

RAPTOR REPORT

November 24th 2024

Dear BGMS Families,

As we head into this busy and festive time of year, I want to remind you to keep an eye on our school dates in this newsletter. There are so many fun events on the horizon, and we would love to have all of our students fully participating and showing their school spirit. Joining in and taking part in schoolwide events strengthens your child's sense of connection and belonging to our school and community. Participation in our Coin and Food drives also gives children an opportunity to focus on generosity and the gift of giving.

A few key items:

- **This Week: Coin Drive (real coins or School Cash Online)**
- **Next Week: Food Drive**
- **Thursday, Nov. 28th: 90's Spirit Day**

Take care, Mrs. Burns

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS

Please check your child's bag for a brown envelope with their immunization forms from Fraser Health.

- You may select YES or NO on the consent form.
- Fraser Health will be at the school on Tuesday, Nov. 26th to pick up the returned envelopes.
- Grade 6 immunizations are scheduled to occur at BGMS on Monday, Dec. 2nd.

Thank you for your timely response with this consent form.

FORMAL LEARNING UPDATES

Term 1 Formal Learning Updates (aka Report Cards) will be issued on Friday, November 29th. Please test your log in for MyEdBC so that you will be able to access the document. See the poster attached to this newsletter for guidance. (next page)

If you do not have an account, or are having trouble accessing your account, please use the link below for assistance:

The MyEdBC Help website:

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/myedbc-family-portal-help/>

Family Portal



Login ID: sd35-xxxxxxx
both logins and passwords are case sensitive. Logins should be all lower case.



One login ID
should give parents access to all their children's information.



Passwords are good for 90 days
to protect your child's data and you will be prompted to change your password.



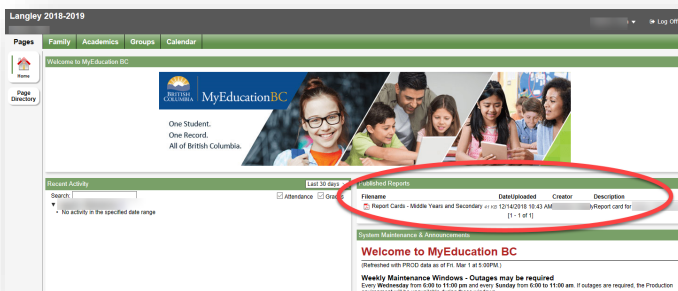
Published Report Cards
It is recommended that you save the PDF documents as the report card is only posted on the Family Portal for a limited time.



Forgot password?
Please click "I forgot my password" on the log on screen or please submit a request [here](#)



How to use the Family Portal
Please visit our website [here](#).



Need Help?

Please submit a request through our website <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/myedbc-family-portal-help/myedbc-request-for-assistance-form/>



For more information
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Nov. 25 - 29	❖ BGMS Coin Drive
Thurs. Nov. 28	❖ Spirit Day - 90's Theme
Fri. Nov. 29	❖ Term 1 Formal Learning Updates (report cards) issued
Dec. 2 - 6	❖ BGMS Food Drive
Mon. Dec. 2	❖ Door Decorating Contest Begins ❖ Grade 6 Immunizations (all morning)
Fri. Dec. 6	❖ Expos Rotation #3 starts today ❖ Performance for Students
Dec. 16 - 20	❖ Spirit Week <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>M – Winter Wonderland - wear White and Blue</i>• <i>T – Festive Fashion - wear Red and Green</i>• <i>W - Bundle Up - wear Socks and Sweaters</i>• <i>Th – PJ Day</i>• <i>F – Raptor Rep – wear House Colours and/or Spirit Wear</i>
Wed. Dec. 11	❖ Hot Lunch
Mon. Dec. 16	❖ Band Concert at ACSS 7pm
Thurs. Dec. 19	❖ Pancake Breakfast – classes will be called down to eat throughout the morning (students should still eat breakfast at home that day – think of this more as brunch!)
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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Aldergrove Elks

Annual

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14th

1pm - 4pm

Aldergrove Legion Hall
(26607 Fraser Hwy)



Free Fun
for the
whole family!

Entertainment!
Refreshments!
Hot Dogs!

A MESSAGE FROM FRASER HEALTH

Make dental, hearing and vision checks part of a healthy routine

Health screenings help find issues early which can make treatment easier and more effective. It's important for your child to have regular eye exams and routine dental checkups. It is also important to recognize any hearing loss early as this is essential for speech and language development. Read on to learn when and how to access services for your child.

Dental

Tooth decay is the most common, but preventable, childhood chronic disease. It is important to establish good oral hygiene at a young age and have children's teeth checked by a dentist regularly. To find a local dentist near you who is accepting new patients, visit the BC Dental Association's [Find a Dentist database](#). If you are a member of a low-income family and you do not have extended health coverage, there are several programs that can help you access [affordable dentistry for your children](#). You can also contact the dental program at your [local public health unit](#) and ask about resources available in your community.

Vision

[BC Doctors of Optometry](#) recommends children receive their first eye exam when they are six to nine months old with a follow up exam at least once between the ages of two and five and then yearly once they enter school. You can find an optometrist accepting new patients near you at the College of Optometrists of British Columbia's [Find an Optometrist database](#). In B.C., one basic eye exam per year is free up to the age of 18. Some optometrists may charge a user fee of about \$35-50 per visit, so be sure to ask about any fees before you make an appointment.

Hearing

Good hearing is essential for speech and language development and plays an important part in a child's social and emotional growth. It is important to recognize hearing loss early and seek out testing and treatment if needed. Fraser Health's Public Health community audiologists provide hearing services for children from birth to 19 years of age. If you have a concern about your child's hearing, referrals can be made by a parent or caregiver, a health care provider or education professional to [your local public health audiology \(hearing\) clinic](#).

Find more information on child health screenings and how to access free vision, hearing and dental exams on Fraser Health's website: <https://ow.ly/oK9z50PegZB>

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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. ☺



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