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Newsletter #24

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
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)
Mar. 7	PAC Hot Lunch
Mar. 14	PAC Treat Day
Mar. 14	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
Mar. 31	Schools Re-Open After Spring Break

Diversity Week – The Jar (Community) and the Marble (Members of the Community):



During Diversity Week, students and staff designed their own paper marbles that were placed on a paper jar from each class. The jar can symbolize fragility, which can be easily broken. With fragility in mind, it can also represent the preciousness of a community. The marbles that are placed in the jar represent the uniqueness of each and every child and staff member. They all have hope in making a difference in the community and the world we live in as they all have precious gifts/talents to provide.

Marbles can symbolize imperfections, but within these imperfections, the light can shine through. Students and staff were able to share their diversity and hopes through their marbles. By placing these marbles in a jar, students and staff were able to see how precious everyone is in their own uniqueness. We hope that all our families in our community can see how precious they are and how important it is for us to gather as a community. At Gordon Greenwood, we follow our G.E.C.K.O. values. “If You Believe, You Can Achieve.”

Diversity Week- Guest Speaker, Michael Bortolotto



On Friday, February 28th, we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Bortolotto to come in and speak with our students about diversity and inclusivity. Michael Bortolotto was diagnosed with cerebral palsy as an infant. He went on to become an award-winning author and has presented all over North America. Mr. Bortolotto also received the Cathleen Lyle Murray Foundation award by the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Development Medicine for his unique humanitarian approaches through advocacy, leadership, and entrepreneurialism within society. He is a powerful speaker that captured the attention of our students. He led three separate sessions that were prepared for our K-2's, Grade 3-5's and Grade 6-7's. Mr. Bortolotto shared his experience in school and the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion. The 6 steps that he shared:

Step 1: Smile

Step 2: Ask Questions

Step 3: Listen Closely

Step 4: Understand

Step 5: Think

Step 6: Use Your Common Sense.

We are thankful for our PAC as they provided the funds to bring Mr. Bortolotto to Gordon Greenwood. We are hopeful that our families can take a moment out of their day to talk about the presentation from today.

I.D.E.A. Summit- Grade 7's





Leading up to Thursday, February 27th, our grade 7 students had the opportunity to learn about entrepreneurial skills and product development. Students were able to engage in market research as well as creating a business plan. On Thursday, our grade 7 students were able to display as well as sell their products to our student community. The students were also able to reflect on how they can use a portion of their earnings to give back to a worthy cause. We appreciate the support that our community provided for our grade 7's for our I.D.E.A. Summit.

Congratulations Grade 6 and 7 GGE Basketball Teams



What an amazing basketball season. The growth that all three of our teams showed this year, really speaks to the commitment of our students and the leadership of our coaches. A mix of parent, student alumni and staff coaches really provided the opportunity for our student athletes to excel both on and off the basketball court. Congratulations Grade 6 and 7 Gecko's. Way to represent our G.E.C.K.O values in our games!

Screenagers - Elementary School Age Edition: Community Screening and Expert Q&A - April 9, 2025

Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston examines the growing impact of screen time on young children, exploring the challenges families and educators face in

managing digital use. Through personal experiences, expert insights, and the latest research, the film addresses key issues such as social media pressures, video gaming, screen time limits, and the effects of early exposure to technology.

Offering practical strategies for fostering healthy digital habits, *Screenagers: Elementary School Age Edition* is a must-watch for parents, teachers, and caregivers looking to guide children toward balanced tech use. View trailer:

<https://youtu.be/EzzzeCny6oU>

FREE EVENT: Join other Langley parents and caregivers for a 55-minute documentary screening followed by a Q&A with expert panelists.

Eventbrite ticket page: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/screenagers-elementary-school-age-edition-tickets-1234161352829?aff=ebdsshcopyurl&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=organizer-profile&utm-share-source=organizer-profile>

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1140497717607292>

[Raising Digitally Resilient Kids - Parent Workshop/Resource](#)

The *Raising Digitally Resilient Kids* parent workshop outlines how parents and guardians can support children's well-being and help them balance the risks and benefits of digital media. Based on insights from MediaSmarts' research with youth, the workshop provides an overview of online risk categories and provides resources and essential strategies that participants can take to manage these risks. You can find all of these resources at the link below:

https://mediasmarts.ca/digital-media-literacy/workshops/raising-digitally-resilient-kids?mc_cid=cadc5a99de&mc_eid=43f3fb04f2

Fraser Health Online Resource:

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: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/school-health/illness-and-immunizations/illness-in-the-classroom>

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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Rainy Weather / Extra Clothing:

Please have extra clothing in your students' bag or cubby, if possible, during this wet and muddy season.

Lost & Found

Please check the lost & found while you are here with your child for their Student Inclusive Conference.

March 2025

Langley MENU – Wednesdays



	Wednesday 03/05	Wednesday 03/12	Wednesday 03/19	Wednesday 03/26
Regular	French Toast Turkey Sausages Syrup Fruit of the Day	Spaghetti and Beef Meatballs Fruit	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK
2nd Choice	Chicken Fried Rice Spring Roll Fruit of the Day	Perogies Sour Cream Peas and Carrots Fruit		
Vegetarian	French Toast Yogurt Syrup Fruit of the Day	Spaghetti and Veggie Meatballs Fruit		
Halal	French Toast Yogurt Syrup Fruit of the Day	Halal Spaghetti and Beef Meatballs Fruit		



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10:00am – 1:00pm

+ G6 – G8 (Boys & Girls)
1:30pm – 4:30pm

+ G9 – G12 (Boys & Girls)
5:00pm – 8:00pm

\$249 + GST

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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 fraserriversturgeon@gmail.com for
information and registration.

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ART CLASSES AT: GORDON GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY

Spring has sprung, and it's time for **SPRINGTIME FUN WITH YOUNG REMBRANDTS!** Kids captivated by movies will love our movie theater still life. Drawing Aladdin's Lamp will be a wish come true! We'll also ride the waves with a cool Surfer & Wave illustration. Fantasy lovers can spark their imagination with our baby dragons lesson, focusing on color and composition. Finally, we'll create a stunning portrait of Frida Kahlo to inspire creativity. Don't miss out—sign up today and let the creativity bloom!

REGISTER TODAY AT:

www.youngrembrandts.com/lowermainland

CLASS DATES: APRIL 2 – JUNE 11/25

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS at 2:35 - 3:35 PM

WHERE: THE SCHOOL Library

COST: \$236.50 for 11 weeks

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PAC NEWS

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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.

Visit the

GGE PAC WEBSITE!



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- hot lunch ... and more!

<https://ggeelem.wixsite.com/gge-pac>