

Betty Gilbert Middle School



Believe in Yourself

Work Together

Achieve Success

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RAPTORS EVENTS

September

- 18- Grade 6 Welcome
- 24- Meet the Teacher (See Below)
- 25- School Improvement ½ Day 11:30 dismissal
- 30- Orange Shirt Day



Meet the Teacher format will be open House format and will be as follows.
4:00-5:00pm and 6:00-7:00pm

We are now officially into our new school year! We would like to Welcome everyone back and hopefully everyone has settled in. Please be reminded of key dates as there are many deadlines moving forward.

READ OUR NEWSLETTER AT: <https://bgms.sd35.bc.ca/news-events/newsletters/>
FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AT: **BGMSRaptors1**





Stay involved to boost your middle schooler's success

Many parents wonder if their involvement in school really makes a difference once their kids reach adolescence. The answer is *yes!* Study after study shows that parents have an enormous effect on their kids' ultimate success in school—even during the middle school years.

Years of research have proven that students whose parents are continuously involved in their education have:

- Better grades and test scores.
- Higher graduation rates.
- Lower levels of drug and alcohol abuse.
- Stronger self-esteem

What does all this mean? It means that staying involved in your middle schooler's education won't just help her today—it'll help her tomorrow and for the rest of her life.

To play an active role in your child's education:

- Show and interest in what they are learning. Ask your child what they did in class today and make sure you really listen to her answer.
- Set realistic expectations. Your child is more likely to believe in herself if they know you believe in them. So set the bar high and cheer them on as they strive to reach it.

Source: "What Research Says About Parent Involvement in Children's Education in Relation to Academic Achievement," Michigan Department of Education, niswc.com/involve_middle.

BGMS PAC NEWS Sept 17, 2015

WELCOME BACK!

It was nice to see such a great turnout for our first PAC meeting of this school year! We need to fill the Vice-chair (vice president) spot on our school PAC. It does not require a huge time commitment to be on the BGMS PAC executive, nor is it necessary to be available during the day (suitable for a working parent). If you are interested in finding out more please drop us an email at bgms.pac@gmail.com.

NEXT PAC MEETING

Our October PAC meeting will be **Monday, Oct 5th at 9:15AM**. Meetings typically run about 1hr 15 minutes (or so we hope!) Coffee and treats always provided!

HOT LUNCH

Our first HOT LUNCH will be in **early October** and the menu is still to be determined. Hot Lunches are ordered through www.munchalunch.com/schools/bgms. If you have any questions on how to register or how to transfer your account from another school please email us at bgms.pac@gmail.com and we will help you out! More details will be available soon, so keep checking the **PAC** section of Betty Gilbert's website <https://bgms.sd35.bc.ca/>!

LOONIE WEDNESDAYS

Loonie Wednesdays are BACK! **Sept 30th** will be our FIRST popcorn day. Bags of freshly popped popcorn will be on sale for \$1 in the front foyer after the eating period. **Dates for Oct will be 14th & 28th.** Parent volunteers are needed for between 10:30 and 12:00 to pop and sell popcorn.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Fall Book Fair will run **Oct 20, 21 & 22** – We need parents to help out at lunchtime, after school and the 2 evenings of Parent/Teacher meetings. We will have a detailed schedule available soon. If you would like to help out for a 1 hour shift (or more!) please let us know at bgms.pac@gmail.com.

KEEP IN TOUCH

You can keep updated by joining our Facebook group (parents only) **BGMS PAC News** or by checking the PAC section on Betty Gilbert's new website <https://bgms.sd35.bc.ca/>.



August 28, 2015

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Dear Parents:

Our world is changing, and parents like you know it is essential to prepare students for success. This means connecting every single child with the basics like reading, writing and arithmetic while ensuring they learn the collaboration, critical thinking and communications skills needed in university, college, the workforce, and the broader community.

Your goal is our goal – ensuring your child gets the education they need to be successful, now and in the future. That’s why this fall we will start our three-year plan to transition to a new curriculum – the plan that maps out what teachers teach and what students are expected to learn.

We have been working together with more than 100 BC teachers over the past three years to refine BC’s curriculum. Our work has been based on world-leading research and successful classroom programs from across the globe.

At the heart of the change is personalized learning, which gives students the opportunity to learn the basics while pursuing their own interests and passions. This could mean exploring nature close to the school to learn about the survival needs of plants and animals for biology, a project on the history of hockey, or building furniture in math class to learn about angles.

