

# Gordon Gazette

General Gordon Elementary School  
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**2017 September 19**

**Newsletter #1**

**MAIN SCHOOL HOURS:** Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm  
Recess-10:30-10:50am  
Lunch-12:10-12:57pm  
12:20-12:43pm

**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**

Friday Sept. 21	Professional Day – No School
Monday, Sept 24	PAC Meeting in Library 6:30 – 8pm
Thursday Sept 27	Terry Fox Run – 2 to 3pm
Thursday, Sept 27	Hot Lunch Begins
Wednesday Oct. 3	Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 2pm
Thursday Oct. 4	Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 2pm
Friday Oct. 5	Individual Student Photos
Monday Oct. 8	Thanksgiving – No school

## **SCHOOL**

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:**

Dear Gordon Parents,

It was so nice to see so many parents in attendance at our Meet the Teacher evening. It was particularly fortunate that the weather cooperated with the PAC picnic as well.

A very sincere thank you to all the parents who have made me feel welcome to Gordon. It always takes time to integrate into a new school for all stakeholders including parents, staff and the new Principal. Please continue to introduce yourselves and we do have a PAC meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

I am really enjoying getting to know the students. I have visited the classes and also organized a short assembly where I introduced myself and showed the students a short fun video with an underlying message. I asked the students to share their perspective on what that message was. I was very impressed with the feedback that they shared including sharing the word “perseverance”.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up**

#### Parents

Our biggest concern at these times of the day is SAFETY. The front of the school on Bayswater is a DROP OFF ZONE only; that means that drivers cannot leave their cars, they can stop and let the student out of the car and then continue on.

Please do not Drop Off and Pick Up at the dead end of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue nor in the alley behind the staff parking. There is parking on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

#### Students

We really encourage parents to park a block away and walk in.

All students are to line up at the beginning of the day in the area designated by their teacher. The teacher and the SSA will meet the students at the line-up and will go up to the class with all the students; therefore, we encourage all parents to be on time.

#### A few tips from our Supervision Aides

All students should be dressed for the weather. For the younger students it is advisable to have an extra change of clothes in case of an accident. It is also very helpful if students have their names in their clothing. It really helps the Super V's to return items left outside to students.

#### A few tips for our Teachers

Teachers really enjoyed meeting and sharing classroom routines with the parents of their students. If you were not able to attend please take a moment in the near future to introduce yourself to your child's teacher. If you are intending on being away for an extended period of time please let the office know. It is also important to know that teachers are not responsible for preparing a homework package for the student. Just for your information going forward, teachers do not write letters of recommendation for application to private schools.

Marion Broadbent, Principal

**HOT LUNCH** – We are hoping to start our HOT LUNCH program on Thursday, Sept 27. Please watch for more information on this program in an email blast next week. Once the hot lunch program begins we plan for it to be happening regularly on Mondays and Thursdays.

**VOLUNTEER DRIVER FORMS – CHANGES** – Please note the VSB has changed the forms. You will need to come to the office and get a new one as the old ones are no longer valid. Also new this year, all drivers will need an ICBC abstract. Please log onto ICBC and request your drivers abstract and submit it when you hand in the forms. Without this important piece, you will not be allowed to drive children other than your own.

#### **DON'T FORGET TO REGULARLY CHECK OUR WEBSITE:**

Please bookmark our new website [www.go.vsb.ca/schools/gordon](http://www.go.vsb.ca/schools/gordon) This is the place to reference all the holidays, professional days, newsletters, district closure days and goal-setting dates. We will be keeping it up to date, so please check regularly. In general we won't be sending out hard copies of forms, but if you do not have access to a printer please ask for hard copies from the office.

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#### **COMMUNITY SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS – WINTER SESSION**

Registration for afterschool **Community Schools Team** programs will be **in person** on Wednesday, Sept 26 at 8:30 am and again at 3pm. There will be a table set up outside the school office. Registration forms will be available the week prior to registration (from Sept 19th on). Please bring your completed registration form with payment attached on registration day (Sept 26).

Programs offered by the Community Schools Team will be:

**Art with Maddie!** Tuesdays, Oct 2 - Nov 20, 3:05 - 4pm, \$50

Open to students in grades K-2, participants will spend an hour making fun, creative and one of a kind art projects with Emily Carr student, Maddie Smith. All supplies will be provided. Beginner artists welcome! Registration forms in the school office.

**Expressive Art Group** offered in partnership with Kits Neighborhood House for grades 2-5. Mondays, Oct 1 - Dec 3, 3:05 - 4:30pm, \$50 Please register online directly at [patriciap@kitshouse.org](mailto:patriciap@kitshouse.org)

**Sportball** - Fridays, Oct 5 - Dec. 7, 3:05 - 4pm, \$108. Open to grades K-2. Please register online directly [www.sportsball.ca](http://www.sportsball.ca)

Non-competitive sports programs for every child, at every stage. At Sportball, we believe every child should be able to get in the game.

If you have any questions about the new registration process or want more info about programs offered, please contact Dianne Sankey, Westside Programmer at [dsankey@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:dsankey@vsb.bc.ca)

**TERRY FOX RUN – Thur. Sept. 27, 2-3pm.** – This year we are running at McBride Park (Blenheim and 4<sup>th</sup>). The whole school will be walking down together and children will run laps according to their age abilities. We are also accepting donations for this worthy cause. A minimum of \$2 gets you entered into winning the t-shirt that is on display in the hallway. Parent Volunteers will be walking down with the students and will be supervising at the park. Please join us if you are able to.

## **PAC NEWS**

**FIRST PAC MEETING – Monday, Sept. 24 6:30 – 8pm** – Calling all Parents and Guardians to this important event. Come to the PAC meetings and find out first hand what is happening at school. This is your chance to be involved, offer suggestions or chair one of the important committees that keep the school running throughout the year.

## **PIE NEWS**

**FIRST PIE MEETING – Wed. Sept 26 @ 9am** – Please join us at Be Fresh (W. Broadway and Bayswater St.) for our first meeting of the year. All parents are invited.