

Gordon Gazette

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CALENDAR REMINDERS

Wednesday	April 16	Badminton until May 9
Monday	April 21	Opera at 1:30pm
Monday	April 21	Author for French Immersion students
Monday	April 21	Meeting with Korean parents at 1:30pm
Friday	April 25	PAC/Staff Mingle at Tatlows
Monday	April 28	PAC Meeting re: School Plan (Goals)
Thursday	May 1	Math Fair
Thursday	May 1	Students from Trois Rivieres arrive
Monday	May 5	Professional Day (school is not in session)
Thursday	May 8	District Earthquake Drill

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 4th between MacDonald and Stephens on the north side of the street. The change in venue is because this place has more room to socialize.*

SCHOOL NEWS

Ready, Set, Learn Event: On *Tuesday, April 22*, between 10:00-11:15am, 3 and 4 year olds in our neighbourhood are invited to attend a fun event in General Gordon's lunchroom. Hope to see you there. Special visitors: Vancouver Firefighter and Police, renowned children's entertainer. Please spread the word among your neighbours who have small children.

Grocery Card Fundraiser: Orders due by *May 9* 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 Safeway and Capers not available. Contact Diana Schmidt: 604-737-4896, [dmschmidt\[at\]shaw\[dot\]ca](mailto:dmschmidt[at]shaw[dot]ca)

PAC meeting: *Monday, April 28th* 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.

Track and Field: Track and Field will be starting the week of April 25 and continue until the final meet on Thursday, May 22nd. Practices will be every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:00-8:40am.

- **Junior Meets (Grades 4/5)** will be on May 6 & May 20 from 3:30-5:00pm.
- **Senior Meets (Grades 6/7)** will be on May 8 & May 15 from 3:30-5:00pm
- Final Meet is on Thursday, May 22 from 12:30-2:30pm
- All meets will be held at **Camosun Park** (Queen Elizabeth Elementary School)

Spring Fling: The Best Spring Fling Ever will be held on Saturday, May 10th 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.

Ms. Peterson will be providing some music and Ms. Davidson will be going in the dunk tank. We need more ideas and activities to make this a successful community event. If you have any questions please contact Ingrid Sulston at 604-263-1920 or isulston@gmail.com.

Silent Auction: we will be having a silent auction, and ask that every class pull together a themed hamper/basket for it. (Theme ideas: beach day, gardening, chocolate, kitchen, movies, reading...) As a class, please gather gift certificates and items within your theme, and display them in a covered box or basket. Class reps will be contacted to find out who in each class is organizing this – please talk to your class rep if you would like to help organize.

Craft/Activity/Sport: Children and parents can organize a craft table (eg. origami), an activity (eg. snakes and ladders), a sport (eg. bocci ball, scrub). This can be done within a class, or with friends from other classes. Parents please help with organizing and running these activities - they will make our party unique, but we need your help to make it happen.

Master of Ceremonies: One student has volunteered. Are there any parents? Staff?

Graphic Designer: We are still looking for a graphic designer who could design a poster to be put around the neighbourhood.

Food Vendors: Please contact Jennifer Sears at 604-736-2932 or jennifersears@telus.net

Plant Sale: Look for pre-order forms for the plant sale that came home with your child – also on the website.

Grade 7 Articulation to Kits High School News:

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

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

Lost and Found: Items in the lost and found have been bagged for donation and will be picked up next week. If you need to rescue something, come by Ingrid's house (2890 West 7th, just east of the school) and dig through the black bag on the front porch. Or call Ingrid at 604-263-1920.

Popcorn: Joanne Rowland has been running the popcorn sales on Friday lunchtimes. If we want the popcorn to keep going she needs some more parents who can make and serve popcorn on a regular basis. Depending on who is running it, the time could be shifted - maybe to after school. Please contact Joanne: (604) 734 0968, or find her in the basement Friday lunchtimes, if you can help.

Earth Day: Earth Day is April 22nd. If you have any old computers or printers to recycle there are a number of operators in Vancouver who will take them. Go to www.encorp.ca to find the addresses.

SUPPORTING LEARNING

General Gordon Talent Show: *Change in date of the talent show* due to the city wide Track and Field Meet on May 22. The Talent Show will now be on *Tuesday, May 27th*. The afternoon show will be from 1:30-2:30pm and the evening show will be from 6:30-7:30pm. Stay tuned for more news.

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

Aboriginal Celebration Thank you to all the parents, staff and students who helped out at our 4th annual Aboriginal Celebration. The assembly was great with singing, words about integrity and a ceremonial opening from weaver Debra Sparrow.

- Thank you to all the families that brought delicious food for our potluck lunch.
- Also a big thank you to *Trudi Harris*, our First Nations worker for organizing the presenters, *Chocolate Arts* for putting together the wonderful gifts and *Shirley Wong* our trustee for participating in our day.
- Thank you to the following students who were on the committee: *Kishan Moore, Laurel Mitchell, Olivia Ruygrok, Ryan Aubertin, Sequoyah Hanson, Shonte Devernichuk, Devon Mitchell, Atticus Hare, Astra Von Essen, Meagan Kaisers.*
- Thank you to these students who helped to set up our potluck lunch and assembly: *Annika Chambers, Huntley Bain, Jeremy White, Jules Bagshaw, McKenna Bain, Taylor Rose, Walter Wasserman, Zoe Acton, Kyle Lessoway, Nelson Dagg and Marcus Viger*
- A special thank you goes to the following parents who helped to organize the day and helped throughout the day: *Avril Bain, Eva Sereda, Heather Young, Joanne Rowland, Lisa Chambers, Ingrid Sulston and Nikki Lewis Key.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Evening Baseball

A student in Grade 4 and her dad, Patrick Ganske, play scrub softball and would like to get together with enough other Gordon students to make a team. Starting May 1, meet Thursday nights at 6:30pm at Gordon. Interested families can meet on Thursday or phone Patrick at 604-812-9518.

Beyond Phonics: Making Spelling a Thought Subject: presented by Diana Hanbury King, dyslexia expert, author, and founder of Kildonan School in New York. Saturday, April 26th from 10:00-11:30am at the Fraser Academy Library, on the 5th floor (2294 West 10th, Vancouver). Cost is \$10.00.

Understanding and Supporting the Gifted Dyslexic Student: presented by Ron Yoshimoto, M.Ed, M.S.W. Thursday, April 24th at the Fraser Academy Library from 7:00-8:30pm. Cost is \$10.00.

Parents of Students in Grades 8 & 9: Workshop at Kitsilano High School Library on Thursday, April 24 starting at 7:00pm. Register by calling 604-714-3476 (you can leave a message) or e-mail alexandraz.wilson@vch.ca.
“BUILDING BRIDGES WITH YOUR TEEN” – Learn how to listen so your kids will talk; what’s typical, what’s not; and give support-get support.

Parents of Students at Kitsilano High School: An invitation to Dialogue with Vancouver area youth at a SACY-sponsored “CAPACITY CAFÉ.” This workshop is at the WEST END COMMUNITY CENTRE at 870 Denman Street on Thursday, May 1 at 6:00pm. There will be a light supper, coffee, tea and treats. Please register by calling 604-714-3476. Leave a message with your name and phone number so we can contact you. Or email your information to :
alexandraj.wilson@vch.ca.