



# Gordon Greenwood Elementary School

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Newsletter #15

Dec. 13, 2024

<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
Dec. 16	Spirit Day – Christmas Hats
Dec. 17	Spirit Day – Winter/Christmas Socks
Dec. 17	PAC Hot Lunch – Fuel Catering
Dec. 18	Spirit Day – Red/Green Hats/Socks
Dec. 19	Spirit Day – Ugly Christmas Sweaters/Hats/Socks
Dec. 20	Spirit Day – Christmas/Winter PJs
Dec. 20	Last Day Prior to Winter Break

## Winter-Christmas Concert- December 11th





Dear Gordon Greenwood, Elementary Families,

Thank you so much for attending our Winter-Christmas Concert on Wednesday. Our students truly rose to the occasion as they were able to gather the courage and demonstrate their Outstanding Achievement. The last few weeks have been very busy with preparation, and I am so thankful for the staff and students for filling the hearts of our community. The concert is more than a performance, but a time of celebration to send out best wishes during a season that comes with joy but also comes with hardship and stressors as well. We hope that all our families were able to take a moment in the busyness of the day-to-day and were able to enjoy the live concert or can enjoy the recording to have the time and space to take a breath. We recognize that not all our families were able to attend because of work schedules, illness or varying other reasons. As it was a packed event and with the goal to have at least two guests per family, I am sure that it may have been difficult to have a clear view. With this being said, we hope that everyone was able to enjoy the atmosphere of being in a shared space together with our students at Gordon Greenwood. We will also be sharing a video recording of the concert by December 20<sup>th</sup> as it takes time to edit. We hope that you can enjoy the concert from the comfort of your homes and have a closer view of your child. Please be reminded to not share the recording on social media.

Way to Geckoing everyone 🤪

## Pancake Breakfast- December 13<sup>th</sup>



Thank you to our PAC for organizing and planning the Pancake Breakfast for our students at Gordon Greenwood. We are so thankful that the Lion's Club were so generous in preparing and providing pancakes for our students and staff. What an amazing day for our primary and intermediate students to come together in the gym and share a special treat together!



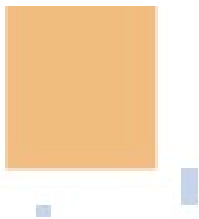
## Admin Update at Gordon Greenwood Elementary:

Hello families,

I would like to take this time to share that Gordon Greenwood Elementary will be welcoming our newly appointed Vice-Principal, Mr. Olson in the new year. Mr. Olson will be joining us for two days a week starting in January until the end of the school year. Ms. Rempel will be starting the year with us and helping with transitions during the month of January.

### **Kindergarten Registration 2025**

*Kindergarten registration across the Langley School District runs January 6, 2025 – February 18, 2025. If your child will be five years old by December 31, 2025, you will be able to register your child online. Information about required documents and instructions is available online and will also be posted on catchment school websites in January. For information, please visit the District webpage [here](#). To learn more about Kindergarten in the Langley School District, read our brochure [here](#).*



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**THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN JANUARY/MID-MARCH!**

The Langley School District has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-

report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 5, 6 & 8 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between: **January 14<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/mdi-overview/>

Parent FAQs:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/parent-caregiver-info/>

Information and Informed Passive Consent letters were shared via email to families on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> if you don't want your child to participate, please fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter or contact the MDI project staff at [mdi@help.ubc.ca](mailto:mdi@help.ubc.ca). This information would have been emailed to our grade 5/6 families.

