

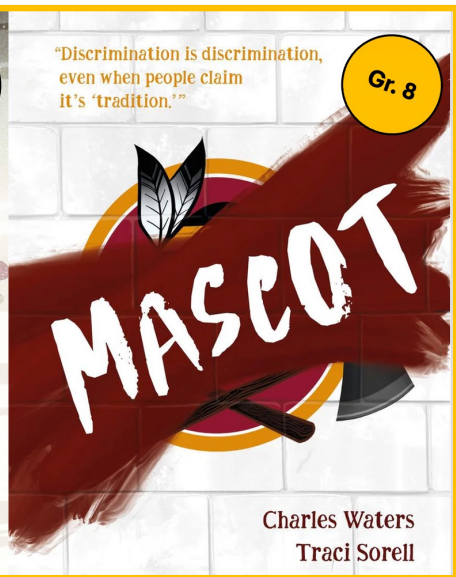
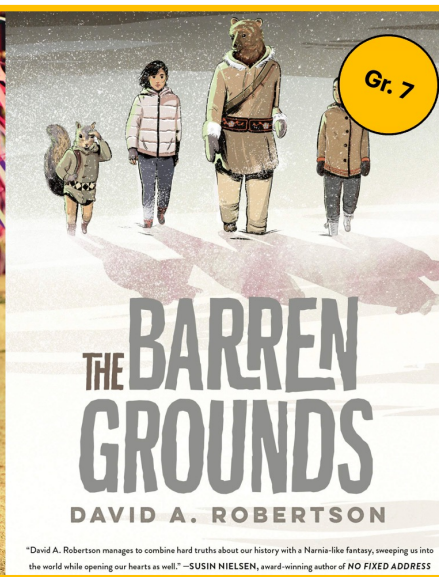
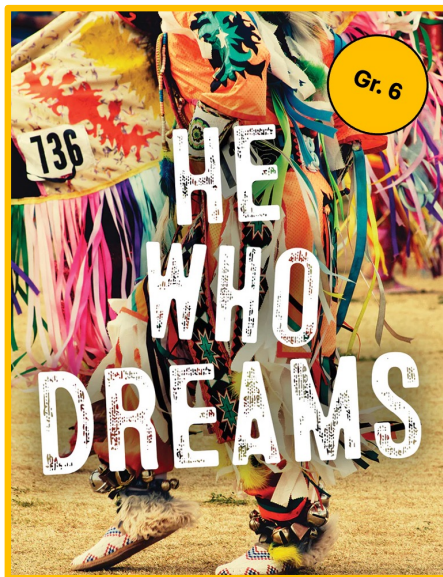
RAPTOR REPORT

Jan. 12th 2025

Dear BGMS Families,

Welcome to 2025! It is great to have the kids back in the building. We are looking forward to diving into a solid month of learning, athletics, clubs, and middle school fun!

Sincerely, Mrs. Burns



This week we launched our BGMS version of the Langley Middle School Read Aloud. Each of our grades will be reading and discussing a novel specifically geared toward their age. All three of our books have Indigenous themes making this a powerful shared experience for all as the students delve into deeper comprehension and transforming their thinking.

DANCE!!!!

