

Gordon Gazette

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Newsletter #10

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Wednesday	February 10	Jump Rope For Heart Kick-Off Assembly
Friday	February 12	Olympics Open
Wednesday	February 17	Jump Rope For Heart Event
Tuesday	February 23	PAC Meeting (note day)
Friday	March 5	Report Cards Home
Monday	March 8	Start of Spring Break
Friday	March 12	Paralympics Open
Monday	March 15	School opens
Thursday	March 25	Gordon Talent Show 7:00-8:00pm

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.

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 (604) 263-1920.

SCHOOL NEWS

GORDON TALENT SHOW: The Gordon Talent show is coming soon. Sign up forms go out on Friday and are due to the office by February 19th. Information about auditions coming soon. Tell your children to practice their musical instruments, singing, dancing, magic tricks, martial arts, gymnastics, skipping, drama routines and share their talent with the Gordon Community.
Talent Show will be on Thursday, March 25th from 7:00-8:00pm.

GRADE 6/7 DANCES: Students in Grades 6 & 7 have been involved in organizing dances in order to raise money for camping trips, exchanges and field trips. Divisions 3 & 4 organized a dance in October, and divisions 1 & 2 organized a dance in December. Divisions 5 & 6 will be organizing the next dance for *Wednesday, February 10th from 6:30-8:30pm*. Tickets will be on sale for \$5.00.

GORDON T-SHIRT CONTEST: Students are invited to design a T-shirt for our Gordon community. The theme is to be around "Unity", "Togetherness", and "Teamwork". The drawing must be in black and white. Please hand in all designs by Friday, February 12 to Ms. Davidson's box in the office. Students will vote on the design of their choice. T-shirts with the winning design will be on sale to help raise funds for our school.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART KICK OFF ASSEMBLY: Our very own Gordon skipping team will be performing at the Jump Rope for Heart Kick off Assembly. They will be showing some of their single and long rope tricks along with some double dutch. Children will be learning about healthy hearts and how their donations help scientists and doctors with their research in how to prevent heart attacks and strokes. Each student will receive an envelope that explains how the donations work. We encourage everyone to ask their family and friends to donate online. Participation in the Jump Rope For Heart fundraising is optional.

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, March 19, April 30, June 11.* If you have any questions please contact Diana Schmidt at 604-737-4896 or email 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.

GENERAL GORDON'S BEST KEPT SECRETS – We hope you all enjoyed the cookbook over the holidays. We were wondering if we should print some more and are asking you to send us a reply to our email addresses if you are interested in getting copies for gifts or for yourselves. It is a fundraiser for the Quebec exchange as well as PAC who receives 25% of the profits. Please send us an email to lynda.prince@shaw.ca or jjhmz.scott@shaw.ca

PAC MEETING ON SEX EDUCATION/BODY SCIENCE

Our school nurse, Emily Malnis, is rescheduled to present at our next PAC meeting. Meeting is in the library on TUESDAY Feb 23rd. 6:45pm-8:45pm. Free babysitting by grade 7 students. Emily will present and answer questions on sex education (called body science for the younger students). She will be covering what students at each age should know, what she will be talking to the students about after Spring Break, how we can talk to our children about sex, and how to deal with web pornography. Parents of the younger grades will be invited to sit in on her classroom teaching. Sex education books for students and parents will be on sale at the PAC meeting.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2010 OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY COMES TO MUSQUEAM: We as the Musqueam People Welcome the World to participate in our Torch Relay. We would like to inform the community that the 2010 OLYMPIC TORCH will be coming through Musqueam Traditional Territory on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at approximately 5:10pm. The route will start on Crown street, turn right on Thellaiwhaltun Avenue, left on Salish Drive down past the band office and the Longhouse, taking a right on Ma-Li Avenue then a left on Salish out of the reserve.

Bring your family and friends for this once in a lifetime opportunity!!!

We would like to formally invite you to a community celebration dinner that will be held at our Musqueam Gymnasium, which will be immediately after the torch has left our community.

SPRING BREAK BASKETBALL CAMPS

The **Vancouver Girls Basketball Association** will once again host Spring Break Camps for girls at John Oliver Secondary. As in past years, there are two camps: **March 8 to 11, 2010** (Monday to Thursday)

Grade 7 & 8	9:00 am – 11:00 am	\$25.00
Grade 9 to 11	11:30 am – 2:30 pm	\$30.00

This camp will provide an opportunity for basketball players to come together to work on individual skills development as well as team play. It will sharpen players for spring basketball tryouts and identification camps. The program combines skill building and scrimmages in four sessions. Bring a basketball, reversible top, and a water bottle!

KITSILANO SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE FOR CONCEPT PLANS OF UPGRADED

SCHOOL Kits Secondary feeder school PACs and parents are invited to attend a Community Open House regarding the proposed concept plan for seismically upgrading and renewing Kits. Tuesday March 2, 3-9 PM (drop-in) in the small gym. This is an opportunity to review information, including the proposed concept plan, ask questions, and provide feedback to the Project Team.