

Gordon Gazette



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PAC Chair: Miriam Grob
Newsletter #07

NEW SCHOOL HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:01pm

Lunch-12:15-1:00pm

Supervision for students at recess and lunch

Supervision in the mornings on the playground for students 8:40-9:00am

Supervision after school on the playground 3:01-3:20pm



SCHOOL CLOSURE:

Please assume that the school will be open unless you hear otherwise on the radio or television stations.

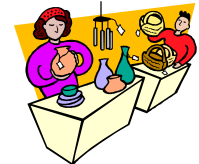
The following information will help you. Information regarding school closures in the event of snow, or other emergency situations, will be provided to the following radio and television stations by 6:00am on the morning of the closure: CKNW (980 AM), CKWX (NEWS 1130 AM), AND CBC Radio (690 AM, 105.7 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. **Please do not call media outlets to determine whether schools are closed.**



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Monday	November 28
Thursday	December 8
Wednesday	December 14
Friday	December 16
Tuesday	January 3

PAC Meeting (7:30-9:00pm)
Winter Concert & Craft Fair
Hearing Screening
Last Day of School before Winter Break
School Reopens



SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: The school newsletter comes out every two weeks and is available by email and as a paper copy. To sign up for the newsletter by email, please go to www.gordonelementary.ca/node/59, and it will automatically be emailed to you. If you need a paper newsletter please e-mail Ingrid at isulston@gmail.com.



WELCOME TO NEW STUDENT SUPPORT WORKERS: We would like to welcome James Grant, Candace West and Wendy Smith to the Gordon staff. They will be among our many support staff that help out our students at Gordon. Thank you to all the parents for their patience and support while waiting for this extra support.



PAC MEETING: "Parenting to Enhance Children's Educational Experiences" presented at this month's PAC meeting by two Masters level Psychology students from the Adler School of Professional Psychology. Alayna Kruger and Orli Mate will offer an engaging, 30 minute, presentation that seeks to blend the research with your real-life experiences to help make the most out of your children's learning experiences at General Gordon. Everyone is welcome!!!



We will also be speaking about hot lunches and fundraising. Also if you have any topics that you would like us to discuss at this PAC meeting please send it by e-mail to Miriam at miriamgrob@hotmail.com.

WINTER CONCERT: We are going ahead with our Winter Concert however the concerts will be during the day on Thursday, December 8. The following schedule will show the times and divisions that will be performing:

Show # 1	Divisions 1, 3, 5, 7, 18	9:30am
Show # 2	Divisions 2, 4, 6, 8, 9	11:15am
Show # 3	Divisions 16, 14, 12, 10	1:15pm
Show # 4	Divisions 17, 15, 13, 11	2: 15pm



CHESS CLUB: Gordon Chess Club is available for students to participate in at lunch in the library on Tuesdays.

A KIT'S STUDIO PRODUCTION "DISNEY'S ALADDIN JR.: Some of our Gordon Alumni will be performing in "Disney's Aladdin Jr." at Kitsilano Secondary Auditorium. Matinees are on December 2, 4, 11 at 1:30pm and Dec. 9th at 12:30. The evening performances are on Dec. 2 & 9 at 7:00pm. Cost is \$10.00 for Students and seniors and \$15.00 for Adults.



GIVING GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS? Consider this:

CASH CARDS - EASY FUNDRAISER: The Gordon PAC buys cash cards for MANY stores at a discount of 2%-10% depending on the retailer. PAC sells the cards at face value. The difference goes into PAC funds. Use these cards instead of cash when you shop at your favourite stores. Order forms available on School office counter or click *fundraisers* at www.gordonelementary.com
Order dates this term: Nov. 25th and Dec 2nd. Contact Diana Schmidt at 604-737-4896.
dmcscmidt@shaw.ca



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2011-2012: Applications for all Kindergarten programs (including regular English, French Immersion, Montessori and Fine Arts) for the 2012-2013 school year will be received between **Nov. 1, 2011 and Jan. 31, 2012**. If, at January 31, there were more applications received than space available in any program or school, a lottery will be held to select the students who are accepted. Students not selected from the draw will be added to a waitlist maintained by the school. All families who submit a Kindergarten application prior to January 31, 2010 will be given notification of the school their child will be attending by March 31, 2011. This includes waitlisted students who were unable to secure a spot during the lottery process.



Applications received after January 31 will not be considered until all in-catchment students who submitted an application prior to January 31 have been placed. Late applicants, including siblings of in-catchment students already enrolled in the school, will be added to the end of the school's waitlist. Late in-catchment sibling applicants will have priority consideration over other late in-catchment applicants. A family can register their child (ren) for Kindergarten if the student will reach the age of five years on or before December 31 of the calendar year. For the 2011-12 school year the child must be born in 2007. For more information, please see www.vsb.bc.ca



NOVEMBER!! 2012 LATE FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION AND INFO NIGHT: If you have a child in Grade 5 and are interested in a Late Immersion Program, this is a great learning opportunity that promises intellectual challenge and fun learning a new language. For more information or you can go to the VSB website www.vsb.bc.ca. Registration will start in November and go until the end of January. It is not a first come, first serve basis but all registrations will be collected along with a written letter by the student which includes their reasons for wanting to participate in a Late Immersion program and a copy of their last report card. **General Gordon's info night is on Wednesday, January 11th from 7:00-8:00pm** in the gym. At General Gordon we have 60 spaces for Grade 6 students. If we have more applications there will be a draw in the beginning of February.