### **Information About School Status During Inclement Weather**

*Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in the 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](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](http://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.*

### **Emergency Preparedness, Power Outages, and School Closures**

*With storm season upon us, the District is reminding families about procedures during emergencies such as power outages. The District will post important information on school and District websites as well as on social media channels. The District may also send special instructions in emails and text messages (for those that opt-in) via SchoolMessenger. In the event of power outages, schools have an emergency phone line operational. Please avoid calling the school unless it is an emergency as this ties up the phone line.*

*As per the District's procedures, schools in the District may be closed to students by the Superintendent for weather related emergencies such as power outages or other causes related to health and safety. The decision to close a school due to a power outage is based on many considerations including expected power restoration time, operational emergency lighting, access to water and washrooms, among other factors. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school (or keep their child at 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. For more information on school status information, read [\*\*here\*\*](#).*

*The District thanks students, families and staff for their cooperation during recent power outages impacting schools.*

### **BC Training and Education Savings Program Grant (Kindergarten-Grade 3)**

Education Savings Week is November 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. In support, please share [\*\*this letter\*\*](#) with families/guardians of students in Kindergarten thru Grade 3 to let them know their child may be eligible for a one-time \$1,200 BC Training and Education Savings Grant for their post-secondary education or training.

### **Communicating Student Learning (CSL) - Elementary School**

*Learning is a journey for all students that requires the support of teachers, staff, and families. Parent/guardian involvement is always a contributing factor to a*

*student's success. But how does a parent/guardian know how their child is doing? The District is sharing information about the different ways of **Communicating Student Learning (CSL)** to help support families. On this webpage you will find information about student inclusive conferences, proficiency scales, and self-reflection on the core competencies. These resources are aimed to help support your child. Read more [here](#).*

### **Cold/Wet Weather**

Please try and ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag or classroom in case of mud puddles.

### **Lifetouch Discount**

Dear Parents,

As a token of appreciation this holiday season, Lifetouch is offering discounts on school photography!

- 50% off a purchase of \$50+ with code CDEC50
- 40% off a purchase of \$40+ with code CDEC40
- 30% off a purchase of \$30+ with code CDEC30

Valid through December 14, 2024

To order, log in to your account on [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) or create an online account.

Thank you!

# Langley Children's Choir is looking for singers!

Openings are now available for singers in grades 3 to 7

What are we looking for?

- ✓ School choir members (if your school has one)
- ✓ Good attitude and enthusiasm!
- ✓ Advanced vocal skills, and the ability to focus
- ✓ A firm commitment to the group
- ✓ Desire to develop as a singer and choir member

What do you get out of this?

- ✓ Make new friends who like to sing, too
- ✓ Learn about how to sing better and learn lots of music
- ✓ Perform at other schools (a day off school!)
- ✓ Sing at festivals and hear other great choirs

Rehearsals? Langley Secondary School, 21405 – 56 Ave on Tuesdays,  
Sept – April from 4:30 – 6 pm

Fees? \$175 Jan - May (reduced rate for multiple children in the same family)

Directors? Kim Hardy, Tanya DeVido and Patti Thorpe (Langley music teachers) plus accompanist Heather Hicks

How Do I Join?

Contact us via email for an audition time before Jan 5, 2024. Auditions will be Tuesday Jan 7.

*Please include singer's name, phone number, school and grade.*

Patti Thorpe

[langleychildrenschoir2022@gmail.com](mailto:langleychildrenschoir2022@gmail.com)





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Elementary School*

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<https://fevo-enterprise.com/group/Gordongreenwood>

# December 2024

## Langley MENU – Wednesdays



Wednesday	Wednesday 12/04	Wednesday 12/11	Wednesday 12/18	Wednesday 12/25	Tuesday 01/01
Regular	Cheese Omelette with Hash Brown Triangles Fruit of the Day	Chicken Teriyaki Rice Bowl California Vegetables Fruit of the Day	Turkey Dinner Seasonal Fruit Mini Candy Cane	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	Crunchy Chicken Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day	Spaghetti with Beef Meatballs and Tomato Sauce Fruit of the Day	Pancakes Seasonal Fruit Syrup Mini Candy Cane		
Vegetarian	Crunchy Veggie Chick'n Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day	Tofu Teriyaki Rice Bowl California Vegetables Fruit of the Day	Pancakes Seasonal Fruit Syrup Mini Candy Cane		
Halal	Halal Crunchy Chicken Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day	Spaghetti with Halal Meatballs and Tomato Sauce Fruit of the Day	Halal Chicken Dinner Seasonal Fruit Mini Candy Cane		



