-14



8 WEEKS OF CANOE-KAYAK SUMMER CAMP

Join us for a week in July or August to learn canoe, kayak, team-boats, and more! We swim, play games, and have tons of fun out on the water!!

FULL DAY (9am-4pm)
Regular Week- \$340.00

HALF DAY (9am-12pm)
Regular Week- \$225.00

Learn all about boat control, coordination, and water safety - all from Canoe-Kids Certified Coaches with First Aid, SafeSport, and much more!



←
Scan the QR
code for more
information and
registration!



programs@fortcanoeKayak.ca



www.fortcanoeKayak.ca

info@tinyhandsclub.ca



After school Program

Run by an elementary school teacher, servicing families in Langley & Surrey. Our instructor-led classes support childrens learning, creativity, and development in a fun and engaging way.

SCHOOLS WE SERVICE

- Richard Bullpit Elementary
- RC Garnett Elementary
- Maddaugh Elementary
- Katzie Elementary
- Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary

**HOURS:
2:30-6PM**

Our program offers:

A NURTURING AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT

- SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
- STEM & TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL PICK UPS

PRO D DAYS

Enrolling for September 2026

Spots are limited

www.tinyhandsclub.ca



Active Beyond the Bell

2026 / 2027 School Year Information

Help prepare your child to be active and healthy for life! Children will enjoy this after school program focused on physical activity, fundamental movement skills, health, and fun. Active Beyond the Bell (ABTB) runs for two hours after dismissal.

Registration information

Registration opens for the 2026/2027 school year for these schools.

Tuesday, April 28 at 12pm	Thursday, April 30 at 12pm
Alex Hope	Dorothy Peacock
James Kennedy	Lynn Fripps
Langley Fundamental	R.C. Garnett
	Richard Bulpitt

Priority registration information

Priority registration will be offered to current participants, and their siblings, who have registered for ABTB as of January 5, 2026, and who are registered for a minimum of 8 weeks between January and March. Eligible families will receive their priority registration date via a phone call on or before April 14, 2026. All spots in the ABTB program will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis. Other ABTB participants and the general public can register on the dates and times listed above.

How to register

- Choose the weeks or months that work best for your family. Registration is weekly or monthly. Daily registration is not available.
- Register online at tol.ca/recregister, or register in person or by phone at one of our centres:
 - Aldergrove Community Centre
 - George Preston Recreation Centre
 - W.C. Blair Recreation Centre
 - Walnut Grove Community Centre

Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Waitlists are available.

Fees

Active Beyond the Bell	Daily Late Fees
\$17.10/day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$10 for 5 to 30 minutes• \$20 for every 30 to 60 minutes

Active Beyond the Bell ends two hours from the final school bell. Adults who arrive late to pick up their child will be charged a late fee. Late fees are processed daily.

Payment options

1. **Payment in full at time of registration.**
Pay by cash, cheque, credit card, or debit.
2. **Monthly scheduled payments.**
Monthly payments are due on the first day of each month for registrations within that month. Scheduled payments **MUST** be done over the phone or in person. This option is not available with online registration.

School closures

ABTB does not operate on days when schools in the Langley School District #35 are closed, including statutory holidays, non-instructional days, and during winter and spring breaks. Closure dates are confirmed by the school district and will be communicated through monthly ABTB newsletters. Phone calls will be made when a closure is unanticipated (e.g. snow days). Refunds will be provided for any cancelled days not included in your initial ABTB registration.

School's Out Day Camps may be available at Township of Langley recreation facilities on non-instructional days.

To view and register for School's Out Day Camps, visit tol.ca/recregister.

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Youth Vaping Information (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 youth vaping for school-aged children and youth. Please see below for helpful guidelines and resources to support your child.

Vaping is popular among youth. Daily or near-daily use can increase the risk of mental and physical health harm.

In 2023, 26 per cent of youth in grades seven through 12 in British Columbia reported having vaped. The most common age that B.C. youth first tried vaping was 13.

How to support youth to prevent, delay or reduce vaping

It is important to be supportive and recognize that setbacks may happen. You can help by being a positive role model and offering guidance in the following ways:

- Have open conversations about vaping. Listen to your child's beliefs and offer accurate information to help them understand the risks involved.
- Practice refusal skills with your child by discussing ways they can say no to vaping, especially in situations that feel uncomfortable to them.
- Be honest about your own use of tobacco, cannabis or vaping products. Share any health impacts or challenges you've experienced.
- If you vape, avoid vaping around children to limit their exposure to second-hand vapour. Consider quitting or reducing vaping to improve your own health. For help, contact [Quit Now](#), a provincially funded nicotine cessation program.
- Store vapour products securely and out of reach of children and youth.
- [Tip sheet for parents: Talking with your teen about vaping](#)

Learn more about vaping products [here](#).

For more information about child and youth substance use, including services, programs and resources available for children and youth, visit [Fraser Health's website](#).



VOLUNTEER AUTOMOBILE DRIVER AUTHORIZATION (ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE)

School: _____

Dear Volunteer Driver:

Thank you for volunteering to drive students. Your assistance is much appreciated. The responsibilities in regards to transportation of students can be found in [Administrative Procedure 562 Transportation of Students Travel for Field Trips and Extracurricular Trips](#). To protect our children and you as a driver, we ask that you complete the following. You will need to provide the school a copy of your driver's license, driver's abstract and your current Autoplan Insurance Policy, the policy must include a minimum \$2 million liability insurance.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ Class: _____ Expiry: _____

Years of Infraction-free Driving Experience: _____

Vehicle Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Vehicle License Number: _____

Seating Capacity: _____ Booster Seat Capacity: # of no-back _____ # of high back _____

I hereby affirm that I have never been convicted of impaired driving or any other criminal driving offense. If I have a serious traffic violation after providing my driver's abstract, I will inform the school principal and withdraw as a volunteer driver. I acknowledge the requirement that all vehicle occupants must use seat belts and where applicable, booster seats. I affirm that I will operate the vehicle in a safe and legal manner, and I will be responsible for the proper installation of booster seats that are supplied by parents or the school in my vehicle, if they are required. I will not allow any child under the age of 12 to sit in the front seat of the vehicle if it is equipped with a passenger side airbag unless the airbag can be legally deactivated.

Date

Signature of Driver

School Administration Approval:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Driver's License	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Driver's Abstract (Confirm no recent serious traffic violations)	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Insurance Coverage (Confirm min \$2M Liability Ins.)
_____ Signature of Principal	_____ Date	

School District #35 (Langley)
2025-2026 School Calendar
Elementary 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)	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
October	Oct 13 (M)	Thanksgiving (School Closed)
	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 26 (W)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	Nov 27 (Th)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
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 4 (W)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 5 (Th)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	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)
May	May 15 (F)	Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance)
	May 18 (M)	Victoria Day (School Closed)
June	Jun 25 (Th)	Final Learning Update & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 26 (F)	Administrative Day (Students not in attendance)
July / August		Summer Session

APPROVED: SD35 Board of Education Meeting
 April 29, 2025

If your child going to be LATE or ABSENT:

To report an absence, please call the office at **604 532 7814** and press 1 to leave a voicemail.

**IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT OR LATE,
 PLEASE LET US KNOW BEFORE 8:45AM.**

Parents can also input an absence by emailing: **rcgattendance@sd35.bc.ca**

Please **DO NOT** email Mrs. Bradford directly regarding attendance or lates as her inbox is not monitored for attendance.