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Newsletter #22

Feb. 14, 2025

Date	Upcoming Events
Feb. 17	Family Day (Schools Closed)
Feb. 18	Movie Night
Feb. 19	PAC Meeting
Feb. 24	Learning Update Prep/Design & Assessment Day (students not in attendance)
Mar. 4-6	Scholastic Book Fair
Mar. 5	2 Hour Early Dismissal
Mar. 6	Student Inclusive Conferences (Instructional Day only for students and families during their 20 minute scheduled appointment)

This Month in the Arts - February 2025

The Arts are alive and well in Langley schools! Please check out the poster at the link below for a quick glance and overview of all of the amazing Arts events and activities happening across schools in the Langley School District in February!

This Month in the Arts Poster - February.pdf

Virtual Family Math Day - February 22, 2025

The Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy in the Faculty of Education at UBC is hosting a virtual Family Math Fair on Saturday, February 22nd from 10am -11:30am. UBC Faculty of Education Graduate Students and Teacher Candidates will engage students, teachers and parents in Hands-On, Minds-On Math Activities for all ages. Click on the link to the poster below for more information.

Family Math Day Virtual - Poster 2025 v.2 compressed.pdf

It's that time of year when we see a rise in illnesses impacting students and staff in our school. We are hearing from families about colds, respiratory illnesses, and stomach bugs circulating in our community. As a reminder to help keep our school community healthy and well, we are sharing this online resource from our community partner Fraser Health. Here you will find information about protecting your child from communicable diseases and managing their illnesses: <u>https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-</u>z/school-health/illness-and-immunizations/illness-in-the-classroom

Open Parachute Virtual Parent Night Presentations

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent clinical psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson from **Open Parachute**, will host three, free virtual sessions for parents, guardians and caregivers that will focus on practical skills you can teach your child and youth (ages 0-19) to prevent substance use and mental health needs. These sessions will build on a previous presentation, which focused on practical conversation tools for speaking about substance use prevention with your children/youth. The **previous session** is not a pre-requisite for this session.

Key takeaways for participants during this session:

- Learn the factors that lead to substance use and mental health needs from a trauma-informed lens
- Focus on prevention rather than intervention/response
- Applies to parents, guardians and caregivers of all age groups (youth aged 0-5, 6-10, and 11-18)
- Learn ways that these skills can be applied to yourself and the rest of your family to support the mental health of parents, guardians and caregivers

Participants <u>must</u> register in advance. Session dates are:

- February 20, 6:00-7:30 pm PST
- February 25, 6:00-7:30 pm PST
- February 26, 6:00-7:30 pm PST

Please share this information within your school community to reach parents, guardians, and caregivers of all ages.

If you have any questions, please email the Mental Health and Substance Use team at *educ.mentalhealth@gov.bc.ca*.

Y-Minds: FREE Program for Teens, Youth, and Adults

Y Mind is a FREE seven-week group program for teens, youth, or adults who are managing mild-to-moderate anxiety, stress, or worry. Two facilitators guide the group through evidence-based coping strategies based on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), mindfulness, and self-compassion. Group sizes are kept small, with 8 to 12 participants per group to facilitate peer support and connection.

Participants may self-refer, no diagnosis of anxiety is needed, and you do not need to be a YMCA member. All Y Mind Teen and Y Mind Youth participants receive a free YMCA membership for up to 14 weeks, including 10 free guest passes to bring a friend to the Y.

To join Y Mind, you must first register for an information session where you will meet the group facilitators and complete an intake for the program. Spaces are limited, so inquire ASAP to guarantee your spot at an information session.

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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 <u>here</u>. 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

<u>www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict</u>. 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 <u>here</u>.

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

Student Inclusive Conference Family Reflection Sheet

Dear families

You will be receiving the family reflection sheet for your child's student inclusive conference next week. Please check your child's agenda and backpack when they are sent out at the end of next week. Please fill out the reflection sheet and hand it into your child's classroom teacher by February 21st. This will help provide important information for our classroom teachers to include in the student inclusive conferences, which can be scheduled by school appointment online. The scheduling window will open February 13th at 3:00PM and close February 21st at 3:00PM. The appointment window will be from February 24th until March 6th. A link will be sent out next week to you.

- March 5th is 2-hour early dismissal for student inclusive conferences.
- March 6th is an instructional day for student inclusive conference. Students do not attend unless it is during your scheduled 20 minute block with your child.

Langley DPAC Parent/Caregiver Education - Langley DPAC is presenting Hannah Beach - Anxious, Aggressive and Shut Down Kids: Practical Strategies for Change Registration is required, Free event.<u>REGISTER HERE</u>

