



RAPTOR REPORT

ON THE HORIZON 2023

FEB. 22nd	PINK SHIRT DAY POPCORN DAY
FEB. 28th	PAC MEETING – 6:30PM (LIBRARY)
MARCH 3rd	REPORT CARDS ISSUED
MARCH 6-10th	BGMS SPIRIT WEEK – more information to come
MARCH 8th	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – 2:15PM-4:30PM
MARCH 9th	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – 2:15-5:30PM & 6:00-7:30PM
MARCH 10th	TREAT DAY LAST DAY BEFORE SPRING BREAK
MARCH 27th	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
MARCH 29th	POPCORN DAY
APRIL 7th	GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL
APRIL 10th	EASTER MONDAY – NO SCHOOL
APRIL 12th	POPCORN DAY
APRIL 14th	HOT LUNCH
APRIL 25th	PAC MEETING – 6:30PM (LIBRARY)
APRIL 26th	GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS (2 nd dose) POPCORN DAY

NEW UPDATES

UPCOMING REPORT CARDS

A reminder that report cards will be available to be viewed using MyEdBC on **Friday, March 3rd** after 5pm. We do not provide paper copies of report cards to students or families as they are available online. Report cards are only posted for a short period of time, so it is recommended that you save a copy of your child's report card.

IMPORTANT - If you have not been able to login to your MyEdBC Family/Student Portal and access your account information, then please click [here](#).

DIVERSITY & RESPECT WEEK

Diversity and Respect Week was established by the Langley Board of Education in 2017 as a means “to coincide with Pink Shirt Day in February to promote Awareness, Acceptance, Reconciliation, and Inclusion for all members of the school community.” BGMS is proud to celebrate this week with students and staff and share our learning with the community.

Below is a snapshot and brief overview of a few of the reflective activities that students will be participating in this week. Thanks to our Diversity, Respect & Inclusion team for all their hard work to make sure that this week is successful by providing meaningful learning and reflection for students.

Tuesday - What is respect, diversity, and inclusion?

- Collectively gain a better understanding of what respect, diversity, and inclusion means.

Wednesday - Pink Shirt Day

- Conversations around bullying and how to respect and care for one another

Thursday - Indigenous Perspectives

- Reflecting on Indigenous perspectives/world views and how to incorporate these lessons into our daily classroom learning

Friday - Express Yourself

- To express ourselves and see how diverse we are at BGMS.
- Wear something that expresses you and your identify
 - sports jerseys, favorite colour, rocking a cool hairstyle, favorite hat, etc.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Many Voices of BGMS

- Appreciate, and participate in an interactive map activity to celebrate our world diversity at BGMS

Diversity Gallery Walk

- It's all about representation. This picture collage features a visual representation of different types of relationships, abilities, families, and ethnicities.

Featured Diverse Books

- Good reads with themes of respect, diversity, empathy, and inclusion

Indigenous Perspective and World Views Display

- Opportunity for students to reflect, discuss and expand upon their classroom "Call to Action".

ATTENTION GRADE 8 PARENTS - GRADE 9 AVID

Grade 8 students have the opportunity to apply to AVID 9 for the 2023-2024 school year. All applications must be submitted by **February 28th** to the BGMS office. Applications are available for students from their homeroom teacher or on the ACSS website [here](#).

AVID is an elective class for students who want to be “College **AND** Career Ready” after high school. Although all motivated students will be considered, priority will be given to students in the "Middle School" who are academically capable but underachieving because they lack confidence, study, organizational, or time-management skills.

To be considered, good attendance, appropriate classroom behaviour, consistent work ethic, and satisfactory citizenship in and out of school are expected. Students need to be open to trying new strategies for success, and fully participate in all class activities. It is important that they can handle the challenge of this academic elective along with their other courses. Being a hard worker and motivated to do well and improve are important qualities of an AVID student.

The curriculum features academic writing & reading, inquiry, collaboration, note-taking, study skills, organization, self-regulation, and college/career/motivational activities. The first point of entry into the program is grade 9. Students can continue to take the AVID elective in grades 10, 11 and 12. Applying to the program after grade 9 depends on available space in the class, so grade 9 is an important point of entry.

Please see the attached brochure and application for more information.

PURDY'S CHOCOLATE BGMS PAC FUNDRAISER

You are invited to participate in Betty Gilbert's Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser. We are currently fundraising to help with classroom/teacher support. Please support this worthy cause by ordering online!

There are two ways to get started:

1. <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1378459-105018>
 - Enter YOUR email address..... if you are a returning customer, it will take you right into the main page. If you are a new customer, it will ask you to register your name, phone number and a password.
2. <https://fundraising.purdys.com/>
 - Join a Campaign
 - Customer number is 24030
 - If you are a new customer, it will ask you to fill in your name, phone number, email address, and password.
3. Once you are in click SHOP ONLINE then add items to your cart.
4. When you are ready click PROCEED TO CHECKOUT and follow the instructions for payment. Please make sure your phone number is on the order so we can contact you when it arrives.

