

RAPTOR REPORT

October 27th 2024

Dear Families,

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at Parent Teacher Conferences last week. If you were unable to attend, and would like the opportunity to chat with your child's teacher(s), please email them directly to set something up.

Sincerely, Mrs. Burns

Check out our current foyer display!



Woodworking Explorations with Mr. Marsh: Skateboard Decks and Candy Dispensers



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RAPTOR'S VOLLEYBALL:

MONDAY

- Gr. 6 Girls' Practice 7:30 am (Muir/Giles)
- Gr. 7 Boys' Practice 3:00 pm (Wadell)
- Gr. 8 Playoffs (TBD)

TUESDAY

- Gr. 6 Girls' Practice 7:30 am (Pool)

WEDNESDAY:

- Gr. 7 Girls' Practice 7:30 am (Birkhiem)

THURSDAY:

- Gr 7 Girls' Drop-In 7:30 am (Muir)

FRIDAY:

- Gr 6 Boys' Practice 3:00 pm (Makela/Mawhinney)

Practices Start
Monday,
Oct. 28th!!!



HALLOWEEN COSTUME REMINDER

Halloween is just around the corner, and we are excited to dress up and celebrate! Below are some important costume guidelines:

- Please avoid any form of cultural appropriation. Cultural dress and/or items are not appropriate for costumes.
- Please avoid full masks. For the sake of safety, we need to be able to identify all people in the building.
- Please avoid anything that resembles a weapon. No fake knives, guns, etc.
- Please avoid any outfits that refer to violence, drugs, or alcohol.
- Please avoid anything that is sexist or racist in nature.

Thank-you for your understanding. We want this to be a fun day for everyone!



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It is a long-standing tradition for schools to support our veterans and the efforts of the [Royal Canadian Legion](#). Again this year, our school will be receiving a poppy for every student and distributing them to classes. We will continue to collect funds this year in support of the Legion's Poppy Campaign but kindly ask students and their families to donate online via School Cash Online: <https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com/>. Please do not send cash or cheques with your child to school. If you need assistance accessing School Cash Online, please contact the school office. We appreciate your generosity.

As always, our school is committed to educating our students about the meaning of the poppy and Remembrance Day.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Mon. Oct. 28	❖ Grade 6 & 7 V-Ball Practices start this week
Thurs. Oct. 31	❖ Costume Day ❖ Halloween Carnival
Fri. Nov. 1	❖ Spirit Day: Wear Your PJs!
Tues. Nov. 5	❖ Popcorn Day
Thurs. Nov. 7	❖ Remembrance Assembly ❖ Photo Retakes (afternoon)
Fri. Nov. 8	❖ No School for Students: Design & Assessment Day
Mon. Nov. 11	❖ School Closed – Remembrance Day
Wed. Nov. 13	❖ Hot Lunch
Thurs. Nov. 14	❖ PAC Meeting 6:30pm
Tues. Nov. 19	❖ Lockdown Drill
Fri. Nov. 29	❖ Term 1 Formal Learning Updates (report cards) issued
Mon. Dec. 2	❖ Door Decorating Contest Begins ❖ Grade 6 Immunizations
Fri. Dec. 6	❖ Expos Rotation #3 starts today ❖ Performance for Students
Dec. 16 - 20	❖ Spirit Week
Wed. Dec. 11	❖ Hot Lunch
Mon. Dec. 16	❖ Band Concert at ACSS 7pm
Thurs. Dec. 19	❖ Pancake Breakfast
Fri. Dec. 20	❖ Spirit Assembly ❖ Last Day of School Prior to Winter Break
Mon. Jan. 6	❖ First Day Back in 2025

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Dear BGMS Community,

Our next PAC fundraiser is underway. Please click the following link to see what is available: <https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2024-betty-gilbert-middle-school-1c57e95704/ref/em>

Neufelds will be open until November 11th at 11:59pm.

You can pay with the following options:

- * Credit card
- * E-transfer to fundraisingbgmspac@gmail.com ** please use Raptors as the password and include your order #.
- * Cheques made out to BGMS PAC ** please include your order #
- * Cash - please put in a sealed envelope with name and order #

Thank you for
your support,
Your BGMS
PAC Exec. Team

View our Gourmet Foods by scanning the QR code below
All of your favorites are just a click away...



Betty Gilbert Middle School NEUFELD FARMS FUNDRAISER

Orders In By: November 11 2024, end of day
Pick up: November 19th 2024, 6:00 pm



<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2024-betty-gilbert-middle-school-1c57e95704>

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LATE or ABSENT?

To report an absence, please call the office at 604-856-8178 and press 1 to leave a voicemail.

**IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT OR LATE,
PLEASE LET US KNOW BEFORE 8:45AM.**

Parents can also input an absence using our online form although we have had a few technical glitches with that system so apologies if we do not receive your submission and call to inquire about the safety of your child.