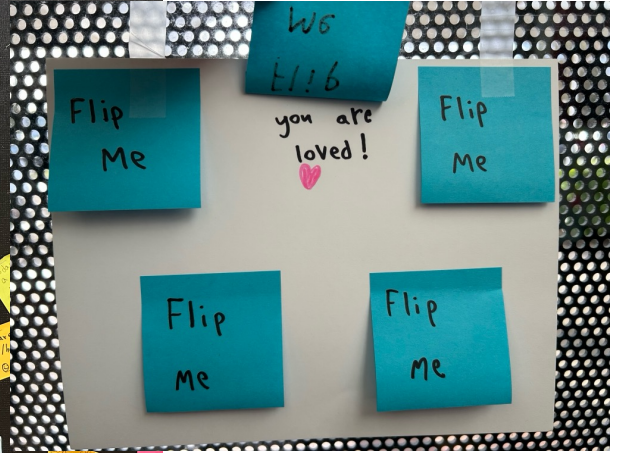
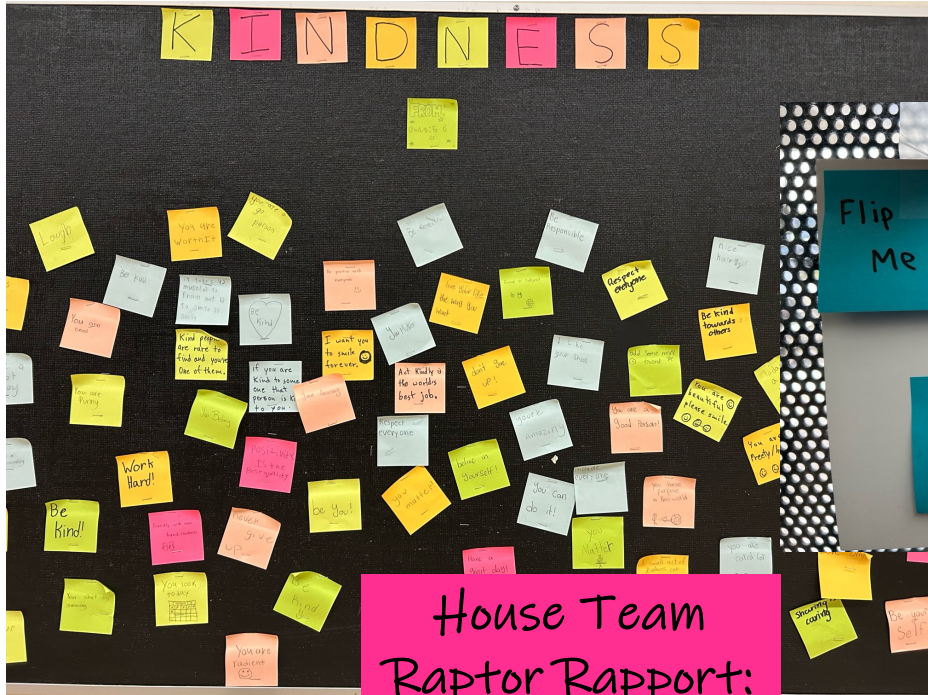
Please see the attached poster for information about our upcoming dance. More info coming soon in a separate email.

- Date: Friday, Jan 24th
- Time: 6-8pm
- Theme: Y2K



Be on the look out for our Grade 6 & 7 Basketball teams starting up in January. Practice and Game Days tbd.

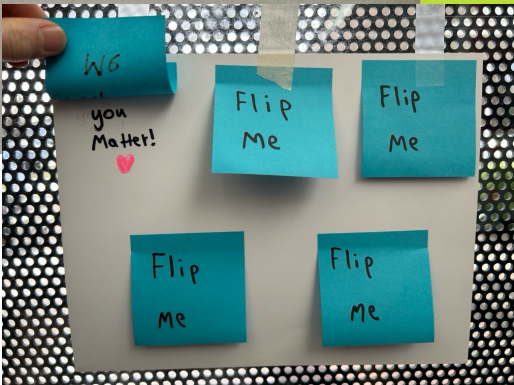
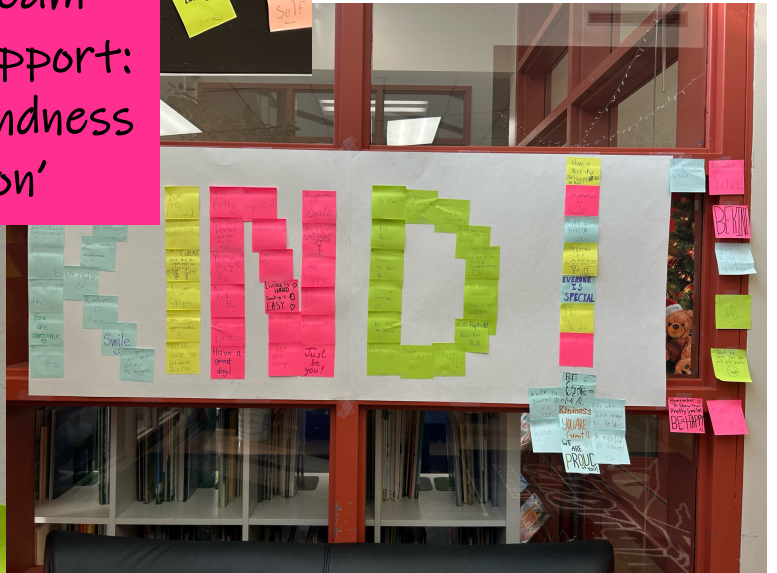
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House Team
Raptor Rapport:
'Acts of Kindness
in Action'

Have a
good day!

keep going you
can do
it!



