Dear Gordon Families,

I hope this message finds you well and that you have enjoyed an amazing summer break filled with family, friends, and fun. As we prepare to embark on a new school year, we are both filled with excitement and anticipation for the wonderful opportunities and experiences that lie ahead.

**Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year!**

The staff have been working diligently to ensure that our school is ready to provide a safe, supportive, and enriching environment for all our students. We are committed to fostering a community where every student strives to do their best as a community member and a learner.

**Key Dates and Information:**

* **First Day of School:** Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025 (from 9am to 10am) only for Gr. 1 - 7. For kindergarten students, please follow the schedule that will be/has been sent separately.
* **PAC Meet & Greet for Parents & Caregivers:** Outside by the picnic benches from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM (light refreshments will be provided). Please join our Executive and connect with other families. They would love to see you!

For the first week, students will return to their previous year’s classes to reconnect and share experiences. Please be aware that we will inform families once we receive district approval to move to new classes. Until we receive approval, we will stay in previous year's classes.

Drop-off and pick-up areas will remain the same as last year unless directed otherwise by the classroom teacher.

New students will be welcomed at the front of the school and directed to a class for the week. The first full day of school for grades 1-7 will be on Wednesday, September 3rd, ending at 3:00 PM. Please pack a snack and lunch for your child.

After students have settled into their classes, teachers will inform families about the recommended materials for the school year. Each family will receive a package detailing school fees and other essential forms that need to be completed. The school fees will cover all necessary supplies for the year.

For our Kindergarten families, please follow the gradual entry schedule that was emailed to you and is also on our website [Kindergarten Gradual Entry 2025](https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/fgg/38/Kindergarten20Gradual20Entry202025.pdf) There is also a link to our Kindergarten survey that our K teachers kindly ask you to complete. Your first day will be on Wednesday, September 4*th*.

 Just a reminder if your child will be arriving later than September 2nd and you have not yet filled in a [2025 Notice of Late Return Form - September](https://vsbworld-my.sharepoint.com/personal/haleung_vsb_bc_ca/Documents/Office/Forms/Office%20Files/2025%20Notice%20of%20Late%20Return%20Form%20-%20September.doc?web=1) please do so and email Ms. Heidi at haleung@vsb.bc.ca so she can hold a spot for your child.

We have attached our school calendar [2025-2026 School Calendar](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Chaleung%5CDownloads%5C2025-26%20Gordon%20Elementary%20School%20Calendar%20.pdf) so you can start to reference professional days, early dismissal days and holidays. This will also be posted on our website so you can refer to it throughout the school year as well as a hard copy will be included in the school start up packages.

Please ensure that your emails are up to date so that you and your families continue to receive email updates through out the school year. If you hear of any families in the community who have not received this email please ensure they contact Ms. Heidi in the office immediately so we can verify and update their emails accordingly.

Wishing you a wonderful conclusion to the summer season. We are excited to see you all very soon.

Stephen Leung – Principal

Pawan Sumra - Vice-Principal