<https://bgms.sd35.bc.ca/our-school/attendance/>

Offering to be a parent driver for one of our sports teams?



First, thank you so much. Without your help we would not be able to attend most of our 'away games'

Second, the District has increased the paperwork you need to complete. Please don't let that deter you, but please do plan ahead:

1. **Fill out a volunteer driver form (attached to this newsletter)**
2. **Provide copies of your driver's license, ICBC insurance, and private insurance (if applicable)**
3. **Provide your ICBC Driver's Abstract:
<https://onlinebusiness.icbc.com/cli/>**

Finally, if you are able to pop into the office in the days preceding game day, we can help you with making copies of your documents and clearing you to drive without you needing to wait in a long line.

Your help and support is very much appreciated. ☺

PLAY
PRESENTS



Disney **THE LITTLE
MERMAID**

Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER

Book by
DOUG WRIGHT

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker
written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements.

NOVEMBER 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH

Friday, Saturday and Sunday Night 7pm
Saturday and Sunday Matinee 2pm
Tues Nov 5th ONLY. Family Karaoke Night

\$24 Regular Admission
\$17 Students (7-17yrs) and Seniors 60+
\$10 Kids (6yrs and under)
\$5 Karaoke Night General Admission

CHIEF SEPASS THEATRE, FORT LANGLEY - 9096 TRATTLE ST.

www.playsociety.ca info@playsociety.ca 604-768-6597

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com



VOLUNTEER AUTOMOBILE DRIVER AUTHORIZATION (ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE)

School: _____

Dear Volunteer Driver:

Thank you for volunteering to drive students. Your assistance is much appreciated. The responsibilities in regards to transportation of students can be found in [Administrative Procedure 562 Transportation of Students Travel for Field Trips and Extracurricular Trips](#). To protect our children and you as a driver, we ask that you complete the following. You will need to provide the school a copy of your driver's license, driver's abstract and your current Autoplan Insurance Policy, the policy must include a minimum \$2 million liability insurance.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ Class: _____ Expiry: _____

Years of Infraction-free Driving Experience: _____

Vehicle Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Vehicle License Number: _____

Seating Capacity: _____ Booster Seat Capacity: # of no-back _____ # of high back _____

I hereby affirm that I have never been convicted of impaired driving or any other criminal driving offense. If I have a serious traffic violation after providing my driver's abstract, I will inform the school principal and withdraw as a volunteer driver. I acknowledge the requirement that all vehicle occupants must use seat belts and where applicable, booster seats. I affirm that I will operate the vehicle in a safe and legal manner, and I will be responsible for the proper installation of booster seats that are supplied by parents or the school in my vehicle, if they are required. I will not allow any child under the age of 12 to sit in the front seat of the vehicle if it is equipped with a passenger side airbag unless the airbag can be legally deactivated.

Date

Signature of Driver

School Administration Approval:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Driver's License	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Driver's Abstract (Confirm no recent serious traffic violations)	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Insurance Coverage (Confirm min \$2M Liability Ins.)
_____ Signature of Principal	_____ Date	

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number:

For **CANADA-BASED** numbers: **978338**

For **US-BASED** numbers: **61569** (see next page for QR code)

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

For **CANADA-BASED** numbers:

**Opt-In from
your mobile
now!**



**Just send “Y”
or “Yes” to
978338.**

(For Canada-based numbers).



*if your number is Canada-based.

School District #35 (Langley)
2024-2025 School Calendar
Middle Schools

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sep 2 (M)	Labour Day (Schools Closed)
	Sep 3 (T)	Schools Open
	Sep 30 (M)	Truth and Reconciliation Day (Schools Closed)
October	Oct 4 (F)	School Improvement Day (students not in attendance)
	Oct 14 (M)	Thanksgiving (Schools Closed)
	Oct 23 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 24 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 25 (F)	Professional Development Day (Provincial - students not in attendance)
November	Nov 8 (F)	Learning Update Prep/Design & Assessment Day (students not in attendance)
	Nov 11 (M)	Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)
	Nov 29 (F)	Learning Updates Issued
December	Dec 20 (F)	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
January	Jan 6 (M)	Schools Re-Open After Winter Break
February	Feb 10 (M)	Professional Development Day (District - students not in attendance)
	Feb 17 (M)	Family Day (Schools Closed)
	Feb 24 (M)	Learning Update Prep/Design & Assessment Day (students not in attendance)
March	Mar 14 (F)	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
	Mar 14 (F)	Learning Updates Issued
	Mar 31 (M)	Schools Re-Open After Spring Break
April	Apr 18 (F)	Good Friday (Schools Closed)
	Apr 21 (M)	Easter Monday (Schools Closed)
	Apr 30 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
May	May 1 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	May 16 (F)	Professional Development Day (District - students not in attendance)
	May 19 (M)	Victoria Day (Schools Closed)
June	Jun 26 (Th)	Final Learning Update Issued & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 27 (F)	Administrative Day (students not in attendance)
July / August		Summer Session