5. It is easiest to pay online however we have the following options available: cash, cheque, or email transfer. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Betty Gilbert PAC. If paying by e-transfer please use the following information email: bgms.pachotlunch@gmail.com password: raptors
6. Any orders left unpaid as of March 8th at 11:59pm will be deleted.

All orders must be placed **ONLINE**. If you are needing a paper form, please reach out to the PAC.

Orders are due by **March 8th** and pick up day will be **April 3rd** from the office. Please note that the PAC will not deliver to the students without given parent/guardian permission. If you wish for us to deliver to the student, please add this in the comment section on the online check out "ok to be given to student" Please add their name and division.

SPRING BREAK CAMPS & OPPORTUNITIES

Over the next few weeks we will be sending out information from community partners who are offering spring break opportunities. There are usually a number of informative free workshops and spring break camps that are available to students and parents. Please see the attached soccer brochure to determine whether this opportunity would be beneficial for your family.

RAPTOR RECOGNITION CELEBRATIONS

Our most recent Raptor Recognition celebration was on Feb. 9th and it was a heartwarming experience to observe BGMS students cheering on their peers as they received character awards. We will be having more of these celebrations later in the year so that we are able to recognize and celebrate more of our students that are demonstrating our Raptor traits.



Raptor Recognition acknowledges students who demonstrate the core values of the school and are being recognized as ambassadors of BGMS. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our artists, athletes and performers. Teachers and administration select a few students from each class that they believe deserve to be recognized for best representing the core values at BGMS. This is a prestigious award and we will continue to recognize students throughout the year. We will send a note home to parents if their child will be receiving an award.

YEARBOOKS

Pre-orders for the BGMS 2022/2023 yearbook closed on February 15th. There may be a few extra copies still available to purchase in June, but we cannot guarantee that your child will receive a copy if they did not submit a pre-order. If you have any questions regarding the yearbook sales or you missed the deadline and would like to be placed on a waitlist, please email EELSner@sd35.bc.ca. **Yearbooks will be distributed in June 2023.**

BGMS ATHLETICS - GRADE 6/7 BASKETBALL

The grade 6/7 basketball season is well underway and we have over 75 students participating! There are only a few games remaining and the season finishes with a final jamboree tournament. Thanks to all of our dedicated teachers who have given up some late nights and early mornings to help coach our teams.

GRADE 6 BASKETBALL

Wednesdays - Feb 22, March 1

Jamboree Games: Monday March 6, Boys @ YCMS & Girls @ HDSMS

GRADE 7 BASKETBALL

Tuesdays - Feb 28

Jamboree Games: Tuesday March 7, Boys @ LCS & Girls @ PEMS

If you have an questions/concerns then please contact our Athletic director, Mr. Birkhiem at dbirkhiem@sd35.bc.ca.

U-CONNECT EXPLORES FULL-TIME ONLINE LEARNING PROGRAM – GRADES 1-7

Is your child in need of an education program that offers more flexibility and continues to meet their educational needs? U-Connect is inviting students and families to see if a full-time, home-based online learning program for students in grades 1-7 is right for them. U-Connect is gathering feedback to explore the potential of a new program that is 100 per cent home-based and online, offering a more flexible schedule and environment that is tailored to a student's learning style, and allowing more time for their extracurricular passions. Interested students and their families are encouraged to complete an Expression of Interest online form [here](#). To learn more, visit this webpage [here](#).

RAPTOR CLUBS AVAILABLE TO JOIN!

DANCE FITNESS MONDAYS – Mondays at lunch

SEWING – Tuesdays at lunch

DRAMA – Tuesdays 3-4PM, Thursdays at lunch

CREATING SPACE (LGBTQ+) – Wednesdays at lunch

CHESS – Wednesdays at lunch

CHOIR – Wednesdays 3:00-3:50pm

READING SQUAD – Thursdays at lunch

MINDFUL COLORING CLUB – Friday at lunch

GRADE 8 FITNESS FRIDAYS – Friday at lunch open to all grade 8's

NEW RAPTORS SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE ONLINE!



We have **NEW** items that are being added to our spirit wear collection. **Students can now purchase a BGMS shirt in their house team colours for spirit days.** You can check out all of our Raptors Spirit Wear that is available to purchase online by clicking [here](#). **All questions regarding orders should be directed to the vendor through the chat feature.** Orders will only be delivered to BGMS.



PREVIOUS UPDATES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

Since we are expecting some snowy weather over the next two weeks please familiarize yourself with where to find key information in case of school closures.

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 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.

PARENT DRIVER'S FOR EVENTS AND TRIPS

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to drive students to different events this year! If you plan to help drive students for sporting events, fieldtrips, music trips, etc. please provide the following documents to the office at least one day prior to the event:

- A completed volunteer driver form
- A copy of your vehicle insurance (minimum \$2 million third part liability)
- A copy of your driver's license
- A copy of your driver's abstract (which we can help you to find online)

This will allow us more time to make any required copies and to get each form approved by admin prior to the event.

