

Garibaldi Annex Newsletter



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Message from the Vice-Principal

Happy Spring everyone and welcome back from the break! We're certainly looking forward to a fun and rewarding final term. In the coming months we will be working together as a staff reviewing our school growth plan and the progress made towards meeting our goals of inquiry based learning and indigenous cultural experiences. I must say that the students at Garibaldi are considerate, courteous, caring and friendly and the staff and I thoroughly enjoy working with your children! Thank you as well for all the work you do with your children at home. Here are some great tips to encourage reading in your home:

- Make reading a ritual. Decide that reading is going to be a priority and stick with it!
- Study and feed your child's interests. If you see your child is interested in trains, find books about trains.
- Get reading lists from your child's teacher.
- Be a reading role model

Some other tips for reading with children, courtesy of Frontier College:

- Make praise a part of reading.
- Take turns reading to one another.
- Ham it up!
- Use different voices or act out the story.
- Write and read your own stories together.

And to answer your question, should parents read to their older children who can already read? Yes! Yes! Yes! According to Jim Trelease, author of the Read-Aloud Handbook. He and other educators point out that:

- Children have a listening-level that is many grades higher than their reading level. Therefore, they can enjoy books with their adult readers that they couldn't read themselves - a great way to introduce some of the classic literature!
- Reading with older children can stimulate interest in books they might not select themselves.
- Reading with older children can help develop their vocabularies and concentrations, and strengthen their comprehension.

*You may have tangible wealth untold,
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.*

*Richer than I you never can be,
I had a parent who read to me.*

-Strickland W. Gillilan

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Important Dates

Apr 11 PAC Meeting

Apr 27 Pro D Day

Garibaldi School Student Code

BE SAFE,

BE FAIR,

BE KIND,

And ALWAYS TRY
YOUR BEST

Congratulations!

Congrats to Ms. Amanda who had a baby girl!

Also congratulations to our Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Lindsay. Mrs. Lindsay will be having a baby this summer.

Our Very best wishes go out to both Mrs. Lindsay and Ms. Amanda.

Earth Day, Earth Week

As the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, it's the perfect opportunity to enjoy a walk to school. It's wonderful to see so many families walking to Garibaldi but if you must drive, try parking two or three blocks away from school and walk in. We want to promote health, activity and safety, as well as a reduction in green house gasses and carbon emissions. Thank you for your support in this area!



PAC

The next PAC Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 11th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

If you would like to receive email notifications of Garibaldi PAC Blog postings regarding upcoming events and happenings, please sign up at <http://www.garibaldipac.wordpress.com> and BE INFORMED!!

A Big Thank You to the PAC. Thank you to our parents who worked so hard on Saturday, March 10th at the Manure Sale. It was a complete success and everyone's efforts are so appreciated by the Garibaldi Staff and Community. A special thank you to parent Rachelle Siemens who organized the fundraising event.

Change of Address or Phone Number?

Just a reminder that if you have changed your address or telephone number you must contact the school office with this new information. Please provide a copy of your lease/rental/purchase agreement for the student's record. For safety and enrolment purposes, it is **vital** that the school office has this information.



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