February 2025 Langley MENU – Wednesdays

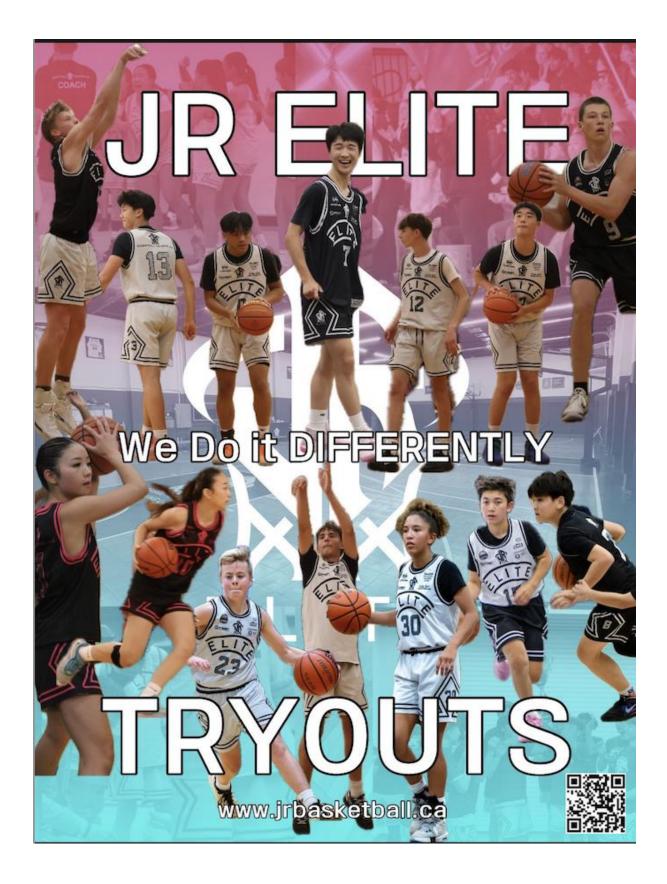


	Wednesday 02/05	Wednesday 02/12	Wednesday 02/19	Wednesday 02/26
Regular	Beef Meatball Submarine Garden Ranch Salad	Chicken Nuggets Rice Corn Plum Sauce Fruit of the Day	Pancakes Turkey Sausage Apple Blueberry Compote Syrup Fruit of the Day	Chicken Burger Tator Tots Fruit
2 nd Choice	Beefaroni Garden Ranch Salad	Breakfast Burrito Hash Brown Triangles Ketchup Fruit of the Day	Macaroni and Cheese Peas and Carrots Fruit of the Day	BBQ Beef Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit
Vegetarian	Veggie Meatball Submarine Garden Ranch Salad	Vegetarian Nuggets Rice Corn Plum Sauce Fruit of the Day	Pancakes Yogurt Apple Blueberry Compote Syrup Fruit of the Day	Veggie Burger Tator Tots Fruit
Halal	Halal Beef Meatball Submarine Garden Ranch Salad	Halal Chicken Nuggets Rice Corn Plum Sauce Fruit of the Day	Pancakes Yogurt Apple Blueberry Compote Syrup Fruit of the Day	Halal Chicken Burger Tator Tots Fruit



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SPRING BREAK SKILLS CAMP

Mar 24th - 27th, 2025 At JR BASKETBALL TRAINING LAB

+ G3 – G5 (Boys & Girls) 10:00am – 1:00pm + G6 – G8 (Boys & Girls) 1:30pm – 4:30pm + G9 – G12 (Boys & Girls) 5:00pm – 8:00pm

\$249 + GST

EARLY BIRD Feb 28th \$229 + GST

www.jrbasketball.ca

We Do it DIFFERENTLY



SPRING BREAK CAMP

at Walnut Grove Secondary

MARCH 24-28

Grade 4-6 Girls and Boys: 9am-12pm

Grade 7-8 Girls and Boys: 12:30pm-3:30pm

\$175/ player

Camps are run by WGSS coaches Wedan and Goertzen and WGSS players. Each session will include skill development and gameplay.

Email <u>fraserriversturgeon@gmail.com</u> for information and registration.

check out a VANCOUVER CANUCKS GAME



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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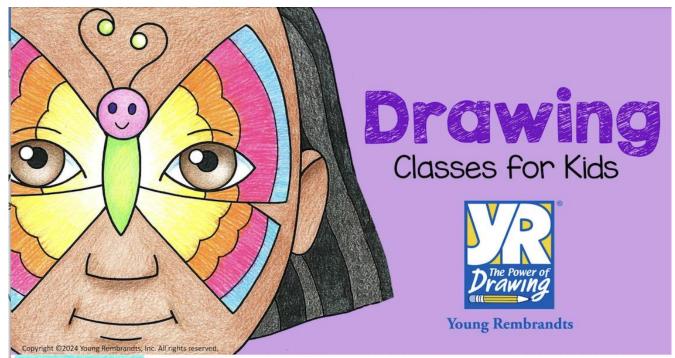


Order between February 1 and February 28 and every packet you buy will earn 40% for our school!



You MUST use the fundraising website to place your order. When prompted to select your organization at checkout, you need to choose 'Gordon Greenwood Elementary.'

Use this QR code to shop or this URL: https://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com





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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Visit our website :

www.youngremrbandts/lowermaindland

604-724-7919

] artsbc@youngrembrandts.com



SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS ABOUT OUR SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS... Did you know we are hiring Instructors in Surrey & Langley? Reach out for more info!





Doors open at 5:15 pm for the concession Movie starts at 5:45 pm Showing in the GGE gym - blankets, chairs and PJs welcome

* Entry by donation *

Concession items for purchase including pizza (for the first hour), popcorn, candy, water and glow sticks - please no outside food

Kids must be accompanied by an adult



Cash only please

Proceeds go toward Grade 7 camp

PAC NEWS

PAC EXECUTIVE

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DPAC

Next PAC Meeting – February 19, 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.

