

# Gordon Gazette

General Gordon Elementary School  
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& Vickie Stephens

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Newsletter #12

## **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**

Thur. May 4, 2017 – Kindergarten Vision Follow up

Thur. May 4, 2017 – 2pm Earthquake Drill 2:30pm Reunification

Mon. May 8, 2017 – PIE coffee morning 9:15am

Tues. May 9 – Election Day (Please enter from outside N.W. Entrance)

Wed. May 10, 2017 – Babysitting course starts

Fri. May 19, 2017 – Sports Day

Mon. May 22, 2017 – Victoria Day (No School)

Wed. May 24, 2017 – Twins from Quebec Arrive

Thur. May 25, 2017 – Immunization #2 – Gr. 6's

Sun. May 28, 2017 – Spring Fling

Wed. May 31, 2017 – Twins from Quebec Depart

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Principal's Message**

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Dear Gordon Community;

### **Earthquake and Reunification Drill – Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

On Thursday, May 4 from 2 PM to 2:30 PM the VSB is holding a district wide Earthquake Drill. Then, from 2:30 to 3 PM we will begin our reunification drill. In the event of a catastrophic disaster this drill will help us practice the process of reunifying our students with their families. As this is the first time we are practising this process we expect a large learning curve and we ask for your patience as we figure out the most efficient methods. For this reason, this year we have only invited our kindergarten parents to participate. If you are a kindergarten parent and also have children in grades one through seven, you're welcome to pick them up as well. The remaining students will be dismissed from the field at 3 PM. We ask all parents to please remain off the field until 3 PM to allow us to practice our Reunification Drill. For this drill and in the event of a real reunification, parents will pick up their students at the Release Gate, which is located on the west side of the field. Please note, if it is pouring with rain we will conduct this drill inside the school and parents will come to pick up their students just outside the gymnasium.

### **Ministry of education satisfaction survey**

As some of you will already know the Ministry of Education is conducting a satisfaction survey. If you are a parent of a grade four or seven student you are invited to participate. Just visit the following website: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm). Once there, you will be asked for a password. The password can only be acquired ahead of time the school office. The survey concludes on Friday, May 5th. Thank you.

### **Student Behaviour**

I wanted to touch on three topics regarding recess and lunch behaviour. At our last assembly I issued a challenge to all students to keep their language appropriate. Most do, but unfortunately I have had many comments regarding poor language choice. We would appreciate your support with this at home. Secondly, I have noticed

students coming to school with large bags of chips. They often share these bags with other students who may have food allergies or, whose parents prefer healthier alternatives. To ensure your children eat their lunches, if you choose to send your children with chips we encourage you to send the snack pack size. Thirdly, I have just had all of the support wires removed from around our new trees on our grass field. Please remind your children that for their safety the trees are not for climbing. Thank you.

Finally, on behalf of the staff I would like to pass on a huge thank you to the PAC for purchasing our new laptop cart. This will increase the use of technology at Gordon, as it will be much more convenient to move the laptops throughout the school.

I look forward to seeing you at our Spring Fling – Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 PM!

Hope Sterling, Principal

### **A Letter of Thanks...**

On behalf of the students, parents and staff of General Gordon Elementary, we would like to sincerely thank **Mr. Shafik**, owner of **Dunbar Lumber Supply** (at 16<sup>th</sup> and Dunbar), for providing and cutting plywood for Ms Rassias and her class. Mr Shafik's response to Ms Rassias' request was both welcoming and immediate. He was approached by Ms Rassias on a Wednesday and the wood was cut and made available to her the very next day. The materials will go towards an innovative and unique art project that will help students develop a variety of skills. Funding a strong and progressive education is a continual challenge all schools and teachers face. With help from businesses in the community, students can begin to explore new ideas and new queries in an enhanced learning environment. We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Mr Shafik for his generous contribution.

