

# Gordon Gazette

General Gordon Elementary School  
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**2012 January 6**

**Newsletter #09**

**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](http://www.vsb.bc.ca). **Please do not call media outlets to determine whether schools are closed.**



## **CALENDAR REMINDERS**

Monday	January 30	PAC Meeting
Friday	February 3	District Closure Day
Monday	February 6	District Closure Day
Wednesday	February 15	Jump Rope For Heart Assembly
Friday	February 17	Professional Day - school is not in session
Tuesday	February 28	PAC Meeting
Wednesday	February 29	Leap Day-Jump Rope For Heart Event
Wednesday	February 29	Pink Shirt Day (Antibullying)

**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](http://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](mailto:isulston@gmail.com).



## SCHOOL NEWS

**SPORTS NEWS:** Many students in Grades 6 & 7 have signed up to play basketball. We have one junior boys and one junior girls team (Grade 6) and one senior boys and one senior girls team (Grade 7). **We are looking for any parents who would like to coach one of our teams as we are short of coaches and would like to be able to enter all teams.** Please see Mr. Patrick if you are interested in coaching.

**THE GORDON BUZZ:** The newspaper club will continue to run this term on Wednesdays at lunch. We are looking to organize an issue before Spring Break. We will also be putting out a call for all students



**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART:** Students in the skipping club will be presenting a demonstration to jumpstart our "Jump Rope For Heart" event on Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. Students will learn about being physically active and eating healthy. They will learn a little about heart attacks and strokes and they will have the option to help fundraise for Heart and Stroke research.

**GORDON RECYCLING CONTEST:** Gordon's recycling program continues. Please continue to bring in recyclable items. As an added incentive this term we will have a prize draw every Tuesday starting January 17<sup>th</sup>. If you bring in at least 5 recyclable cans or bottles (wine, beer, spirit, juice) and drop them off in the basement between 8:30 and 8:55 am on Tuesday your name will be entered in the draw. If the cans or bottles have contained alcohol please rinse them thoroughly. Parents please accompany younger students who bring such items. **The winner will receive a Prize!**

**CHILDREN OF THE SOCIETY:** Before the holiday break, Children of the Society's "Taking Care of Ourselves and Taking Care of Others" (TCO2) came to do a presentation for all of our Grades 6's and 7's. They gave a comprehensive understanding of safe online behaviour and ensured that students fully grasped the permanency of online choices and the way that information sharing can create vulnerability. This group was able to address all questions and concerns of students and staff in a thorough and appropriate way. The students are now much better informed and aware of the risks of social networking and ways of protecting their identity. They are also better equipped to approach social interactions with caution and reflection and to consult with family, friends, or professional resources if a situation seems uncomfortable or unusual. If you would like to read more about this group their website is <http://www.childrenofthestreet.com>

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2012-2013:** 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, 2012 and Jan. 31, 2013.**

**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 2012-13 school year the child must be born in 2007. For more information, please see [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca)

### **JANUARY DEADLINE!! LATE FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION AND INFO NIGHT!**

If you have a child in Grade 5 and are interested in a Late Immersion Program, General Gordon School will be hosting an *information meeting on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm* in the gym. This is a great learning opportunity that promises intellectual challenge and fun learning a new language. You can go to the VSB website [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) to get more information. Registration started in November and will 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. 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.



**VSB OUR FUTURE WEBSITE:** The Vancouver School Board is embarking on an exciting new project to determine the future of our schools. The VSB has a wide-range of services, programs and educational resources available across our district. Now it's time to take stock of what we offer and determine what programs and opportunities should be prioritized now and into the future in order to create the best possible learning environment. It's a big task and a major part of the process is our new website called Our Future. The site is located at: <http://ourfuture.vsb.bc.ca> and has three sections: **Your Schools, Your Community and Your Voice.** We have designed it to help you understand what we offer in neighborhoods and schools across the district. You'll discover a wide range of information about your schools, the programs they offer, their demographics, facility information, staffing levels, catchment statistics and other community



resources. Once you have explored the Our Future website, you'll be able to add your voice to the discussion of the future of our district at <http://ourfuture.vsb.bc.ca/voice.aspx>. The survey is short and won't take you more than 5 minutes to complete.

***We are hoping that you will join us in this exciting consultation project. With your participation, this survey will help us guide the coming discussion around the district's future.***

## Winter SCHOOL PROGRAMS

These are the lunch time and after school programs at Gordon for the winter term.  
The clubs in *italics* are free for the students at Gordon. Sign up in the office for the other classes that are not-italicized.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Grades</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Skiddery Addery	Monday	3:15-4:15pm	Music Room	1-5	Jan. 30
<i>Skipping Club</i>	Monday	8:15am	Gym	3-7	Jan.9
Babysitting	Tuesday	3:15-4:15pm	Room 106	6-7	Jan.24
Hands-on-Science	Tuesday	3:15-4:30pm	Woodshop	4-7	Jan.17
Byte Camp	Tuesday	TBA	Library	4-7	TBA
Drama	Tuesday	3:15-4:45pm	Music Room	5-7	Jan. 17
<i>Floor Hockey</i>	Tuesday	Lunch	Gym	2/3	Jan. 10
<i>Chess Club</i>	Tuesday	Lunch	Library	all	Jan.3
Eagle Awareness	Wednesday	3:15-4:15pm	Woodshop	4-7	Feb. 1
Dance & Science	Wednesday	3:15-4:30pm	Gym	4-6	Jan. 18
Knitting	Wednesday	3:15-4:15pm	Room 106	3-7	Jan. 18
<i>Newspaper Club</i>	Wednesday	Lunch	Library	4-7	Jan. 4
Magic Cards	Thursday	3:15-4:15pm	Room 106	4-7	Feb. 2
<i>Thinking Club</i>	Thursday	3:15-4:00pm	Woodshop	4-7	Jan. 12
Good Bites/cooking	Thursday	3:15-4:30pm	Staffroom	2-4	Jan. 19
<i>Gymnastics</i>	Thursday	Lunch	Gym	4-5	Jan. 5
<i>Student Council/Peer Leaders</i>	Thursday	Lunch	Library	all	Jan. 5
<i>Comic Book Club</i>	Friday	Lunch	Library	all	Jan. 6
<i>Floor Hockey</i>	Friday	Lunch	Gym	4/5	Jan. 6

Basketball practices and games will be added later for the Grades 6 & 7 students.