

# Gordon Gazette

General Gordon Elementary School

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Newsletter #14

## CALENDAR REMINDERS

Sunday	April 6	<i>Think Schools</i> Conference
Monday	April 7	Marimba Performance at 11:00am
Tuesday	April 15	<i>Aboriginal Celebration</i>
Wednesday	April 16	Badminton BC starts
Thursday	April 17	Immunization Clinic #3 for Kindergarten & Grade 6's
Monday	April 21	Opera at 1:30pm
Monday	April 21	Meeting with Korean parents at 1:30pm
Friday	April 25	<i>PAC/Staff Mingle at Tatlows</i>
Monday	April 28	PAC Meeting re: School Plan (Goals)

**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.

**PAC/STAFF MINGLE:** *Please notice the change of venue. Tatlows is on 4<sup>th</sup> between MacDonald and on the north side of the street. The change in venue is because this place has more area around to socialize.*

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Welcome to New Staff:** We would like to welcome to our General Gordon School Community *Mr. James Copley* who will be teaching Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays in Division 8 and to *Ms. Sarah Irving* who will be teaching Fridays in Division 9.

**Welcome to Our New Associate Superintendent:** The staff, parents and students would like to thank *Mr. Dan Marriott*, for supporting our school community in the interim as Mr. Tom Grant accepted a superintendent position in Coquitlam. We would like to welcome *Ms. Lynn Green* who has been appointed associate superintendent and will assume the position beginning on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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 by *April 4th* at 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](http://www.gordonelementary.ca) Safeway and Capers not available. Contact Diana Schmidt: 604-737-4896, [dmschmidt@shaw.ca](mailto:dmschmidt@shaw.ca)

**PAC meeting:** April 25th from 6:45-8:45pm in the library. Childcare available. Items on the agenda so far: School Plan-SPC to present school plan process and look at goals for next year.

❖ We are looking for donations of:

- Booster Seats- It is mandatory now for children under 18kg (40lb.) until their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday or have reached the height of 145cm (4ft 9in). These are necessary for taking younger children on fieldtrips.
- Playing balls for the classroom to be taken out at recess and lunch. (volleyballs, basketballs, bouncy balls, Frisbees, skipping ropes etc.)

**Spring Fling:** The Best Spring Fling Ever will be held on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00- 8:00pm. We need your help to make it a great success. We will be having music, games, plant sale, and many more exciting activities.

- We need a graphic designer to make a poster
- We are collecting food vendor contacts (please contact Jennifer Sears ([Jennifersears@telus.net-604-736-2932](mailto:Jennifersears@telus.net-604-736-2932)))
- We would like each class to organize a game, craft table, or activity, skipping demo, traditional dance from your culture, poetry reading etc. (parent reps will be contacted soon to organize these activities)
- If parents have other ideas please contact your class rep
- We are looking into having a beer garden on site from 6:00-8:00pm. (If anyone has a “Serve it Right” License please contact Jennifer Sears)
- Would anyone like to be our “Master of Ceremony” for the day or work with some students to do it.

**Lost and Found:** On Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> all the Lost and Found items will be cleared out. Please come and check for your children’s lost items before then. Please contact Ingrid if you have a local place to send these items to. We currently donate to Big Brothers. (Ingrid 604-263-1920)

**Badminton:** Notices will be coming home today with information about badminton. Similar to Tennis BC, Badminton BC brings in an expert instructor and works with the classroom teacher to deliver 6 sessions to Grades 1-7 for \$5.00 and 3 sessions to the Kindergarten students for \$2.50. Please feel free to come and watch a session and if you have any questions or concerns please contact the school.

**Grade 7 Articulation News to Kits High School:**

Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> English 8 Enrichment Placement Exam, 3:30 Kits Cafeteria

Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup> Mathematics Enrichment Placement Exam- 3:30 Kits Cafeteria

**Parking Regulations:** The city parking enforcement team has been issuing tickets for cars that are stopping in the **NO STOPPING** and **NO PARKING** zone in front of the school on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and on the side of the school on Bayswater. The parking regulations are enforced so that students are safe.

The following are the parking rules:

**NO STOPPING** signs: Means that no cars can stop here.

**NO PARKING** signs: No parking means that cars can stop and drop off **BUT ONLY FOR 5 MINUTES**.

**SUPPORTING LEARNING**

**General Gordon Talent Show:** Notices have gone home for the talent show. There are extra notices in the office if your child did not receive one. These applications to enter the talent show are due to the office by April 11. Auditions will be from April 14-25. Students will be chosen based on set criteria: *performance no longer than 3 minutes (skits can go 5 minutes), knowledge of talent (practiced pieces whether musical instruments or singing), dance choreography practiced, magic shows, gymnastics and karate routines and other talents*. Practices will take place during the week of April 28-May 10<sup>th</sup>. Talent show will be on Thursday, May 22.

**Social Responsibility:** For the month of April Divisions 3 & 11 are working on “*Having Integrity*”.

**Aboriginal Celebration** General Gordon will be hosting its fourth annual Aboriginal Celebration on **Tuesday, April 15** beginning with an assembly at 9:00am, followed by workshops for all the students, and a potluck lunch for the presenters and our visiting students from MacDonald Elementary School. More details will be coming home closer to the date. If there are any parents that would like to help out with this event, please contact Ms. Davidson.

**French For Parents Workshops:** Please see 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.weducacentre.com/>

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Kitsilano Car Free Block Party Festival: June 15<sup>th</sup>:** Vancouver’s annual Car Free Festival has expanded beyond Commercial Drive and is happening in neighbourhoods across the city this year. In Kitsilano, organizers are planning a unique event: dozens of simultaneous block parties across the neighbourhood on June 15<sup>th</sup>. So far 15 blocks have signed on, and you are invited to get on board with planning a party for our block! Interested, but not sure where to start? Please consider attending our block party workshop, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2 to 4 pm at the SPEC building (2150 Maple St.) We’ll be walking through the city application process, and brainstorming ideas to make block parties fun and memorable events. For more information check out the Car Free Vancouver website at <http://carfreevancouver.org>. See you on the street on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Vancouver Youth Theatre: Spring and Summer 2008** (programs start in April in Vancouver and North Van)

- Learn techniques for TV and Film Acting: **On Camera** for all ages
- Creative Playbuilding classes on various themes:
  - **The Golden Compass**

- **Magical Summer Mystery**
- **Musical Theatre**

**ADVANCED: KRAZY!** The Delirious World of Anime + Comics + Video Games + Art

**ADVANCED: TEEN INTENSIVE** (a great introduction to VYT's advanced teen program!)

If you are interested visit the website at [www.vyt.ca](http://www.vyt.ca) or phone 604-877-0678

**Think School Conference:** The conference is on Sunday, April 6 at the Roundhouse Community Centre. Free tickets for parents to come all or for part of the day. More information and registration at [www.thinkcity.ca](http://www.thinkcity.ca) and also on our website.