Ms Rassias

### **Free Kick - Timbits Spring World Cup Soccer League**

Enjoy a fun, friendly World Cup Spirit with small sided World Cup games, Music & Country Flags  
**All players will receive a free soccer ball, Timbits uniform, socks, medals and a Free Kick t-shirt.**

**Saturday Mornings: April 29 - June 24 (Granville Park (15th & Fir)**

9-10am: Age 4, 5, 6      10-11am: Age 7, 8, 9

**Sundays Mornings - April 30 - June 25 (Jericho Turf)**

9-10am: Age 4, 5, 6      10-11am: Age 7, 8      11-12pm: Age 9, 10, 11, 12

*(Players are separated and organized by age, level)*      Cost: \$125

[REGISTER FreeKickFC.com](http://REGISTER.FreeKickFC.com)

[info@freekickfc.com](mailto:info@freekickfc.com)

**604-551-7006**

**PARKING ON BAYSVIEW ST.** – Please note that you cannot park on Baysview 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.

**MAY 9, PROVINCIAL ELECTION** – General Gordon will be a polling place on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The Polling will take place in the Gym. We are requesting parents to **NOT** walk through the school to get the Polling location. Please follow the signs and enter from the outside N.E. Entrance only. Thank you.

## **PAC NEWS**

**REMINDER – SPRING FLING** – Sunday, May 28 from 1 – 5pm. Plan to attend! Plan to help!

Did you know Gordon School PAC is on Facebook? “Like: our page for quick updates and reminders.

**Plant Sale Fundraising** -

Please purchase your plants through the link below while raising funds for the school.

[generalgordonelementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com](http://generalgordonelementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com)

**Plant order deadline: Friday, 12 May 2017**

**Delivery: Friday, 26 May 2017 after school or Sunday, 28 May 2017 during the Spring Fling**

**A PIECE OF THE PIE TIP** The next PIE meeting is on May 8th at 9:15am.

PIE is the group Partners for Inclusive Education. To achieve an inclusive community we believe that every person, regardless of their challenges, is important, and participates and contributes something unique and valuable to our community.

Every person in our community is a piece of the PIE. Watch here for regular tips on how to be a piece of that PIE.

**Piece of the PIE Tip: Let's recognize the unique talents of all the members of our school community. Take a time to chat with your children about what they are good at and help them to recognize the talents of their classmates. Building confidence in their talents and recognizing the talents of others are steps into building a more inclusive community.**

To contact Denise or Erika, PIE Co-Chairs, email them at: [partnersforinclusiveeducation@gmail.com](mailto:partnersforinclusiveeducation@gmail.com)

### **SAFE ARRIVAL**

If you would like your child or children to be registered for the safe arrival program. Please put your signed forms in the PAC box in the school office. The form is attached. <..\Forms\Safe Arrival Form.docx>

### **COFFEE MORNINGS**

Coffee mornings are back. On the last Friday of every month (apart from on Pro D days and holidays), we will be serving coffee and baked goods to the parents of our school. A big thank you to Starbucks for kindly donating the coffee and Serano bakery for donating the delicious baked goods. The coffee mornings will be from 8.45-9.45am, it will be outside by the multipurpose room and gym (with canopy so we can try and stay dry if raining). Please feel free to stop by for a chat and warm up if you have the time. :) Here are the coffee morning dates:

\* **26 May**

### **HOT LUNCH**

Our twice weekly (Monday and Thursday) hot lunch program is running smoothly. Please do not forget to place your order by 7pm on Sunday. You can order online, the website address is [www.cestmoncafe.com](http://www.cestmoncafe.com)<<http://www.cestmoncafe.com/>>.

**PIZZA WEDNESDAY'S** – As an ongoing fundraiser the French Immersion parents are selling Pizza every Wednesday at lunch. Cost is \$3 for one piece or \$5 for two pieces.

**POPCORN FRIDAY'S** - Popcorn will be sold every Friday at lunchtime outside the Library by the Kindergarten room. \$1 a bag. This is a PAC fundraiser.