

Gordon Gazette

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CALENDAR REMINDERS

Friday	October 9	Photo Day
Monday	October 12	Thanksgiving Day (school is not in session)
Friday	October 23	Provincial Professional Day (school is not in session)
Tuesday	October 27	PAC Meeting 6:45-8:45 (note day is different)
Thursday	October 29	Grade 6/7 Dance hosted by Div. 3 & 4
Friday	October 30	Halloween Parade (9:00am)
Monday	November 2	Immunization (Grade 6's and K's)
Tuesday	November 3	Paralympic Day
Tuesday	November 10	Second Portrait Day
Wednesday	November 11	Remembrance Day (school is not in session)
Tuesday	November 17	Professional Day (school is not in session)

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

SCHOOL NEWS

LUNCH TIME PROCEDURE: Gordon staff and many parents have real concerns about safety and nutrition for students who leave the grounds to buy their lunch on Broadway. Currently, the expectation remains that any student who eats lunch at school should stay on the grounds; however, the last FRIDAY of every month and all Fridays in December, Grade 6 or 7 students may leave the grounds if a parent sends a note giving them permission to do so. A note alerts the school that the parent is aware that their child will not be supervised by Gordon staff while off the grounds and, therefore, is not within the parameters of safety provided. Students will get the positive experience of taking responsibility for going out into the community; and there will only be one day a month when parents assume responsibility for their child at lunchtime, away from the safety of supervision on the school grounds.

WHEELS AT GORDON: Scooters, bikes and skateboards are not allowed on the school grounds before school from 8:20-8:45, after school from 12:05-12:25 on Wednesdays and from 3:05-3:25 other days. There have already been some accidents involving wheels and we need to be diligent about the safety of all our students and children in our community. Please speak with your children about the importance of wearing helmets when they use their wheels. Not wearing a helmet could result in a serious injury. Students using their wheels at the prohibited times will be given a warning by the student support workers on supervision. If they continue to use their wheels during these times, the wheels will be taken away from them. Thank you for your cooperation!

ATHLETICS: *The Leadership Program* has started at General Gordon. Grade 5 & 6 students who are interested in becoming leaders can come to the gym on Thursdays at lunch. Mike Kulik will teach these students games in the gym. Students will then invite a primary class to the gym and teach them the games. **K-3 Basketball** will be in the gym Wednesdays starting on October 14th with Mike.

PARALYMPICS: On November 3, General Gordon will be having a Paralympic Day. We also have received enough tickets for all students from Grade 1-7 to go and watch a Paralympic Curling match with our Canadian team participating on March 16th from 11:30-3:30pm. The tickets are \$5.00 and the bus will cost \$5.00. More information will be available closer to the time.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parent Teacher conferences will take place on Wednesday, October 14th from 11:15-7:00pm and on October 15 from 2:15-5:00pm. Notices went home this week.

GRADE EIGHT ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS: Information will be coming home to Grade 7 students with dates for information meetings around alternative programs (mini schools). Please also refer to the Options brochure available on the website at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vsbprograms/kto12/apfe/default.htm>.

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 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, October 30 and November 27*. If you have any questions please contact Diana Schmidt at 604-737-4896 or email dmschmidt@shaw.ca.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Rencontre en plein air is coming October 30th – Nov 1st. We still have some spaces available in our second Rencontre en Plein Air, a youth camp for French Immersion and francophone students in grade 7, 8 and 9. The adventure camp in Powell River takes place on October 30, 31 and November 1st. Registrants must be CPF members. This is a great opportunity for youth to hone their leadership skills, and all in French! https://secure.adonis.ca/Adonis_OnlineReg_v2/registration.aspx?c=b7a61d92-1a30-4c7c-958f-71b9fe774bd5&f=713568dc-4e8e-4e8a-afa2-9c8c00ce1eb3&js=1. For more information and to register, please contact Michel Thibeault at Le Clan in Powell River directly: Tel. 604.485.8412 Email. clan@csf.bc.ca <mailto:clan@csf.bc.ca>.

LICE...THEY'RE BACK: Lice notices have gone out to classes in both the intermediate and primary levels already this Fall. To reduce the number of cases this year, please check your children's heads weekly for lice and their nits (eggs). If you are not sure how to check or what a louse or nit looks like please check the information and samples on the PAC notice pillar and the reverse side of the Direct Drive donation display by the central stairs. If you find lice or nits please let the school know.

INFORMATION SHEETS/VERIFICATION FORMS: are past due. Please return them now, so that we can get our school directory out, our class reps organized, and the students' contact information up to date. Thank you.

DIRECT DONATION CAMPAIGN: Running for one more week until Friday Oct 16th, the Direct Donation Campaign is the main fundraiser run by PAC each year. 100% of the funds raised go to resources for our school that benefit all students. A letter came home with more details, and is also posted on the website. If you are able to contribute, please write a cheque to Gordon Elementary PAC and post in the box on the office counter. Thank you very much. And thank you to parent Asiza Ilicic for another great poster.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: Books published by Scholastic are available for sale in the gym during the parent teacher conferences. Scholastic donates a portion of the funds raised to our school library. If you are able to help sell books for an hour at the Scholastic book fair, please sign up on the board in the main hallway, or contact Megan Abele at abele@telus.net

SCHOOL DIRECTORY: The school directory will be coming out later than usual this year. Much of the student contact information was outdated when we converted to the new software, so office staff need some time and patience while the new data is entered into the students' files. Once this is done, we will work on producing a directory from the new software.

CLASS REPS: We still need some parents to volunteer for class rep. This job involves communicating between the teacher and the parents, and between the parents. You need to gather email or phone information so that all parents can be contacted (for example if a field trip is changed). We still need reps for these divisions: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 15A, 16. Please contact Ingrid (604) 263 1920 or isulston@gmail.com if you can be a class rep for one of these divisions. Thank you.