

# Gordon Gazette

General Gordon Elementary School  
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## Safe Arrival ☐ 713-5403 Option #1

Principal: Hope Sterling  
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Superintendent: Suzanne Hoffman  
Trustee: Judy Zaichkowsky

Vice Principal : Sarah McAlister  
Administrative Assistant: Heidi Leung  
PAC Co-Chairs: Julie Verhoeven  
Suzan Saykam

2018 April 17

Newsletter #10

### BELL SCHEDULE :

**School Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm**

8:55 Warning Bell

9:00 School starts

**Recess-10:30-10:50am**

**Lunch-12:10-12:57pm**

**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 3:00-3:20pm**

### CALENDAR

Tues. Apr. 17, 2018	Div. 5 and 6 Depart for Outdoor Ed Div. 3 and 4 Yoga 1-3pm Div. 9 visits pen pals at Tecumseh
Wed. April 18, 2018	Ready Set Learn
Wed. April 18, 2018	Re-Do Kindergarten Eye Exam (For Missing K's)
Thur. Apr. 19, 2018	Div. 10/11 Firehouse comes to Gordon
Fri. Apr. 20, 2018	Div. 10/11 Climbing 9am -1pm Div. 5 and 6 returns from Outdoor Ed
Thur. Apr. 24, 2018	Div. 3 and 4 Yoga 1-3pm
Fri. April 27, 2018	Social Emotional Learning (Pro-D Day)
Mon. April 30, 2018	Author Visit
Tues. May 1, 2018	Author Visit
Thur. May 3, 2018	Big One at 2pm Earthquake Drill
Thur. May 17, 2018	Sports Day
Fri. May 18, 2018	District Day – No School
Mon. May 21, 2018	Victoria Day – No School
Wed. May 23-28, 2018	Quebec Exchange Student Visit
Fri. May 25, 2018	Immunization Clinic #2
Sun. May 27, 2018	Spring Fling

### SCHOOL NEWS

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After Spring Break we returned rested and rejuvenated. We were filled with stories of our adventures, activities, and fun-filled time spent with family and friends. This new energy provided a “spring” in our learning steps as this final school term begins. It is hard to believe that we now have only three months remaining in the 2017-2018 school year!

#### Heritage Fair

We were delighted to host so many families for the Heritage Fair. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to inquire into a topic that they are interested in, and passionate about. We were very impressed by the caliber of student work which was outstanding! The adjudicators were also impressed by the students' work and 19 students have been invited to present at the provincial level. Bravo General Gordon students!

#### Talent Show

Students showcased their talents in the annual General Gordon Talent Show. Many thanks to Ms. MacIntyre and to staff members who have worked so hard to bring this event to fruition. And thanks to parents for being the first audience for talent show acts and for all the patient support and coaching at home! Students presented everything from singing to gymnastics and magic tricks. What a fantastic display of Gordon Talent it was!

### **Experiences Provided by Parent Funding**

We are very fortunate at general Gordon to have outstanding support from our Parent Advisory Group. As part of the “Experiences for Students” funding, teachers have been organizing a wide variety of experiences for our students. From rock climbing, to cooking, to coding, students have been gaining valuable experiences from this exciting initiative. Many thanks to parents for providing these wonderful opportunities.

**Track and Field** - Track and field activities for students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are up and coming. Stay tuned for announcements from Mr. Patrick. Sign-up sheets are in the office and consent forms will be coming home soon.

### **The Garden**

Our school garden is another wonderful learning experience supported by PAC fundraising efforts. Many thanks to Ms. Hargrave for her efforts and the coordination it took to get the beautiful garden boxes here! A big thanks also to the teachers and parents who participated in the work party to distribute the soil into the boxes. We look forward to seeing what grows over the next few months.

### **Parent Requests for Special Placement for the 2018/2019 school year**

If you are returning to Gordon next year and would like us to consider a specific class placement for your child or have some feedback that could be helpful with supporting your child’s academic progress, please submit your thoughts in writing to the Principal by the end of April. We will do our best to accommodate all requests but cannot make any guarantees. In order for your request to be considered, please ensure your comments are centred on the academic success of your child.

### **Welcome to our New Staff Members**

Please welcome Ms. Karen Au who has accepted the Monday-Wednesday position in Div. 7. Ms. Au is an experienced teacher who has had assignments with both the Surrey and Vancouver school districts. We also welcome the return of Ms. Jennifer Routtu, she will continue to cover for a Student Support Worker leave of absence. Congratulations to Jeanne Morell who has accepted a position as a STIBS worker with the district. We welcome Ms. Rebecca Murton who will be filling in for Ms. Gail Johnson’s absence until further notice.

### **Ready Set Learn Event**

This event takes place on Wednesday, April 18 from 10 – 11:30am. Do you know anyone who lives in the neighbourhood with children from age 3 – 5? Please invite them to this literacy event in our Multipurpose Room. They will hear a story, be involved in a drama activity and make a literacy craft.

### **Big One @ 2 Emergency Earthquake Drill**

At General Gordon we practice safety drills throughout the year to help our students know what to do in an emergency. On Thursday, May 3, 2018 we shall be participating in the annual VSB district wide Big One @ 2 emergency earthquake drill.

### **Sports Day**

Looking further ahead Sports Day is scheduled for Thursday, May 17 rain or shine. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately; hat, sunscreen, water bottle, shorts, t-shirt, runners and/or rain gear.

### **Author Visit**

We are fortunate to have Mr. Lee Edward Fodi, the author of the Kandlestar series, coming to teach students about creative writing. Mr Fodi will be here on Monday, April 30.

### **Gr. 7 Graduation**

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 19 from 1:30 – 2:30pm. If there are, any interested, Gr. 7 students or parents that would like to help to arrange this special event please contact Ms. McAllister or Ms. Heidi via email at [smcallister@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:smcallister@vsb.bc.ca) or [haleung@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:haleung@vsb.bc.ca)

### **Spring Fling**

The organization for our yearly Spring Fun day is still on going. We will soon be asking for volunteers to run stands at this event. Please contact PAC at [gordonpac@ymail.com](mailto:gordonpac@ymail.com) if you can help in any way, either prior or on the day of the event. This is a great way to meet your fellow parents and help our school community. Please remember to tell all your friends and families to attend this fun event on Sunday, May 27 from 2-5pm.