

PAC update

Hello parents,

Direct Drive

Our annual Direct Drive is well underway. Thank you to everyone who has donated already. This year, we are proposing to direct our funding towards enriching the students' learning experience. Your donations in 2017 could help purchase apps and music equipment. Learning Experiences include cooking and nutrition, coding, science or STEAM and health education.

If you'd like to suggest a classroom item or experience to be considered, please email the PAC at gordonpac@ymail.com (ymail, NOT gmail)

So far we have raised over \$5,000. If every family donates \$50-\$75 we will be able to reach our \$10,000 and maybe even more! You can contribute until November 9th through our website (www.gordonelementary.ca). Cash or cheques (payable to Gordon Elementary PAC) can be placed in the donation box in the office. Make sure to include your home address and email, so you will receive your tax receipt. All donations of \$20 and more are eligible for a tax receipt.

Gordon Kindergarten parent Elizabeth Dunn is a professor at UBC who does research on the connection between money and happiness. Her research shows that people get more happiness when they buy experiences rather than material things, and when they use money to help others. So, Professor Dunn says, "Donating to the Gordon Direct Drive is like a perfect recipe for happiness!"

Grouse Mountain Pass Fundraiser

Get a discount on skiing and raise money for our PAC. For every Early Bird Snow Pass purchased using the promo code **PAC-GORDON**, the PAC will receive 15% cash back. The Early Bird Pass provides unlimited ski/ride access this season plus incredible perks including discounts on food and beverage, equipment rentals and private lessons!

You may call 604-980-9311, visit Guest Services or go to www.grousemountain.com/early-bird to buy your pass and earn money for Gordon. If you choose to buy the pass on line, the promo code is entered in the last part of the process with payment. Please see gordonelementary.ca for the poster with details. The promotion and early bird prices are available until November 30.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch continues on Mondays and Thursdays. Orders may be placed online at cestmoncafe.com. Please see this website for deadlines and possibilities for late orders or cancellations of orders.

Pizza Wednesdays

Pizza will be sold each Wednesday at lunch as a fundraiser for the French Immersion Quebec exchange trip. Cheese and pepperoni slices are available and priced at \$3 for one slice or \$5 for two. Primary students purchase from inside the multi-purpose room and intermediates purchase from the kitchen window in the main hall.

Popcorn Fridays

Popcorn will be sold each Friday at lunch as a PAC fundraiser. Each child may buy a single bag for \$1 outside of the school entrance to the library after they have eaten their lunch and have been dismissed for play.

Shopping cards

If you require shopping cards, please contact Sheila Kirkby sheilakirkby@gmail.com, the deadline for shopping cards for next month is November 1st, 2017. Safeway cards are available at PIE and PAC meetings and anytime by request.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to email us at gordonpac@ymail.com (ymail, NOT gmail).

We look forward to you joining us for the next PAC meeting on **Monday, Oct. 30 @ 6:30pm** in the library.

"A piece of the PIE tip"

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.

TIP: Now that we are all feeling a bit more settled in school, we invite you to talk with your kids about new students in their class or new friendships. New beginnings open the opportunity to meet new people; help your kids think about how they can invite new friends to play. We all want to belong and it's a nice gesture to have someone take the first step.

Kind regards,

Julie and Suzan
PAC co-chairs