

# RAPTOR REPORT

December 6<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dear BGMS Families,

What a fun and heart-warming week we've had! It started with the PAC providing milk and cookies to all students and staff – what a treat! From Monday to Friday, our WEB Leaders spent each morning counting food item donations and combining generosity with House Team spirit. Meanwhile, our Grade 6 & 7 volleyball teams finished off their season strong with excellent teamwork and energy at their Jamborees. Finally, we ended our week with a performance by a Hip Hop group called 'Metaphor'. They brought the beat to BGMS, and our kids responded – it was great to see so many students dancing, rapping, and feeling confident to try something new.

Over the next two weeks, the good times will continue. Here are a few things we are looking forward to:

- ❖ Staff vs. Grade 8 volleyball games; each Grade will get the chance to cheer for their teachers, or for their Grade 8 friends during the different match ups.
- ❖ Band and Choir concert – ACSS, Monday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
- ❖ Pancake Breakfast on Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – thank you to our PAC for organizing this awesome event held for students and staff; we are a lucky school.
- ❖ Spirit Week – a different bit of fun each day:
  - *Monday 16 – Winter Wonderland - wear White and Blue*
  - *Tuesday 17 – Festive Fashion - wear Red and Green*
  - *Wednesday 18 - Bundle Up - wear Socks and Sweaters*
  - *Thursday 19 – PJ's and Pancakes – get cozy, it's our School Breakfast day!*
  - *Friday 20 – Raptor Rep – wear House Colours and/or Spirit Wear*

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs. Burns*

## Reminder:

The last day of school before Winter Break is Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, and our first day back in the new year is Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:	
Tues. Dec. 10	❖ Popcorn Day
Wed. Dec. 11	❖ Hot Lunch ❖ PAC Meeting 6:30pm
Dec. 16 - 20	❖ Spirit Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>M – Winter Wonderland - wear White and Blue</i></li> <li>• <i>T – Festive Fashion - wear Red and Green</i></li> <li>• <i>W - Bundle Up - wear Socks and Sweaters</i></li> <li>• <i>Th – PJ Day</i></li> <li>• <i>F – Raptor Rep – wear House Colours and/or Spirit Wear</i></li> </ul>
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

## Did you Know?!

The far parking lot west of BGMS is now a one-way system. As you enter, please be sure to follow the arrows.

## **FREE STUFF ALERT!**

**Get ready to score BIG on Dec. 7th at Town and Field Church, Langley!**

- 20719-48 ave. Langley.
- Take as much as you need
- Clothes for baby to adult
- Toys
- Diapers & incontinence items
- Linens, and Smaller household things
- \$5 cash entry (kids 10 & under FREE!)

**Event hours are 2 PM to 4 PM, Dec.7**

[www.clothes2u.ca](http://www.clothes2u.ca)

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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

### **Winter Health Tips**

*Health, safety, and wellness continue to be a priority in our schools. To help support our students and families, we are sharing important information from our community partner Fraser Health about winter health. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.*

#### ***Keeping Your Child Healthy During Winter***

*As the chilly winter season is upon us, here are a few extra things you can do to help keep your children healthy and well. Navigate this season with these essential tips.*

#### ***Bundle Up For The Cold***

*Dressing appropriately for the cold weather is vital in keeping your child comfortable and protected. Wearing multiple layers is a great way to trap body heat and provide insulation against the cold.*

*Keep a warm hat, gloves, scarves and insulated boots handy. Remind your child to wear these items before heading outside to play or going to school.*

#### ***Protect Against Winter Illnesses***

*Winter brings an increased risk of colds and flus. Make sure your child is getting enough sleep (9 to 11 hours for school aged children), eating a variety of foods and staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Ensure your child receives their annual flu vaccine and talk to a health care provider about any additional vaccines that may be recommended. Teach your child good respiratory etiquette such as regular hand washing, covering their coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick. If they are sick and cannot stay away from others, they can wear a mask to reduce the risk of spreading their illness. Learn more about masks here: [Masks \(bccdc.ca\)](https://www.bccdc.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/masks)*

#### ***Keep Their Bodies Moving***

*While colder weather may limit outdoor activities, it's crucial to keep your child active during winter as regular physical activity boosts their immune system and keeps them energized. Encourage indoor play and activities such as dancing, yoga or interactive video games that promote movement. Look for winter programs at local community centres or indoor sports facilities.*

*Find more tips for a healthy winter: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/winter-health>*

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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/cliio/>**

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:**

Copy of Driver's License

Copy of Driver's Abstract  
(Confirm no recent serious traffic violations)

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)	<b>Labour Day (Schools Closed)</b>
	Sep 3 (T)	Schools Open
	Sep 30 (M)	<b>Truth and Reconciliation Day (Schools Closed)</b>
October	Oct 4 (F)	<b>School Improvement Day (students not in attendance)</b>
	Oct 14 (M)	<b>Thanksgiving (Schools Closed)</b>
	Oct 23 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 24 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 25 (F)	<b>Professional Development Day (Provincial - students not in attendance)</b>
November	Nov 8 (F)	<b>Learning Update Prep/Design &amp; Assessment Day (students not in attendance)</b>
	Nov 11 (M)	<b>Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)</b>
	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)	<b>Professional Development Day (District - students not in attendance)</b>
	Feb 17 (M)	<b>Family Day (Schools Closed)</b>
	Feb 24 (M)	<b>Learning Update Prep/Design &amp; Assessment Day (students not in attendance)</b>
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)	<b>Good Friday (Schools Closed)</b>
	Apr 21 (M)	<b>Easter Monday (Schools Closed)</b>
	Apr 30 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
May	May 1 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	May 16 (F)	<b>Professional Development Day (District - students not in attendance)</b>
	May 19 (M)	<b>Victoria Day (Schools Closed)</b>
June	Jun 26 (Th)	Final Learning Update Issued & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 27 (F)	<b>Administrative Day (students not in attendance)</b>
July / August		Summer Session