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# Gift of Hope Drive

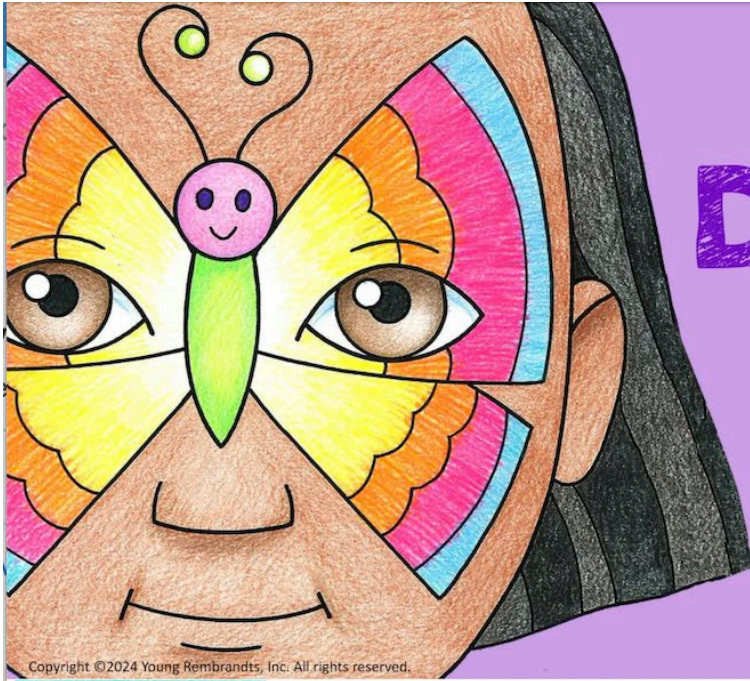


**Covenant House**  
Vancouver

Donate **\*NEW\*** socks, gloves, hats, gift cards, non-perishable food items, handwarmers, and umbrellas. Collection boxes are in each classroom.

Your generosity can bring hope to a homeless youth this holiday season!  
[www.covenanthousebc.org](http://www.covenanthousebc.org)

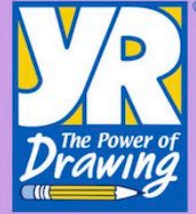




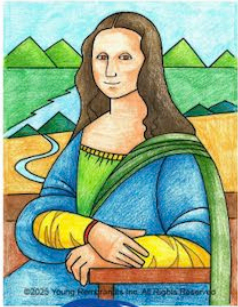
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# Drawing

Classes for Kids



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## AFTERSCHOOL CLASSES AT: GORDON GREENWOOD ELEM. WEDNESDAYS IN THE LIBRARY

Young Rembrandts teaches drawing, the fundamental skill of visual arts, to children. We intentionally offer child-friendly and relevant subject matter to spark children's interest and increase knowledge retention. Our classes are fun, engaging and offer children a safe, comfortable place to talk about art, learn drawing skills and have fun while surrounded by creativity and encouragement.



**CLASS Dates: Jan. 8 - Mar. 12/25**

DAY: Wednesdays

TIME: 2:35 - 3:35 PM

Room: **THE SCHOOL Library**

\$215 for 10 weeks

*\*PAYMENTS OPTIONS AVAILABLE*



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# PAC NEWS

## PAC EXECUTIVE

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Treasurer - Justine Trenholm

Secretary - Elaine Happer

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DPAC - Olivia McKenzie

**Next PAC Meeting – TBA**

**PAC Facebook Link:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/252372494939238>

**Note:** Payments made to MunchaLunch will appear as "GORDONGREENWOOD VANCOUVER BC" on your credit card statement. Please do not reject this payment as you could incur more fees.

## The GGE PAC has a **NEW WEBSITE!**



Stay up to date on  
special days, fundraisers,  
upcoming events, hot lunch  
and more!

**CHECK US OUT at**  
<https://ggeelem.wixsite.com/gge-pac>

