

Gordon Gazette

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CALENDAR REMINDERS

Monday	March 3	Class, group and panorama photo day
Tuesday	March 4	Committee II meeting @ VSB
Friday	March 14	Report Cards go home Last full day of school before Spring Vacation
Monday	March 17	Spring Vacation (Mar 17-25 th)
Wednesday	March 26	School reopens after Spring Vacation
Thursday	March 28	PAC/Staff Mingle
Monday	March 31	PAC Meeting

Online Newsletters: To become more environmentally friendly and save trees we will be posting newsletters electronically. Some paper copies will be available through the office and at JKC. We are excited at the prospect that we will be able to post photos as well as text in future electronic editions.

SCHOOL NEWS

Kindergarten Registration: Kindergarten Registrations for the 2008-2009 school year are now being accepted at the General Gordon School Office. Children born in 2003 will begin attending school in September 2008. The parent or legal guardian must personally attend when registering a student. An official Birth Certificate, applicable immigration and citizenship papers, health immunization records and proof of Residency in the General Gordon catchment area must be presented to complete registration. Original documentation is required. To ensure placement at General Gordon Elementary School for September 2008, you are advised to register early.

Grocery Card Fundraiser: Orders due Feb 29 by 3:00 pm in the box labeled Grocery Orders. Order forms in the school office, main entry hallway, and also on the PAC website www.gordonelementary.ca Safeway and Capers not available. Contact Diana Schmidt: 604-737-4896, dmschmidt@shaw.ca

PAC meeting: March 31st from 6:45-8:45pm in the library. Childcare available.

Read-A-Thon: The Read-A-Thon is underway, and runs until March 7th. Read as much as you can, logging your minutes on your log sheet. Any student who participates will be eligible for a prize draw. Ask friends and family to pledge money for your reading. Extra instructions with log and pledge sheets are available in the office. At the end of the Read-A-Thon March 7th, collect your remaining pledge money and put it with your log sheet in an envelope. Bring the envelope to the office on March 10th, the Monday after the Read-A-Thon ends. Thank you and have fun reading.

- ❖ We are trying to get authors to come to the school for the last day of the Read-A-Thon. If you can help with this, please contact Penny Dagg at 604-733-6848 or pdagg@telus.net or Ingrid Sulston isulston@gmail.com.

Gala Evening: Dust off your bell bottoms and get out those polyester shirts. It's time for a Disco! You are all invited to a Gala Evening on Friday, March 7th, 2008 at St. James Community Square 3214 West 10th Avenue **beginning at 7:30pm** Ticket prices: \$25 for one or \$45 for two. There will be a live Band, finger food, silent auction, prizes for the best dressed (Disco/70's-late 80s) and best dance(s), and lots of fun! There will be a no host bar with water, pop, cocktails, beer and wine

available. Proceeds in support of General Gordon French Immersion students on their Cultural Exchange to Quebec. Questions? Email: [Theresa.godin\[at\]gofishbc\[dot\]com](mailto:Theresa.godin@gofishbc.com)

General Gordon Canspell Contest Finalist: Congratulations to *Andrew Adair-Comminos* who will be participating in the Vancouver Regionals for the Canspell Contest on March 9th. We wish him good luck in the finals.

Electronic Games at General Gordon: Two students approached Student Council with a proposal to minimize the amount of time at recess and lunch that students were playing with electronic games. They felt that it was not healthy and that students should be exercising at lunch. The student council reps returned to their classes and voted about the electronic games.

❖ The number one choice voted in was that *electronic games can only come to school on Fridays!*

Grade 7 Articulation News to Kits High School:

Wednesday May 7th English 8 Enrichment Placement Exam, 3:30 Kits Cafeteria

Wednesday May 14th Mathematics Enrichment Placement Exam- 3:30 Kits Cafeteria

SUPPORTING LEARNING

Report Cards: Report cards will be sent home on Friday, March 14th before Spring Break.

Social Responsibility: For the month of March, Divisions 16, 17, & 4 will be working on “*Showing Respect.*”

French For Parents Workshops: Please see notice posted at the office. There are many levels and dates. Cost is \$100.00 per person and \$15.00 for the workbook. For information and registration phone 1-800-747-4825 or 604-708-5100 or visit the website at <http://www.educacentre.com/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Growth Concerns presents Dr. Gordon Neufeld: Dr. Neufeld, Vancouver’s own world-renowned psychologist and best-selling author, presents, “*Relationship Matters: The Challenges of Parenting and Teaching Today’s Children*”. He will address the issues of parenting in today’s changing society. How do we provide the conditions children need to truly grow up? How do we shield our children against the rising tide of aggression and bullying? Wednesday April 23, 2008 Chan Centre for the Performing Arts. Tickets \$25 through ticketmaster.ca 604-280-4444