

# Gordon Gazette

General Gordon Elementary School  
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**2020 December 1 Newsletter**

## **MAIN SCHOOL HOURS:**

**Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00**

**Recess-10:30-10:45am Intermediate 10:45 – 11am Primary**

**Lunch-11:23-12:10 pm Intermediate 12:10 – 12:30 pm Primary**

**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, Dec. 18 – Pajama Day (Fundraiser for Covenant House)

Dec. 21, 2020 – Jan. 2, 2021 – Winter Holidays

Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 – First Day return to school

Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 - Fancy Dress up Day

Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 - Professional Day – no school for students

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

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

**We continue to appreciate all of your support during such a different school year. We do want to assure you that as a staff we are trying to provide some fun, interesting activities for our students. In the last newsletter we mentioned our mascot, Garfunkel III. Here is a picture of Garfunkel after he/she spent time in the**



**Kindergarten classes.**

**All Divisions are having turns during the morning announcements to present their class messages as we count down the days to Winter Break. Some classes are singing songs, telling jokes, doing poems, sharing what winter means to them in various forms and playing their favourite songs over the P.A.. We continue to have artwork displayed on the bulletin boards around the school. Here are some examples.**



**Div 2 Moonlight**

**PAJAMA DAY FUNDRAISER for Covenant House** – On Friday, December 18, staff and students are encouraged to come to school in their cosies, warm pajama pants or onsies. We encourage as many people to donate to this great cause, and for every \$1 pledged it is being triple matched! Please go to [http://support.covenanthousebc.org/site/TR?team\\_id=2640&pg=team&fr\\_id=1342&et=4XaxQnRF7b\\_X9OQf3lhchA](http://support.covenanthousebc.org/site/TR?team_id=2640&pg=team&fr_id=1342&et=4XaxQnRF7b_X9OQf3lhchA) students who have donated may come to the office to get a special sticker to wear on their pajamas on this day.

**NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION**

Registration for the 2021/2022 school year begins on November 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please go to the VSB website [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) and fill in the registration form. Then go to our General Gordon webpage and click on the yellow link to make an appointment to bring in the registration sheet and all the forms to the school office in a package for processing. We will be open to accept new Kindergarten, and any new students to Gordon, who plan to start in September 2021. Please review the booking form for times to bring in applications 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.



Division 2 Moonlight



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

**WHERE CAN I FIND MORE SCHOOL INFORMATION?** – Don't forget to check out our website <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/general-gordon/Pages/default.aspx> This is the place to reference all the holidays, professional days, district closure days and goal-setting dates. We ask that you please check the website regularly.



Division 8 Lanterns

### **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.



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### **COVID REMINDERS**

We thank the parents for the continued vigilance and modeling of wearing masks while on the school grounds. In the latest Provincial Health Mandate of Nov. 17 Dr. Henry also asked adults to gather or socialize within their households only. In light of this we ask you to please remember to keep your distance while outside.

During the month of December often food treats were brought into the classroom to share. Due to COVID we cannot allow any communal food to be distributed in the classrooms; therefore, teachers will not be planning any activities involving food in the classroom this year.

We are also noticing that parents are wanting to celebrate their children's birthdays by sending in "treat bags" to the class instead of birthday parties. Although it is disappointing for your children we ask that you not send in any "treat bags". Teachers of the younger grades are coming up with alternative ways to acknowledge birthdays in the class.



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## **PAC NEWS**

Please watch for future email blasts for updates. Please note that on our website there is a heading across the top "Families". If you click on the arrow you will see "Parent Advisory Council". Under this heading you will find all of the Information about PAC Meetings, Minutes, Newsletters, Fundraising, Constitution (when completed),

## **PIE NEWS**

All of the PIE news will also be posted in the same place as the PAC information under "Families" and "PIE".



Div 8 Penguin Sewing Project