

Gordon Greenwood Elementary School

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Date	Upcoming Events		
Dec. 20	Last Day Prior to Winter Break		
Jan. 06	Schools Re-Open after Winter Break		
Jan. 06	Kindergarten Registration Opens PAC Meeting 6:30 PM		
Jan. 16			
Jan. 17	PAC Hot Lunch Subway & Cobs		
Jan. 24	PAC Treat Day Cookies & Milk		

Have a wonderful holiday season!

On behalf of our staff at Gordon Greenwood Elementary School, we would like to wish our families well during the holiday season. Thank you so much for entrusting your children with our staff and walking alongside our community as we continue help support our students with our motto of "If you believe, you can achieve." This may look differently for each and every child as each child comes with their own gifts that we continue to help guide. Just a reminder that a link of our Winter-Christmas Concert will be shared as we head into the winter break. Please do not post on social media and keep it for your family viewing. Let's continue to live out our G.E.C.K.O. values as we look towards the holiday season and a new year ahead.

G - Great Leadership

E - Empathetic

C - Consistent Effort

K - Kindness to Others

O - Outstanding Achievement

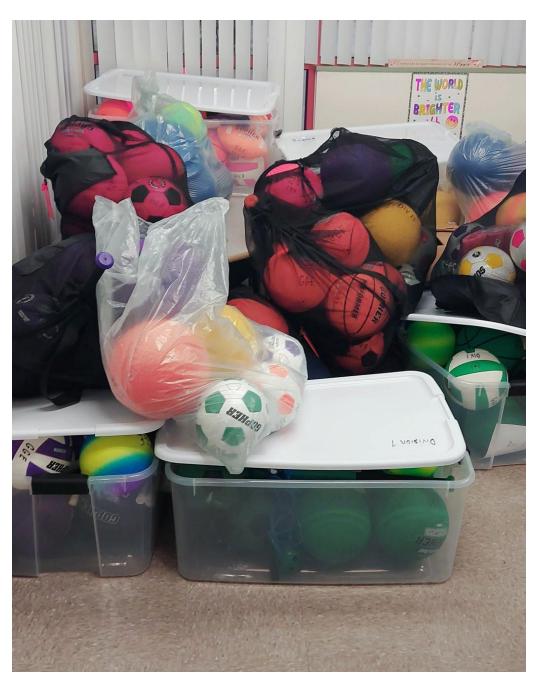
Let's Geckoing into the winter break! (Is this catching on? (3))

Alan Joo

Thankful to be Principal at Gordon Greenwood Elementary

PAC have provided funds for Outdoor Activity Equipment and Extracurricular Equipment:

Thank you to our PAC for supporting our students and our extracurricular athletics with their generous donation. There has been an assortment of outdoor equipment for all our divisions as well as new stanchions, a volleyball net and a badminton net. Our students have many ways to participate in daily physical activities during recess, lunch, morning open gym and through team sports. Our students are geckoing with all the options that are available.



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As shared in our previous newsletter, Mr. Joel Olson is assigned Vice-Principal at Gordon Greenwood Elementary. Mr. Olson was Vice-Principal at Nicomekl Elementary and was previously Vice-Principal at Willoughby Elementary for four years. Prior to moving into administration, Mr. Olson was a teacher in the District for over 10 years at Ft Langley, James Hill and Noel Booth elementary schools as well as Betty Gilbert Middle. In addition to his duties at Gordon Greenwood Elementary, Mr. Olson will support the transition of the administrative team at the newly opening Josette Dandurand Elementary School next September. Mr. Olson visited our students and staff on Thursday to introduce himself and make his first connection with our community. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Olson as Ms. Rempel and I will continue to help with transitions in the New Year.

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.

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. 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.

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.

Communicating Student Learning (CSL) - Elementary School

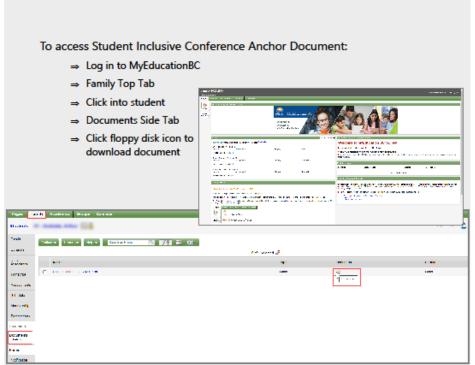
Learning is a journey for all students that requires the support of teachers, staff, and families. Parent/guardian involvement is always a contributing factor to a

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**.

Student Inclusive Conference Documents are now available in MyEducationBC.

Click here to login: MyEducation BC: Log On





Covenant House Donations:

Thank you for supporting Covenant House by sharing your donations. If you would like to provide online donations, you can support through their website. https://www.covenanthousebc.org/

January 2025 Langley MENU – Wednesdays



	Wednesday 01/08	Wednesday 01/15	Wednesday 01/22	Wednesday 01/29
Regular	Sunshine Burger Tator Tots Ketchup Veggies and Dip	Butter Chicken Rice Peas Fruit of the Day	Beef Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Corn Gravy Fruit	Lunar New Year Chicken Fried Rice Spring Roll Fortune Cookie Seasonal Fruit
2 nd Choice	Spaghetti and Beef Meatballs Veggies and Dip	Cheeseburger Pasta PEI Mixed Vegetables Fruit of the Day	French Toast Turkey Sausage Syrup Fruit	Lunar New Year Dumplings Oriental Steamed Vegetables Fortune Cookie Seasonal Fruit
Vegetarian	Sunshine Burger Tator Tots Ketchup Veggies and Dip	Butter Chickpeas Rice Peas Fruit of the Day	Veggie Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Corn Gravy Fruit	Lunar New Year Veggie Fried Rice Spring Roll Fortune Cookie Seasonal Fruit
Halal	Spaghetti and Halal Beef Meatballs Veggies and Dip	Halal Butter Chicken Rice Peas Fruit of the Day	Halal Beef Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Corn Gravy Fruit	Lunar New Year Halal Chicken Fried Rice Spring Roll Fortune Cookie Seasonal Fruit

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

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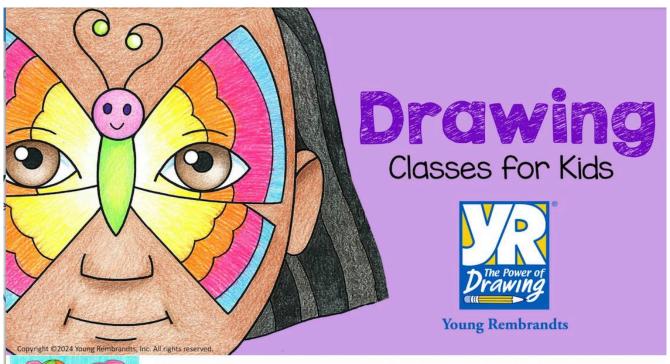
While raising money for Grade 7 students at Gordon Greenwood Elementary School

5 different games
3 price points
1 great gift idea!





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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

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Next PAC Meeting – January 6, 6:30 PM in the library

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.

