

# Gordon Gazette

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## CALENDAR REMINDERS

Friday	November 7	Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:00
Friday	November 7	Mr. Fish Performance (1:00-2:00 even divisions & 2:00-3:00 odd divisions)
Tuesday	November 11	Remembrance Day (school is not in session)
Thursday	November 13	Immunization Clinic for Kindergarten and Grade 6 students
Friday	November 14	Movie Night (The New Get Smart) at 6:00pm in the lunchroom
Friday	November 14	Vision and Hearing Screening (9:00am)
Monday	November 17	Professional Day (school is not in session)
Friday	November 21	2 <sup>nd</sup> Portrait Day (1:00pm)
Friday	November 28	Lantern Festival (5:00-8:00pm) More info to follow

**NEWSLETTERS/INFORMATION BULLETINS** You can receive this newsletter by email or paper or both. For email, sign up or cancel at <http://www.gordonelementary.ca/node/59> For paper please contact Ingrid at [isulston@gmail.com](mailto:isulston@gmail.com) (604) 263 1920.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**PHOTO RETAKES:** If you would like to have your child have a photo retake, please pick up a form from the office.

**MR. FISH PERFORMANCE:** Mr. Fish is a professional circus performer who spent seven years with New York's Big Apple Circus. He performs circus magic tricks that give young audiences a visual image for each scientific concept. He will be doing two performances on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The even divisions will be from 1:00-2:00pm and the odd divisions will be from 2:00-3:00pm. Please feel free to come and watch the show with your younger children.

**CRAFT CLUB:** Is happening on Wednesdays from 12:15-1:15pm in the Kindergarten room in the basement.

**CROSS-COUNTRY:** A few changes to the results of students running in the Cross Country meet. *Ira Fuse-Katayama* came 8<sup>th</sup> in his age group and *Matthew Austin* received a silver medal. Congratulations boys!

**SAFE ARRIVAL:** Safe Arrival- Started with new mailbox for messages. The Safe Arrival program has started with the help of 7 volunteers. The volunteers work in the office of the school each morning from 9.00 to 9.30. After checking the attendance sheets from each class, they contact the parents of absent children for whom there has been no call from home (or who did not sign in late).

If you subscribed to the program be sure to call the school if your child is going to be absent. You can leave a message (date, name and division) on the specific mailbox opened for the program: call 604-713-6000 and as soon as the automated answer begins (do not wait for the prompts) press 2880.

**PLEASE JOIN** the team if you can dedicate HALF AN HOUR ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH from 9.00-9.30 in the morning. We need more help to ensure the program can continue!!! For more information: Susan Schuurman- 778 991 7017

**GIFT CARDS:** **Earn money for Gordon School!!!** The Gordon PAC buys grocery cards at a discount of 2-7.5% depending on the retailer. PAC sells the cards at face value and the money earned goes into PAC funds to be used for “extras” like activities, supplies, etc. Trade us your cash for gift cards for your favourite stores. Use these gift cards instead of cash when you shop. 100 families @ 200.00/month could earn \$9000 in 9 months. Order forms are available in School Main Entrance Hallway or from the website [www.gordonelementary.ca](http://www.gordonelementary.ca)

Fill out the order form, enclose a cheque written to Gordon School and place form & cheque in the Grocery card box on the office counter. Orders are **due on the last Friday of the Month, November 28**. If you have any questions please contact Diana Schmidt at 604-737-4896 or email [dmschmidt@shaw.ca](mailto:dmschmidt@shaw.ca).

**LICE:** **Lice Check Volunteers:** We have a small group of parents who are willing to help others check their children for lice. It would be great to have one lice check volunteer for each class. If you can help please sign up on the contact list on the PAC board.

**Lice warnings:** There has been a significant outbreak of lice at General Gordon and neighbouring schools this fall. Lice transfer easily from person to person when hair touches or from anything that touches hair. Please remember to check your child every week. For help to know what to look for or how to look please talk to a parent volunteer listed on the PAC board and website. There is also a lice sample on the PAC board. There are a number of helpful websites including Vancouver Coastal Health Sneezes and Diseases ([www.vch.ca/sneezesdiseases/docs/sneezesdiseases.pdf](http://www.vch.ca/sneezesdiseases/docs/sneezesdiseases.pdf)) and the BC Health Guide (<http://www.bchealthguide.org/healthfiles/hfile06.stm>).

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Movie Night will be on Friday, November 14 at 6:00pm in the lunchroom. The movie will be the NEW GET SMART. Movie is by donation and food (i.e.dinner) will be sold.

**UNICEF:** Unicef Donations are due **Friday, November 7**. Top 2 students in each class will have the chance to have a shoot out (soccer) with Frederic and Carl, the top student in the school will be the principal for the day and if we make our goal of \$2500.00 all students will have an afternoon recess on the next sunny day.

**PARENT REPS:** Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to be class reps. The list of parent reps is attached to this newsletter. You can attach this to your Gordon school directory.

**PAC MEETING:** PAC Meeting will be on November 24th, from 6:45pm-8:45pm in the library. Child minding available. We will be voting for members of our school planning council. We will also have teachers at the meeting to answer questions you may have about the FSA testing for Grades 4 and 7 students.

**SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL (SPC):** School Planning Councils acknowledge the importance of parental involvement and formalize the role of parents in developing plans to improve student achievement in all school in BC. School planning councils are advisory bodies. Their major responsibility is to develop, monitor and review school plans for student achievement in consultation with the school community. The SPC consists of the school principal, one teacher representative, and three representatives from the school's PAC, all elected by secret ballot, one of whom is an elected member of PAC. At the PAC meeting on November 24 we will be voting in our new SPC members. If you are interested in becoming an SPC member please let Ingrid Sulston or Ms. Davidson know. Thank you to Jennifer Sears, Jan Hare, Lisa Chambers and Ingrid Sulston for volunteering their time this year to be members of our SPC.