You never know what people are going through, even the people are closest to. You will never walk the exact same path. Try and put their shoes and walk down there path, and be there. You will never fit in my shoes, and I will never fit in yours, so be
KIND.

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WHERE THE PARTY AT?!



Dance

Friday
January 24th
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Entrance
Ticket: \$10

Open to All Grades 6-8
BGMS Students
Tickets on Sale In Person
Jan 20th - Jan 24th
At Lunch

OR
School Cash Online
Phones will be Collected
Bring \$\$ for Concession

RAPTOR REPORT

INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL STATUS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in the Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? 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 X (formerly 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.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Mon. Jan. 13	❖ Div. 61/62 Skating
Tues. Jan. 14	❖ Popcorn Day ❖ Div 64/65 Skating
Wed. Jan. 15	❖ Div 61/62 Skating ❖ Div. 66/67 Skating ❖ PAC Meeting 6:30pm
Thurs. Jan. 16	❖ White Hatter Digital Safety Presentation for Staff and Students
Wed. Jan 22	❖ Hot Lunch
Fri. Jan 24	❖ School Dance 6-8pm (theme: Y2K)
Tues. Jan. 28	❖ Div. 62/63 Skating ❖ Grade 8's: Course Planning Info Assembly (students only)
Wed. Jan. 29	❖ Div. 66/67 Skating ❖ Div. 64/65 Skating
Thurs. Jan. 30	❖ Expos Rotation #4 Starts
Mon. Feb. 3	❖ Grade 8 Parent Meeting 5-6pm @ ACSS (talking about Gr. 9)
Tues. Feb. 4	❖ Div. 73/74 Skating
Thurs. Feb. 6	❖ Div. 75/76 Skating

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SD35 Career Education



PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

Exploring Langley School District's Trades & Career Opportunities

Join us for this family information evening as we highlight the district's career programs and pathways to post-secondary success!

Contact your Career Advisor for more information!

WHEN:

February 4, 2025
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

WHERE:

Langley Events Centre
7888 200 Street, Langley



Automotive



Carpentry



Electrical



Hairstylist



Landscape Horticulture



Piping/Plumbing



Professional Cook 1



Welding



Intro to Health Science



Early Childhood Education



Biomedical & Health Science

LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR FUTURE!!

CONNECT WITH POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS!!

PARENTS & STUDENTS WELCOME!!

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Mental Health Information (from Fraser Health)

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 mental health. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Support Your Child's Mental Health

Mental health is a key component of healthy child and youth development, and it has an impact on their relationships and their performance in school.

How Can Parents Support Positive Mental Health?

Parents can help support positive mental health by forming strong and caring relationships with their children.

- *Connect – talk and listen to their feelings and experiences.*
- *Be active together – take a walk and build physical activity into family time.*
- *Take notice – encourage and praise the positive behaviours and choices your children make.*
- *Keep learning – encourage your child to learn from both positive and negative experiences.*
- *Give – your time, your words, and your presence.*

*Sometimes, parents feel like they don't know what to say or how to interact with their youth. Learn more about [**tips for how to talk to your child or teen about mental health.**](#)*

*Get more information about positive mental health for children and youth: [**Positive mental health for children - Fraser Health Authority.**](#)*

*Find out what services, programs and resources are available for your child and/or youth: [**Child and youth mental health - Fraser Health Authority**](#)*

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BGMS SPIRIT WEAR

If you are interested in purchasing BGMS Spirit Wear or would like to check out what we have available, please follow the link below, which can also be found on our school website. Clothes usually arrive at the school within 2-3 weeks after orders are placed. Please note that youth sizing is geared toward elementary age children, so for many Middle School students, ordering an adult size works best for fit.

<https://bgms.sd35.bc.ca/student-life/spirit-wear/>



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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