

Gordon Gazette

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Newsletter #03

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Monday	October 8	Thanksgiving (school not in session)
Friday	October 12	Individual Photos
Tuesday	October 16	Performance at 2:00pm (K-7)
Wednesday	October 17	Parent/Teacher conferences (dismissal is 11:05)
Thursday	October 18	Parent/Teacher conferences (dismissal is 2:05)
Friday	October 19	Professional Day (school not in session)
Friday	October 26	PAC/Staff Mingle at Acropol Restaurant
Monday	October 29	PAC meeting at 6:45pm in the library

SCHOOL NEWS

PERFORMANCE: The Chucky Danger Band performs a youth-centered show full of stage craft and unexpected surprises. The band's melodies and lyrics while reminiscent of the Beatles and the Police reflect today's world. This performance will be for all Kindergarten to Grade 7 students and will be at 2:00pm on Tuesday, October 16 in the gym.

GOAL-SETTING/PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE: We welcome parents to come and visit their child's classroom, see their work, talk about goals for the term and chat with their child's teacher. The parent teacher conferences may also take place on Tuesday after school because on Thursday there is the District Cross-country meet where parents, staff and students will be participating.

STUDENT COUNCIL: We had our first student council meeting this week. We have an enthusiastic group of students who will be encouraging their classmates to come up with ideas to make our school year fun, to give back to our community, to look at our world community and to make General Gordon a great place to be. The following are our **Grade 7 executive:** Hamish Clark, Celestina Aldred, Meagan Kaisers, Olivia Ruygrok, Kathryn Baker, Olivia Chow, Jeremy White, Shana Schiopu, and Dyamelia Mohamed. These grade 7 reps will be running for president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and spirit team.

Our classroom reps: Natasha Lee, Clare Atkinson, Isobel Potter, Jemimah Raffe-Devine, Nick Sereda, Hannah Barbero, Marlow Sears, Grace Caspar, Mitchell Key, Rachel Neo, Jacob Ross, Brooklyn Hartwell, Max Schmidt, Maya Holland, Sylvia Ascher, Daniel Riano, Skye Gilliard, Forest Scarrwener, Nyah Rice.

Stay tuned for exciting activities and events that will be coming to your Gordon community.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS Mountain West will be taking individual photos of the students on **Friday, October 12.** More information will be sent home.

PAC UPDATE

PAC MEETING *Monday, October 29th* from 6:45-8:45pm in the Library. Child minding provided.

WELCOME TO THE NEW PAC EXECUTIVE

Welcome to our new PAC executive:

PAC Chair	Ingrid Sulston
Co-Treasurers	Anna Guner-Johnson & Heather Young
Secretary	VACANT (any volunteers?)
French Immersion rep	Lawrence Higa
Seismic rep	Laura Jordan
Greening chair	Jill Stewart
Class reps	Penny Dagg & Debra Kopelow

❖ Thank you to Penny Dagg for her many years as PAC Chair supporting our school community!

GROCERY FUNDRAISING: PAC buys grocery cards at a discount of 2%-7.5% depending on the retailer and PAC sells the cards at face value. Please see info sheet. Order forms are found at the front table in the Gordon School entrance. Cheques are due at the end of each month.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR will be running Wednesday, October 17 and Thursday, October 18 during Parent-Teacher conferences. Student and parent volunteers are needed. Sign up sheets will be outside the office. Please contact Angela Gray for more information 604-714-0465.

BEAUTIFUL GARDENS: Want a beautiful garden next spring? The General Gordon Greening Committee will be selling *seven varieties of flower bulbs* outside the school office on Wednesday, October 17th and Thursday, October 18 to coincide with Parent-Teacher Conferences. Prices will be similar to those of the garden centres. Please come out and support this initiative.

CLASS PARENT REPS: Penny Dagg and Debra Kopelow will be collecting names from parents who are interested in being a class rep for their child's classroom.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: General Gordon PAC will be organizing a sample package of a \$46.00 and a \$20.00 coupon book to go home with your child. Instructions around the fundraising will be included in this package. **If you do NOT** wish your child to receive this package, please fill in the tear off at the bottom of the page and hand in to the office.

The proceeds for this fundraiser will be going to the General PAC account, which is used in a variety of ways to support our school.

BOTTLE DRIVE FOR GORDON

General Gordon is having a "Two week bottle drive"(from October 9-19th)

Clear out those recycling mountains, and make a buck for Gordon. Bring in all clean drinks containers, *except dairy and soy*, and sort them into the collecting bins in the basement (near the woodworking area).

This includes aluminum cans, plastic, glass and gables (cardboard) – juice or alcoholic (no dairy or soy).

For the bottle drive only, there will be volunteers to help carry and sort. Bring your load to the basement woodworking area. Put your wine and beer bottles in boxes if possible.

Parents, if you are able to help for half an hour at drop off time, please contact us, and/or meet in the basement next week.

On-going recycling (following bottle drive)

Bring clean drinks containers to the basement and sort them into the bins.

No dairy, no soy.

No alcoholic containers, except on announced pick up days.

Sort them into the bins in the basement.

Anna Guner-Johnson (604) 647 [2293](tel:6042293) or anna@pdgroup.ca

Heather Young (604) 734 [1505](tel:6047341505) or heatheryoung2@shaw.ca

SUPPORTING LEARNING

WHAT ABOUT BEDTIMES AND SCHOOL

Summer holiday and school break times are big sleep routine busters. Here are some points to consider.

- ✓ Some children will need extra sleep to adjust to new routines and the demands of school. Children have a shorter attention span when they are not getting enough sleep.
- ✓ A five to seven year old child needs about 10-11 hours of sleep each night.
- ✓ A routine at bedtime helps to set regular sleep patterns and good sleep habits.
- ✓ Quiet play followed by a bath or story time helps children wind down.
- ✓ Some children settle themselves for sleep by listening to taped bedtime songs or stories.
- ✓ For children who have trouble getting to sleep, it often helps to limit vigorous activity or exciting television before bedtime and provide an hour of quiet time before bed.

These are just a few ideas about a big topic...

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

I DO NOT WISH MY CHILD _____ IN DIVISION _____ TO BRING HOME A SAMPLE PACKAGE OF THE ENTERTAINMENT AND COUPON BOOKS.

Signature of Parent/Guardian