

Gordon Gazette

General Gordon Elementary School
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& Suzan Saykam

2018 June 1

Newsletter #13

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. June 5 – Volunteer Breakfast 10:15 am – 11:15 am

Wed. June 6 – Welcome to Kindergarten **9:30 – 10:30 am**

Thur. June 7 – Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Thurs. June 14 – Gordon Gallery 3-4pm

Fri. June 15 – Sports Day – Earlier Dismissal @ 2pm

Mon. June 18 – PAC Meeting 7pm

Tues. June 19 – Grade 7 Graduation @ 1:30pm

Fri. June 22 – Canadian's Baseball Field Trip

Tues. June 26 – Year End Assembly

Tue. June 26 – F.I. Incoming Gr. 6 "Get to know you evening"

Thur. June 28 – Last Day of school dismissal at 2pm

SCHOOL NEWS

Principal's Message

Greetings Gordon Community,

Newsletter June 2018

I would like to thank everyone, staff, students and parents for the warm welcome that has been extended to me since I arrived in the last week of April. Gordon is a 'gem' of a school and I have enjoyed my time supporting this wonderful school community.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend last weekend's **Spring Fling**. However, I understand that it was a huge success. Events like this contribute significantly to the school as they build a stronger sense of community with the school at the center. On behalf of the whole Gordon Community, I would like to thank all of our community members for coming together to make this happen. From bouncy castles to books, popcorn to snow cones - we almost had it all. Thank you to the student volunteers, parents and staff who were able to come, lend a hand and make it even more special. I would like to say a special thank you to the key organizers: Diana Gass, Jessica Douzenis, Sheila Kirkby, Caitlin Rennison, Jennifer Alden Sanchez, Lim Law, Heather Lockhart, Jennifer Bailey, Suzan Saykam and Julie Verhoeven. They spent many hours planning, organizing and hunting down all the pieces to make the spring fling the fantastic event that it was. Well done!

June is bringing a whirlwind of activity: **Volunteer Breakfast** on the 5th, **Welcome to Kindergarten** on the 6th, **Teacher Appreciation Lunch** on the 7th (Thank you!), **Gordon Gallery** on the 14th, **Gr 7 Farewell Celebration** on the 19th, **Nat Bailey on the 22nd**, **Beach Day on the 22nd** and the **Year End Assembly on the 26th**.

The Gordon community is enriched by its **volunteers**. Volunteers make sacrifices, often with their time, energy and sometimes monetarily. Whether you're a PAC member, sharing your talents, or accompanying a field trip, you are greatly appreciated. We would like to offer a small thank you. If you are able, please join us in our library on **Tuesday, June 5th from 10:15 to 11:15:45 AM** for some treats.

The **Gordon Gallery** will be held in the gym on Thursday, June 14th from 3 to 4 PM. Please come if you can to view all the creative art that our students will have on display.

Please continue to watch our **website**. By searching for Gordon through the VSB website you will now be directed to our Share Point new Gordon school website, <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/gordon>. This will now be a source for school announcements, information and documents. Our new website will be an excellent “Gordon event tracker”, as the calendar has been updated with all the June events. Please remember to check in August for any important September announcements!

I also wanted to mention three safety reminders. First, our **student washrooms are just for students**. If any adult would like to use a washroom they are welcome to use the washroom located just off the East hallway on the main floor near the stairwell, across from the Elevator. Second, we have a **no wheels on the playground rule 20 minutes before and 20 minutes after school**. This is to help avoid collisions during high traffic times. I would also remind parents that students are required to wear helmets if they are biking, skateboarding or scootering to school. Finally, I have noticed a number of parents taking pictures at some of our school events. Just a reminder that many of our students and some staff members have indicated that photo's not be placed on social media. Please ensure your photos are not shared and privacy is respected. Thank you for helping to keep Gordon safe.
Mr. McEwan, Acting Principal

VOLUNTEER TEA – Have you helped the school this year? Did you drive or accompany your division's field trip? Helped sell Popcorn or Pizza? Helped with the lunch program? Worked in your child's class or the library this year? Helped out in any way, as a class rep or at the Spring Fling or somewhere behind the scenes? Then we want to Thank you! The event is on Tues. June 5 from 10:15 – 11:15am. Please RSVP by Fri. June 1 to Heidi at haleung@vsb.bc.ca to reserve your seat. We hope to see as many people as possible.

