

Dear Gordon Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful time at our Meet the Teacher event. Unfortunately, I was sick and missed a couple days of work so I could not see for myself. I heard the food was a big hit along with the PAC selling some treats and our local DJ. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the staff at our school who graciously gave up their own personal time staying late and supporting this event. Thank you!

I also have a friendly reminder from our neighbour. They would like to remind everyone to please DO NOT park in non-parking areas, particularly in front of private driveways. The City of Vancouver bylaws state that 1.5 meters must be left on each side of the private driveway to prevent blocking of the entrance. And, just as important, it makes it unsafe for people to use the driveway and unsafe for students walking across the front of the driveway as visibility is compromised.

I also want to let families know that individual photos by Artona will be taken on October 8th. Please put a note of this in your family calendar.

Finally, Truth and Reconciliation Day is coming up on Tuesday Sept. 30th. As such, school will not be in session that day. Please consider taking a moment to sit down with your family and discuss the significance of this day and if you can, develop some actionable items you and your family will commit to this upcoming year to support Truth and Reconciliation in Canada.

Our school will recognize this important day by having an assembly on Monday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. We encourage everyone to wear an orange shirt, or an item of orange clothing to school on this day.

Now a few messages from your PAC:

Ride with us on the Bike Bus, swap outgrown winter gear for something new, and join us for our first PAC meeting of the year!

Bike Bus is back tomorrow!

Hop on and ride with us—check the route and details here: [gordonpac.com/bikebus](http://gordonpac.com/bikebus)

Winter Coat & Boot Swap – NEW DATE: Thursday, October 17th!

Clear out those closets and find something new-to-you just in time for the chilly weather.

- Donations are being accepted now until the morning of Oct 17th
- Swap runs from 2:45–3:45 PM in the school
- Kids must be accompanied by an adult
- Minimum donation: \$5 per item
- Drop-off: designated area at the front entrance—look for the sign!
- Accepted items: clean, lightly worn winter jackets, snow pants, winter boots, rain boots, rain pants, rain jackets, mitts, scarves, toques
- **Please note: this is not a general clothing drive. Please only send the items requested above.**

Mark Your Calendar!

Our first PAC meeting of the year is coming up on Monday, October 6th at 6 PM. Everyone is welcome—come join the conversation!

Have you ordered Hot Lunch yet?

Our Hot Lunch program is a win-win-win for parents, kids, and our PAC. Last year, we raised thousands in support of our kids, teachers, and school experiences. Here's how it works:

- Hot Lunch from Calhoun's Catering is available every Monday and Thursday
- Pizza from Uncle Fatih's is available every Wednesday
- Returning families: just log into your account to order
- New families: find all the details on our website here  
→ <https://www.gordonpac.com/hotlunch>

Thank you,

Stephen Leung - Principal

Pawan Sumra - Vice-principal