BRING A WATER BOTTLE

Please let your child know that we will no longer be providing cups to hand out to students from the office. We have been going through thousands of water cups, which has become costly and not environmentally friendly. Students are reminded to bring a water bottle to school that they can fill up.

PAC EXECUTIVE

President - Jodi Stiglic
Treasurer - Amy Synesael
Secretary - Valerie Friess
Emergency Preparedness – Tara Sutherland

DPAC Rep - Jodi Stiglic
Hot Lunch Coordinators – Tanya Gray, Debbie Ion
Popcorn Coordinator – Laura Henham

PAC MEETINGS

All parents/guardians are invited to attend the BGMS PAC meetings which will take place in the learning commons (library). The next meeting is **FEB. 28th at 6:30pm.**

HOT LUNCH & POPCORN ORDERS

Hot lunch and popcorn days are happening this year! If you are setting up an account for hot lunch for the first time please click [here](#).

If you already have an account you may log in [here](#).

The ordering website is active and you are able to order both popcorn and hot lunch.

TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS

A reminder that our parking lot is full of students crossing the street before and after school. Please drive slowly and proceed with caution. If you are dropping off then please do so either by parking or pulling off to the right hand side of our parking lot. The left side is for passing while people are dropping off.

Please do not pull over and stop to drop off students on 269th street at the back of our school as it causes serious traffic safety concerns and that side street is a no parking zone. There have been some safety concerns with parents parking on the sidewalks where students are walking. RCMP have been patrolling to make sure that this does not continue to happen.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Breakfast program ensures that all students have reliable access to nutritious food in a safe and supportive environment in order to positively impact health and learning. For families that are needing their children to access our breakfast club it is now available in our multipurpose room starting at 8:15am. The exterior door to the multipurpose room (located at our basketball courts at the back of the school) will be open for 20 minutes each day before school begins. Students can come inside and eat or take something to go. This is also a great opportunity for some of our staff to connect with students who are having a challenging time making connections.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD ABOUT SCHOOL

I would encourage parents to have ongoing conversations with your kids each day to find out how they are adjusting to their new teachers, peers and new learning experiences. Rather than asking your child “How was school today?”, try asking more specific questions such as:

- Tell me about the best part of your day?
- What did you read in class?
- Who did you spend time with today?
- What did you find challenging today?
- Did anything make you laugh today?
- What has been your favorite activity so far?

- Who did you spend time with at recess and lunch?

BELL SCHEDULE 2022-23

- Please click [here](#) for the 2022-23 bell schedule.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022-23

- Please click [here](#) for the Middle school calendar for 2022-23.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

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SUPERVISION BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

BGMS offers supervision **15 minutes before** school which is 8:30am and **15 minutes after** school which is 3:10pm. Students should not be dropped off outside of these times as they will be without supervision.

SCHOOL FEES & FORMS

- We will continue using School Cash Online for payment of school fees, field trips etc. Please [click here](#) for information on how to register and pay using this method. **A \$5.00 school agenda fee has been added for all grade 6 & 7 students.**

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

- School supply lists can be found on our website or by clicking [here](#).

TRANSPORTATION

Please [click here](#) to access the transportation section on the Langley School District website. It has all the pertinent information and forms for families who would like to take the bus.

PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION CLASSES & CLOTHING

Students in grades 6-8 will be taught PHE by specialization teachers from BGMS. Our grade 8 students, will also have increased PHE time that will be taught by specialist ACSS teachers.

Students will be required to get changed for PHE classes and need to wear appropriate active-wear clothing. The PHE teachers will go through the clothing guidelines during the first few classes. This could include sweat pants, shorts, t-shirts, hoodies and a clean pair of running shoes. Clothing is available for purchase at our BGMS spirit wear store by clicking [here](#).

A reminder to please write your child's initials, name and their division number on their tags. We want to ensure that anything left behind in the change rooms is returned to the proper owner.

WAYS OF REPORTING ABSENCES

We have updated the ways in which you can report your child's absence from school. Please use one of the following options:

- **Website Form:** <https://bgms.sd35.bc.ca/our-school/attendance/>
- **Attendance only email:** bgmattendance@sd35.bc.ca Please include the student's first and last name, date they are absent and the reason for the absence.
- **Absence Voicemail:** 604-856-8178 (available 24hrs)

STAYING CONNECTED

BGMS will continue to work towards being a completely paperless school when it comes to communication with parents. In order to stay informed, please use the following online methods:

- **SchoolMessenger** - helps notify parents about school emergencies, important information, student attendance, and provides last minute reminders. This app will send you a text message, phone call or email. **Please opt-in by following the instructions [here](#) so you can stay informed.**
- **Email** - If you are not receiving emails please contact the office to make sure your email address has been updated or check to see if it going into your junk mail.
- **Instagram** - Follow us @bgmsraptors or click [here](#)
- **Facebook** – follow us @bgmsraptors or click [here](#)
- **Website** - Stay up to date by clicking [here](#). Please be patient with us as we begin updating new information in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Mr. J. Harris – Proud Principal

Mrs. C. Burns - Vice-Principal

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