

# Gordon Gazette

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## CALENDAR REMINDERS

Friday	December 18	Report Cards Home (last day of school before break)
Monday	January 4	Schools reopen
Friday	January 15	Immunization
Wednesday	January 20	Grade 7 students French Immersion to Quebec
Wednesday	January 20	Mitch Baker (the ESTEEM TEAM) 9:15am
Monday	January 25	<b>PAC Meeting</b>
Thursday	January 28	Grade 7 students return from Quebec
Monday	February 1	<b>PROFESSIONAL DAY</b>

## SCHOOL CLOSURES:

Please assume that the school will be open unless you hear otherwise on the radio or television stations. The following information will help you. Information regarding school closures in the event of snow, or other emergency situations, will be provided to the following radio and television stations by 6:00am on the morning of the closure: CKNW (980 AM), CKWX (NEWS 1130 AM), AND CBC Radio (690 AM, 105.7 FM), FAIRCHILD Radio (CJVB AM 1470/CHKG FM 96.1), BCTV/Global (cable channel 11), CITY TV (cable channel 13) School closure information is also available online at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca).

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

## SCHOOL NEWS

**HOLIDAY CONCERT:** We would like to thank Catherine MacIntyre for the amazing job she did on putting together a concert that allowed for all children to perform. We are so very lucky at General Gordon to have such a talent and music specialist. Many hours went into practising, choreographing, writing and editing scripts, organizing the students for backstage lighting and sound and juggling two dress rehearsals and two concerts. *We appreciate your efforts Catherine! THANK YOU!!!!*

**BASKETBALL AT GORDON:** We have 4 teams participating at Gordon. A senior girls', a senior boys', a junior girls' and a junior boys'. Following are practice and game times that will be starting in January.

**Junior Boys** - games on Mondays – practices on Wednesdays & Fridays at 7:45am

**Junior Girls** - games on Tuesdays – practices on Mondays and Thursdays after school

**Senior Boys** - games on Wednesdays – practices on Monday 8:00am and Wednesday at 2:15pm

**Senior Girls** - games on Thursdays – practices on Tuesday and Thursday 8:00am

**ESTEEM TEAM:** We have arranged to have Mitch Baker, a former Canadian Snowboard Team Member speak to our Grades 4-7 students on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:15. Please look at Mitch's bio at <http://www.esteemteam.com/en/athletes-27-mitch-baker>.

**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, January 29, March 19, April 30, June 11.* If you have any questions please contact Diana Schmidt at 604-737-4896 or email [dmschmidt@shaw.ca](mailto:dmschmidt@shaw.ca). Post-dated cheques will be allowed again for set orders. Also **SAFeway** cards are available all the time. Just contact Diana Schmidt.

**RECYCLING:** Don't forget to save all your holiday bottles for our recycling. Bring them in after the holidays. There will be extra boxes available to fill.

**GORDON SCHOOL CHOIR:** On Tuesday, December 15 Ms. Kemp took the choir to Broadway Pentecostal Lodge ( a long-term care facility) where they did a wonderful job singing seasonal songs. The elderly patients at the Lodge were thrilled to hear the children sing. They were also most appreciative that the students came and spoke to them afterwards. Thank you Ms. Kemp for organizing this experience for the students.

### **REGISTERING YOUR CHILD AT GENERAL GORDON – 2010-2011**

**Late French Immersion:** If you have a child in Grade 5 and are interested in a Late Immersion Program, you need to fill in an application before January. 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a great learning opportunity that promises intellectual challenge and fun learning a new language. Brochures will be coming to your school. More information is also available on the VSB website [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) At General Gordon we have 60 spaces for Grade 6 students. **If we have more than 60 applications there will be a draw in the beginning of February.**

**Kindergarten Registration :** You need to register your child for Kindergarten before January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

**Moving to a new school in the 2010-2011 year:** Please fill in the blue forms that were sent home to indicate you are returning to General Gordon or moving out of our community. This really helps us with our numbers for next year. Thank you!

**CANUCKS RAFFLE RESULTS:** Thank you to all those who supported the French Immersion Canucks Ticket Raffle. Congratulations to Asha Rathod (Sagar's mom of Division 6) who won the tickets last Thursday night at the Winter Concert. We were able to raise \$3706 which will go towards the Grade 7 FI Trip to Quebec and the Grade 6 FI CLAN experience. Go Canucks Go!

**SANTA'S WORKSHOP:** Another successful Loonie Sale happened on Wednesday, December 16 in the lunchroom. Thanks to all the Gordon families who sent in donations. We raised \$692.72 which will be shared between the French Immersion PAC and the General Gordon PAC. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event happen especially to Javonna Richards (Avery's mom of Division 3) who organized the event. We hope you find some happy surprises under your Christmas tree.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**MANDARIN FOR BEGINNERS AT GORDON** (6-10 yrs) Coming soon-January 2010

Introducing an exciting new language program designed for beginners and students with limited exposure to Mandarin. This 1.5 hour class will build skills and confidence through social interaction and fun activities with the goal of giving participants a working knowledge of the language and exposure to Chinese culture. The class will play games, learn Mandarin sounds and sound combinations, hear music, read and write commonly-used characters, and even munch on tasty treats! Give your brain a treat and learn a new language! Instructor: Jenna Wang on Thursdays from 3:30pm-5:00pm  
Jericho Kids' Club Community Programs @ General Gordon School. Contact Kate at [jerichokidsclub@telus.net](mailto:jerichokidsclub@telus.net) for more information.

**SKIERS AND BOARDERS IN GRADE 4 OR 5**

Get up to **3 free lift** ticket coupons at each of the participating ski/snowboard areas giving you hundreds of chances to ski/board for free. Go to <http://www.snowpass.ca/>

**MITTS FOR KIDS:** The Mitts for Kids initiative is to mitt every elementary school child in the City of Vancouver for our Olympic Celebration. In December the Kindergarten students received their Olympic mitts. If any parents would like to donate \$10.00 to this program so that we can reach more children, please go to [www.mittsforkids.com](http://www.mittsforkids.com).

*HAVE A FESTIVE HOLIDAY SEASON*