



Gordon Terrace News

December 2022



Nepal Winter Sale

The Nepal Winter Sale will take place on Tuesday, November 29 from 1:30 – 4:00 pm and 6:00 – 7:00 pm in our gym. All proceeds go to support our “hot pink school” in Kuttal, Nepal. You will find an amazing selection of hand-made products, baking, and a silent auction! Students will be given an opportunity to shop during their school day. Thank you for your continued support!

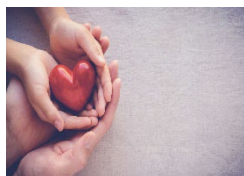


Grade 5 and 6 Movie Day:

On Friday, December 16th PAC is generously treating our Grade 5 and 6 students to the movie Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile. A newsletter will be sent home with the option for you to purchase a Snack Pack for your student at this event. Thank you, PAC!

Student Affordability Fund

We have access to a fund to increase food security for our students and their families and to support students, parents, and guardians with affordability concerns related to items such as school supplies or education-related fees and equipment. If you are in need or know of a family that can use a helping hand, please contact Shari Reid, Youth Care Worker, at shari.reid@sd5.bc.ca



Grizzlies Go Wild:



"JUST WOW 😍!" - is an excellent response to show how far these young volleyball players have come this season!

Ms. Molnar and Mr. Martin have enjoyed coaching the boys' and girls' teams with the help

of Mr. van Leusden for lunchtime practices. Both teams were undefeated all season playing five different teams from around the district. They have all shown growth in their skills and commendable sportsmanship. 🙌



Players from the Avalanche volleyball teams will be hosting a tournament from 12.00-3.30 pm on Friday, December 2nd. This is our final opportunity to compete against teams from Cranbrook and Jaffray. Spectators are welcome and families will be responsible for picking up their players at the COTR after the tournament is finished.

Good luck Grizzlies 🏐 - let's show everyone how much you have all learned this season!!

Gordon Terrace Christmas Concert



Preparations are underway for our first in-person Christmas concert since 2019. Audiences will be welcomed back to our gym on Thursday, December 15th to see every child take their turn on the stage including our school band. Each group presentation will be about various Christmas wishes with the biggest wish coming up at the end. That wish will not be revealed until concert day. No spoiler alerts here!

Performances will be at 11:00 and 1:00 on December 15th with a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 13th. Watch for an email notification about performance choices and indicate your preference. We will try to balance the audience numbers between the two performances and attending the dress rehearsal is also an option. Mark your calendars and book an early or late lunch that day.

Absences and Late Arrivals

If your child is not going to be attending school, can you please use one of the following methods to communicate their absence with us: SafeArrival (School Messenger), a phone call to the office at 250-426-8248, or by emailing gtes.mailing@sd5.bc.ca Thank you for your cooperation!

Student Drop Off

Please do not drop off your students before 8:35 am. Supervision does not begin until 8:25 am and students are not permitted in the building. Please ensure your students have dressed appropriately for the weather. Only when the outside temperature is very cold (approximately -15 to -20 °C) will we be able to welcome students inside.

Growing Smiles Fundraiser

Thanks to your generous support we were able to raise close to \$1000 for our school! These funds are used for a variety of programs throughout the year. Thank you!



Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser

The Purdys Chocolate fundraiser raised over \$5000 for the school. Thank you everyone for your generous support! Congratulations to the Orange Den family, who won a pizza party for the highest sales. Chocolate pick-up will be on December 1st from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Please use the exterior door by the hockey nets (Mrs. Willumeit's old classroom).





What is a Den Family?

Grizzlies winter in their dens. The beautiful sign in our gym says “Welcome

to the Den.” An important goal at Gordon Terrace Elementary School is to build a sense of community where all students, staff, and family feel welcome, safe, connected, and cared for. We want Gordon Terrace to be that place for this community. Many years ago, GT had house teams. We wanted to tap into the sense of sportsmanship that School House Teams create but wanted to take it to that next step of family and community. We have spent a number of years apart due to Covid and the restrictions that came with it. We felt that Den Families would help build a sense of togetherness, connectedness, and family. Enter our Den Families. Students were placed on a Den Family this year. Students will stay with the same Den Family for their entire stay at Gordon Terrace. New students, kindergarten students, and new staff members will be placed on a Den Family when they join our community. Our hope is that these Den Families will help students build new connections with students in other grades and staff members they may not have had as teachers or EAs. Our Den Families consist of students from kindergarten to grade 6. This will allow our intermediate students to develop important leadership skills before we send them off to middle school. This is also an opportunity for our primary students to connect with older students who may not be in their buddy class. Our goal is to have at least one Den Day activity a month. Students will get together with their Den Family and do activities in their colour group. Activities will differ depending on the goal of the Den Day. The primary goal of Den Days is to connect our

school community. If you have any questions about Den Families and future Den Days, please reach out to your child’s classroom teacher or the office. As a school, we are looking forward to many Den Days to come.

Mark your calendars!!!

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| November | 24 | Tie Dye Day |
| | 29 | Nepal Christmas Sale |
| December | 1 | Grade 6 immunizations Growing Smiles pick-up Purdys pick up |
| | 2 | Volleyball Tournament - College of the Rockies Gym |
| | 7 | Dilly Bar Day |
| | 12 | Plaid Day |
| | 13 | Christmas Sweater Day |
| | 14 | Formal Wear Day |
| | 15 | Christmas Concert “Anything Christmas” Gear Day |
| | 16 | Grades 5 and 6 Movie Day Pajama Day and Pancakes! |
| | 19 | Winter Break Begins |
| January | 3 | School Back in Session |
| | 11 | Dilly Bar Day |
| | 19 | PAC Movie Night |
| | 20 | Lunar New Year Day |
| | 26 | National Family Literacy Day |
| | 27 | School Break – No School |