**HALLOWEEN COSTUMES:** Don't throw out your Halloween costumes but save them for our next year's **FREE COSTUME SWAP**.

**MORESPORTS PROGRAMS AT GORDON:** Josh Clarke is completing his degree in Human Kinetics at UBC. He has worked with kids at the Kerrisdale Community Centre for a number of years, as well as organizing and running sports and fitness programs. Josh will be working with the MoreSports programs at our school and he is a graduate of General Gordon. He is holding two sessions at General Gordon School. On Mondays from 3:05-4:05 Grades 4-7 and on Friday from 3:05-4:05pm Grades 1-3 will be learning basketball skills. There will be 6 sessions starting on October 27/31 to December 1/5 and the fee is \$32.00 or pay what you can. For more information please contact Mike Kulik at 604-713-5610 or e-mail [mkulik@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mkulik@vsb.bc.ca).

**TY CREWS:** Ty is running two sports programs for students at Gordon, Bayview and Hudson. He comes with a wealth of experience having coached flag football and football in Vancouver for many years. He is an ex-BC Lion and has extensive experience working with children in sports and activities. For more information please contact Mike Kulik at 604-713-5610 or e-mail [mkulik@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mkulik@vsb.bc.ca).

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**All Candidates Meetings** These important events give you an opportunity to ask questions of the school board trustee candidates.  
Wed Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 7-9:30pm at Van Tech Secondary School (2600 E Broadway, 2 blocks east of Nanaimo)  
Thurs Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 7-9:30pm at Bayview Elementary School  
Thurs Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 7-9PM at Laura Secord Elementary School (2500 Lakewood Drive, 2 blocks west of Nanaimo, at Broadway)

**Teachers' Tutoring Service:** TTS tutors are fully qualified, experienced teachers who provide professional one-to-one tutoring in the client's home. They have all passed a Criminal Record Check. They are a non-profit society that started in 1983 at the BCTF. They charge a standard rate of \$38.00 an hour. If you have any questions please call 604-730-3410, fax 604-730-3416 or e-mail [teacher@tutor.bc.ca](mailto:teacher@tutor.bc.ca).

**Making Sense of Adolescence:** Crossing the bridge from childhood to adulthood has never been so daunting. Come and hear Patti & Colleen Drobot on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Templeton Auditorium. To register e-mail Maria Freeman at [fre6458@shaw.ca](mailto:fre6458@shaw.ca) or phone Kathy Lau at 604-254-8440. The cost is \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple.

**Does your child have trouble with handwriting or riding a bike? Or does your child manage these activities without difficulty?:** We are inviting 8-12 year old children who have developmental coordination disorder or coordination difficulties that interfere with daily activities (such as handwriting, tying shoes, riding a bicycle, etc), healthy children without such difficulties, and their parents to participate in a research study to examine how children with and without coordination problems learn a fine-motor task. If you are eligible and decide to participate, you will complete 6 sessions, totalling 6.5 hours at UBC Hospital and/or the child's school. One session will involve assessment by an occupational therapist and completion of parent questionnaires; two sessions involve an MRI scan; three sessions will involve practicing a fine motor task on a computer (20 minutes each day). Compensation for parking and travel will be provided. Children will also receive a small gift for their participation. If you are interested, please contact: Jill Zwicker, OT [jzwicker@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:jzwicker@interchange.ubc.ca) or Lara Boyd, PT, PhD [laraboyd@ubc.ca](mailto:laraboyd@ubc.ca) or phone 604-827-3369.

## Gordon Elementary Class reps 2008/9

Attach to your school directory

<b>Divison</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Parent rep (grade of child if split class)</b>
<b>1</b>	Atterton	<u>1</u>	<b>Penny Dagg Nikki Lewis</b>
<b>2</b>	Barta	6	<b>Thomasina Burgess</b>
<b>3</b>	Minichello	7F	<b>Jean Gordon</b>
<b>4</b>	Bilodeau	7F	<b>Susin Nielson Lisa Papathanasiou</b>
<b>5</b>	Menard	6F	<b>Zoe Lewis Cynthia Harper</b>
<b>6</b>	Wan	6F	<b>Avril Bain Jenny Scott</b>
<b>7</b>	Eves	4/5	<b>Eva Sereda (5) Robin Muxlow (4)</b>
<b>8</b>	Lupichuk/ Patrick	4/5	<b>Donna Kobas Avril Bain</b>
<b>9</b>	Graves	3/4	<b>David Evans (3) Stephanie Wasserman (3)</b>
<b>10</b>	Pavony/ Joshi	3	<b>Denise Norman Lori McIntosh</b>
<b>11</b>	Peterson	2/3	<b>Lisa Chambers (3) Eva Sereda (3)</b>
<b>12</b>	Pegg/ Kassam	2	<b>Charlotte French Ramona Leblanc</b>
<b>13</b>	Johnson	2	<b>Niki Blakely Heather Young</b>
<b>14</b>	Tousaw	K/1	<b>Tanis Steward (1) Rachel Hartman (K)</b>
<b>15</b>	Fenton/ Lang	1	<b>Linda Shaw Katey Anderson</b>
<b>16</b>	Barabulea	K	<b>Colleen Wild David Evans</b>
<b>17</b>	Cooper	3/4F	<b>Linda Wu Anne Cheong</b>