Starting this fall, we will begin the three-year process of transitioning to the new curriculum. We’re starting with Kindergarten to Grade 9. Teachers in those grades will have the ability to use the new curriculum this coming year before it is fully implemented in all schools in September 2016. Your school will know how much your child’s teachers will be using the new K-9 curriculum this fall, and will be able to work with you through the transition.

Your child’s success is our top priority. That’s why teachers, school administrators and my Ministry are committed to working together to make sure our education system and our students are ready to succeed in our changing world.

We’re building on one of the world’s most successful school systems, with student performance currently making BC one of the top three education systems in the world. We are able to do this thanks to the ongoing collaboration with teachers from all corners of our province, and the efforts teachers make in classroom each and every day.



Presented by:
The F.O.R.C.E.
Families Organized for Recognition and Care Equality
Society for Kids' Mental Health

'in the know'



'in the know' is a monthly networking and information sharing session that provides a topic expert on what parent/caregivers really want to know.

This is an opportunity to share so that everyone is 'in the know'.

Sessions are provided as a parent information session or a webinar through home internet and group webinar viewings are available in participating communities.

See website for locations

LANGLEY COMMUNITY VIEWING SITE; PARENT INFORMATION & NETWORKING SESSION

The Langley Civic Facility (Yorkson Creek Room) 20338-65 Ave. Langley

[\(Click here for map\)](#)

"Supporting children and youth through a mental health crisis"

presented by Jonah Starr MSW, RSW from the Child and Youth Crisis Program

Jonah is a Mental Health Therapist on the Child and Youth Crisis Program serving Surrey, Langley, White Rock and Delta communities. Jonah has specialized training in counselling children, adolescents, and their families. He will be speaking about the program and how it can help children and youth experiencing acute mental health difficulties warranting immediate intervention..

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 - Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
6:30pm; doors open, 6:45pm; Speaker, discussion & networking

For more information and upcoming topics go to www.forcesociety.com
Please RSVP your attendance by email to tammy@forcesociety.com or phone 604.878.3400

Presented by: The F.O.R.C.E. Society for Kids' Mental Health; a member of the BC Partners for Mental Health and Addictions Information. We're working together to help individuals and families better manage mental health and substance use problems.

Funding provided by the BC Mental Health and Addiction Services, an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority and by the BC Ministry of Children & Family Development In collaboration with the Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre



Langley Parents as Partners in Learning Presents

in partnership with Langley's Middle Childhood Matters Program

MY *Tween* and ME

Discover the full potential of your relationship with your pre-teen. You and your child have come through the demanding early years. Now you realize there are new challenges ahead - and potentially big challenges!

This 8-session parenting program works to help parents from diverse family backgrounds build strong, healthy relationships with their tweens. Parents will be given the confidence and skills to guide their children through the risk-taking teenage years into resilient adults.

My Tween and Me will open your eyes to all the ways you can continue to influence the choices, values, and goals that your children aged 7-12 make. It will also give you insight on how to help prevent the early use of drugs, alcohol and other risky behaviour -- by helping you discover your own skills and strengths as a parent.

Build lasting connections with your tween that will help them to make safe healthy choices now and during their teen years.

* This workshop series is for parents and tweens. Please take note of dates below.



Parent only on the following dates:
Thursdays, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2015

Parent and Tween on the following dates:
Mondays, October 19, 26, & November 2, 2015

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Richard Bulpitt Elementary School
20965 - 77A Avenue, Langley

\$50 per family

My Tween and Me

**Cost for this workshop series is \$50 for both participants.
Registration is limited!! Be sure to book early!!**

**To register online and pay online please go to www.parentsaspartners.wordpress.com
and follow the Workshop Registration link.**

Alternately, if paying by cheque, please fill out the form below:

Name: _____ School: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Please make cheques payable to **Langley Parents as Partners in Learning**.
Send to LPPL, c/o K Heber, Langley SD#35, 4875-222nd Street, Langley, BC, V3A 3Z7.

As we are a not-for-profit organization there are no refunds for unattended workshops.

www.parentsaspartners.wordpress.com --- langleyparentsaspartners@gmail.com

Thank you to the following organizations for their support:



Langley DPAC
"We Are Your Voice"



September 2015

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