LIBRARY NEWS - The library books are now due to be returned on **June 6th, 2018** and the library will stop lending on that day. Please bring back all Library books by the end of that week. Any unfound books will result in fines and we require them to be paid by the end of the school year. Thank you. *Ms. Macdonald*.

EARLY DEPARTURES – If you are planning on leaving earlier than June 28 this year please ensure that you let the teachers **and** the late arrival 604-713-5403 Ext. 1 **and/or** Ms. Heidi haleung@vsb.bc.ca know of your intentions. At this time of year it is really important that we are aware of your comings and goings as June is packed full of field trips and important school events. Please remember that report cards may not be available prior to your departure. You may ask, *but the teachers do not have to provide report cards earlier than June 28*. Other options are to provide a self-addressed stamped envelope to the office and ask for your child's report to be mailed in the summer, or make arrangements to pick up the report cards on July 3 or 4th or Aug 23- 31, 2018. After this date if arrangements have not been made for pick up the report cards will be filed in the permanent student's file.

LATE RETURNS FOR SEPT. 2018 – Are you planning on returning later than Sept. 7, 2018 next year? Please ensure you fill out and return to the office the following form PRIOR to your departure. [..\Forms\2018 Notice of Late Return Form.docx](#) As the school will be full in September it is really important that this is filled out in order to reserve a spot for your child. Thank you!

LOST AND FOUND – Please ensure you check the Lost and Found A.S.A.P. If there are any items left at the end of the school year it will be donated to charity.

PARKING ON BAYSWATER ST. – Please note that you cannot park on Bayswater St. Even if you are dropping children off for 5 min. Some parents are parking and blocking the crosswalk making it VERY unsafe for our children. Please park away from the school and WALK your children in. We do not want to have to call the city's parking enforcement and give you a ticket.

RAISING DIGITALLY RESPONSIBLE YOUTH which will be facilitated by Safer Schools Together on June 12, 630 pm at Magee Secondary. on Raising Digitally Responsible Youth. Please see link if you are interested in this presentation.



Parent Presentation
Flyer -2018.pdf

PAC NEWS

PAC Fundraising Update:

This year we have raised from the following fundraisers:

IGA \$159.56

Mabel's Labels \$259.68

SPUD.ca \$328.74

Stongs \$473.57

Shopping Card Orders \$526.36

Safeway \$1200.00

Donation Bin \$1692.60

Hot Lunch (Sept-Dec) \$2492.00

Gift Card Orders due Thursday, June 1st

Last order of the year. Stock up for summer! Gas cards, groceries, restaurants and more. This has raised \$600 this year, plus \$1200 for Safeway cards.

Cash or cheque payment only. Order forms in box in school office or online <http://gordonelementary.ca/Shopping%20Card>

Questions? Contact parent-volunteer sheilakirkby@gmail.com

Come to the PAC Meeting on Monday, June 19th to help us spend it!

Next PAC Meeting - Monday, 18 June 2017 at 7pm in the school library.

A PIECE OF THE PIE TIP

Piece of the PIE Tip: The last piece of the PIE tip for this school year: Remember- Inclusion is work-in-progress, a conscious effort. Ask your children -"Did you feel part of the community during this year?" "What was good?", "Was anything missing?" And talk about ways in which we make others feel included. Remind them that we ALL want to BELONG, even when children have difficulty showing it in expected ways.

(If you or your child have some good ideas about how to make inclusion more evident in our school, send them our way!)

Next PIE meeting Monday June 11th 2018 at 7pm. All welcome. This is the last meeting of this school year. Please join us, To Collaborate, Support one another, Continue the conversations and Plan for the topics of interest for the coming school year.

If you would like to find out more about Partners For Inclusive Education group or join our mailing list please email Erika or Denise at partnersforinclusiveeducation@gmail.com