

Gordon Happenings – November 5, 2025

Dear families,

- 1) **Gordon Elementary is participating in Kind Mind Month this November**, a mental health initiative promoted by the Kelty Foundation. This program aligns with our commitment to teaching the *Gordon Circle of Care*, and we believe it will help reinforce key aspects of our school-wide approach to well-being.

Kind Mind Month is designed to engage students, educators, and parents/caregivers in meaningful conversations about mental wellness. It aims to reduce stigma and raise awareness of available resources—especially before students enter the more challenging adolescent years.

Each week, teachers are encouraged to:

- Show a short Kind Mind video to their class.
- Prompt students to complete weekly challenges at home with a parent or caregiver.
- Optionally, explore additional classroom activities related to mental well-being.

To celebrate our collective efforts, the Kelty Foundation will host a **school-wide DJ dance party** at the end of the month! We encourage all families to spend the time working on these weekly challenges with your child(ren) and above all else, have fun with it!

- 2) **Poppy Donations** – On November 10, 2025 we will be having our Remembrance Day assembly in the gym. Each child will be receiving a poppy donated by our local Legion Branch. If you would like to donate, we have provided an opportunity for you to do so through your child's online account. Please log on and pick an amount to donate. All funds collected will be returned to the Legion and the Veterans.
- 3) **Reminder** – schools will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th for our Remembrance Day holiday. School will resume on Wednesday, November 12th.
- 4) 🏀 **Hoopfest – Monday, November 17 (3:15–4:45 PM)**
We're excited to announce our upcoming **Hoopfest!** It'll be a fun basketball afternoon for all the kids with games, prizes, and community spirit. Participation is **by donation (\$20 recommended)**, and **all proceeds go directly to the school.**

I've personally donated \$500 and will be **matching all future donations up to another \$500** to help maximize our impact.

To donate, please visit the [General Gordon School website](#), click "**Donate**" in the top right corner, and include "**basketball**" in the comment section.

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5) Online Report Cards

Starting this year, all teachers will be writing their report cards in a program called Spaces EDU. As a result, families will be accessing their child's report cards online. Please read the attachment here as it contains instructions on this process. Please note:

- All families must have a SpacesEDU account setup in order to access student reporting.
- If you have multiple children at our school, you need only create one account.
- Finally, if you want to have a copy of the report, it is important that you download the report. As new reporting periods arise, the old report card will be deleted in order to post the new report.

Please see attached below sheet for more information.

- 6)** Friday, November 21st is our new District Wide Professional Day. There will be no school for students on this day. Please mark your calendars if you have not already done so.

Yours at Gordon;

Stephen Leung, Principal & Pawan Sumra, Vice Principal

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HOW TO INVITE FAMILIES TO CREATE THEIR SPACESEDU ACCOUNT



- 01 Log into SpacesEDU at www.spacesedu.com and navigate into your class.
- 02 Find your  People tab at the top of your screen and click in.
- 03 Click on the  tab.
- 04 Click the  button on the right. Make sure you also select families on a second or third page too.
- 05 You should now see all your families with their prepopulated email addresses. Simply select all and send the invitations

Important Reminders

- The initial email may go to your families' junk folders. Please let them know it's coming and ask them to keep an eye out for it.
- You can reinvite families at any time, and you can also manually add additional email addresses on the previous screen.
- It's important that all families have Family SpacesEDU accounts to access student reporting.
- While each teacher must invite their own families, families with multiple children at the school only need to create one account. All of their children should be connected under that single login.



What's Happening at Gordon PAC This Week

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Grab your coffee (or cocoa) and get cozy, here's what's brewing around the school!

1. Our Annual Direct Drive is ON!

The Direct Fundraising Drive has officially begun, and we're aiming for \$10,000! One of the many places your tax-deductible donations go is straight to our classrooms, helping fund materials, equipment, and experiences that make learning more awesome. Every teacher receives PAC funds to use for their class, so your support truly makes a difference.

If you've already donated, thank you! If not, there's still time to join the [fun\(d\)](#).

2. No School Streets Next Tuesday

Quick heads-up: no School Streets on Tuesday, November 11th (the school will be closed for Remembrance Day).

3. Coffee Connection – This Friday!

We're kicking off our first Coffee Connection this Friday, November 7th at 9:05am by the stone picnic tables beside the kindy playground. Bring your mug and come say hi! Don't worry, we'll have extra cups too. It's casual, it's friendly, and it's a great excuse to sip caffeine in good company.

4. Bike Bus + Hot Cocoa = Friday Morning Win

Riding to school on Friday? There'll be hot cocoa waiting for you when you roll in (coffee for parents, cocoa for kids—it's only fair).

If you've been thinking about joining the Bike Bus, this is your sign. New riders are always welcome! You can find details for our two meeting spots [here](#).

5. Book Drive Magic!

Wow, so many incredible book donations already! Let's keep it going. We're collecting gently loved books in the box near the office until November 20th, when our Book Drive officially kicks off.

We'll also need a few book-loving volunteers to help sort on the afternoon of the 20th. Keep an eye out for a signup sheet or email pacgeneralgordon@gmail.com if you're game to help out!

6. Have You Signed Up Yet? Hannah Beach is Coming (via Zoom)!

Our upcoming workshop with Hannah Beach is one you won't want to miss. She's warm, inspiring, and has a gift for helping parents and educators connect with kids in meaningful ways.

[Register here](#) to save your spot! You'll get the Zoom link and details right after registering.

Curious? You can read more about Hannah's work [here](#).

7. PAC Meeting – One Week Away!

Our next PAC meeting is happening Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30pm in the library.

Come for the updates, stay for the ideas (and maybe a few laughs). We'll be chatting about what we have in the works for the rest of the school year and learn about some fun events you could participate in—or organize, if you're so inclined!

8. Holiday Cheer Incoming

It's beginning to look a lot like... fundraising season! Don't forget to place your [Purdys](#) Holiday order before the deadline. And soon we'll start gratefully accepting new and gently used giftables for our beloved Holiday Bazaar.

Each treasure will be sold for \$2, with proceeds supporting our PAC and Covenant House, which helps at-risk and homeless youth in our community.

Thanks as always,

-Kelsey, Margaret and the PAC Exec