

# Gordon Gazette

General Gordon Elementary School  
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**2019 October 11**

**Newsletter #2**

**MAIN SCHOOL HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm**

**Recess-10:30-10:45am**

**Lunch-12:00-12:47pm**

**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 REMINDERS

Friday Oct. 18  
Tues. Oct. 15  
Friday Oct 25  
Thurs. Oct. 31  
Tues. Nov. 5  
Thur. Nov. 7  
Fri. Nov. 8  
Mon. Nov. 11  
Fri. Nov. 15  
Thurs. Nov. 28

Gr. 6 Immunization #1  
Performance: Tic Toc: 11:00 am  
Professional Day – No School  
Halloween Parade 9:15 (Even Div.'s) 9:45am (Odd Div.'s)  
Individual Photo Re-Takes  
Remembrance Assembly @ 11am  
Professional Day – No School  
Remembrance Day – No School  
Performance – “Digital Guise” @ 11am  
Kindergarten Audiology Testing

## SCHOOL NEWS

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Parents,

It seems unbelievable that we are already going to celebrate Thanksgiving and hopefully it will continue to be a beautifully sunny long weekend.

Monday September 30th was our Provincial Professional Development day when all teachers and Admin were involved in an all-day workshop around Social and Emotional learning, our School Goal for this year. Research tells us that students that are happy, self-regulated and have positive friendships are ready and more open to learning. Our guest speaker also talked about the importance of Emotional

### The five domains of Emotional Intelligence

- Intrapersonal** {
  - Self-Awareness
  - Self-Management
  - Self-Motivation
- Interpersonal** {
  - Empathy
  - Managing Relationships

Intelligence.

Every school in the VSB develops a School Plan. This is a 3-year process and Gordon is in its first year of working on Social Emotional Learning. The goal is to provide skills and strategies for students to work on being respectful, kind and become more resilient.

### **What Resilience Looks Like . . .**

#### **Resilient people . . .**

- **View problems and challenges as opportunities.**
- **Learn from their mistakes/failures.**
- **Succeed despite their hardships.**
- **Seek out new and challenging experiences.**



It was rewarding to see so many parents participating in our Goal Setting Conferences during the week of Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. The new reporting process that is known as Communicating Student Learning (CSL) is being implemented this year. There will be a total of 5 communications during the school year, the first being the Goal Setting Conferences. Students will receive 2 written reports; one at the end of January and not before the winter break, and then, the other in June. There will also be an opportunity for parents to attend a Student-led conference in the early Spring.

**First Aid at Gordon:** Ms Heidi and some of our Support Workers have training in First Aid. Their expertise is limited to First Aid and, if we feel that a Doctor's attention is needed, we will be calling one of the emergency contacts that you provided. In the case of a very serious emergency we would be calling an ambulance.

#### **A message from our counselor, Helen Ritchie:**

We are **seeking a parent who has a baby aged 4-5 months** and is willing to participate in the Roots of Empathy program in Ms. Harmel's grade 3 & 4 class. The program will be facilitated by Area Counsellor, Helen Ritchie, a Roots of Empathy instructor.

What is involved: **30 minute class visits every 3 weeks from October until June.**

In these visits, children learn about empathy, child development, the brain, and parenting while watching the baby learn and grow throughout the school year.

Please see the attached brochure. If you are interested or would like more information, please email Helen Ritchie: [hritchie@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:hritchie@vsb.bc.ca). [RootsParentsbrochure1.pdf](#)

Please check out the "Parents" tab on the Gordon Website [www.go.vsb.ca/schools/gordon](http://www.go.vsb.ca/schools/gordon), PAC Minutes will be posted on this site and any other PAC events and information that parents will be able to access.

Respectfully,  
Marion Broadbent, Principal  
Deb Routledge, Vice Principal

#### **NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION**

Registration for the 2020/2021 school year begins on November 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Please go to the VSB website [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) and fill in the registration form and print it out and bring all the forms to the school office in a package for processing. We will be open to accept new Kindergarten, Late French Immersion and any new students to Gordon, who plan to start in September 2020. We are accepting applications from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM on school days. (Please advise any neighbours/friends who are moving into catchment of this limited preferred registration period.)

As we anticipate we will be full next year, we will not be accepting Cross Boundary students at this time. If we find we have more applicants than spots, we will hold a draw. Applications will NOT be processed on a first come - first served basis.

Just a reminder that our Late French Immersion catchment covers all schools West of Main Street. Unfortunately there is no preferential placement of Gordon students.

Please note if your child already attends Gordon you DO NOT have to re-register. Only Grade 5's applying for the French Immersion program need to do so.

#### **TERRY FOX FUNDRAISER**

Our Terry Fox Run raised approx. \$900. Thank you so much for your support for cancer research. This important fundraiser has resulted in great gains against the fight of cancer.

### **HALLOWEEN PARADE**

On Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:15am we will be calling all Even numbered divisions down to the gym to participate in our Halloween Parade. Then, around 9:45 am we will call down our Odd numbered divisions. The children will sit in the middle of the gym and be called up one division at a time to parade around the gym. Students with or without costumes can participate. Parents are welcome to drop by to check out the wonderful costumes!

**HALLOWEEN COSTUMES -** We encourage creativity in the costumes this year. Please be reminded that students will not be allowed full masks that cover their faces, not be able to carry "toy" weapons and are encouraged to not make their costumes too grotesque. If children do not want to dress up but still want to join in the fun, they can always wear orange or black clothing.

**VOLUNTEER DRIVER FORMS – CHANGES** – Please note when you come to the office to fill out the driver form or to have it signed by Admin you will need to show your valid driver's license. Don't forget to fill out the volunteer forms as well. [..\2019-2020\School Messages\VSB - Volunteer Conduct Agreement.docx](#)

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

Please book mark 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, district closure days and goal-setting dates. We will be keeping it up to date, so please check regularly. We won't be sending out hard copies but if you do not have access please ask for hard copies from the [office](#).

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### **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 item left outside to students.

### **PAC NEWS**

Please watch for future email blasts for updates.

### **PIE NEWS**

Piece of the PIE Tip: An "Attitude of Gratitude"

This weekend, live in gratitude and invite your child(ren) to follow. There's no need to add a craft project about gratitude to the already exhaustive parenting 'should-do' list. Something as simple as being a model for them and acknowledging small gestures can impact children. Recent research is showing that regularly expressing gratitude (the quality of being thankful and readiness to show appreciation) literally changes our brain and makes us healthier and happier. Also, research is showing that just thinking about how to be grateful sparks brain activity necessary for sleep and mood regulation. Just the act of searching for gratitude is beneficial!

PIE — Partners for Inclusive Education -- is a group that offers an opportunity to share ideas, learn, grow, and show support for each person in our school community with open collaboration and communication. Contact: [partnersforinclusiveeducation@gmail.com](mailto:partnersforinclusiveeducation@gmail.com)

Anyone is welcome to these upcoming PIE activities:

- Share and Support Coffee, 9-10 am, Gordon Staff Room
- PIE will host a learning session and conversation around 'Executive Functioning' on Thurs., Nov. 17, from 7-8:30 pm in the Gordon Library. Childminding provided by Grade 7 students.