

Gordon Happenings – Oct. 28, 2025

Halloween at Gordon – Halloween is on Friday, October 31st and we will be having our annual Halloween parade. Please join us from 9:15am – 9:25am outside the school. For those who celebrate it, Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices within your family unit. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events.

It's good to keep in mind the following are **NOT Costumes**:

RACE (black face/brown face)

ETHNICITY AND CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)

RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/hijab/turban/kippah)

GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock)

TRAUMA (hangman's noose/weapons)

Students are welcome to wear costumes if they wish and many have started to plan. We are asking students **not to bring any weapons (or facsimiles weapons) or violent accessories** to school if they are part of their costumes. We also know that some costumes have a full mask. **Students are allowed to wear masks for the parade portion only.** Once the parade is completed, we are asking students to put their masks away for the rest of the day, this includes both while inside and outside of school during recess and lunch. This not only prohibits vision for safety but also can scare younger children. Thank you for your understanding.

SOGI Fundraiser – Our SOGI club has been busy making home made bookmarks. They will be selling them on Thursday, Oct. 30 for \$2 or \$3 each. Please send a little bit of money with your children on this day if they would like to purchase these one of a kind gifts.

VSB Family Digital Literacy Workshops

"Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship and Cyber-Bullying" - VSB Family Learning Session - Open to Staff Too.

Safer Schools Together will be hosting a free online **VSB Family Digital Literacy workshops** titled **"Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship and Cyber-Bullying"** on **Tuesday November 4th** from **6pm to 8pm**.

This session will offer practical strategies and up-to-date insights to help families support children in navigating the online world safely and responsibly. Topics include:

- The latest social media apps and trends
- How to have meaningful conversations about online safety
- Understanding digital reputation ("digital tattoos") and its impact
- Family guidelines for digital parenting

Link to Register: [Registration for VSB Virtual Info Session-Nov 4](#) (or use the QR code in the attached image).

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 31 at 9:00 p.m.

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This session is open to all families and staff. **It will not be recorded**, so we encourage everyone to attend live. The last session with The White Hatter on *Raising AI-Ready Kids* had over **6,000 participants**, thank you for making it such a powerful learning moment!

Please feel free to share with your school communities and join us if you can!

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Messages from our P.A.C.

Let's raise \$10,000 for our school!

Today, we're launching our annual Fundraising Drive, which funds experiences and enrichment opportunities for every student at our school.

Every donation is greatly appreciated—and eligible for a tax receipt.

What are we raising money for?

The funds we raise benefit every student in our school through:

- **Our technology.** PAC funds help keep our school technology up to date.
- **Our playgrounds and sports equipment.** PAC funds benefit our playgrounds, as well as our PE and sports equipment, encouraging physical activity and play.
- **Our library.** PAC funds enable us to expand our library's offerings, in particular broadening and diversifying the authors whose stories it holds.
- **Our Fine Arts Program.** PAC funds enable us to enhance our Fine Arts Program by supplementing musical instruments, materials and supplies.
- **And much, much more.**

How much should I donate?

Most families choose to contribute between \$50-\$100 per child. But no amount is too small. Every contribution will help us reach our target of at least \$10,000 for our school.

Will I get a tax receipt?

Yes, every donation made through SchoolCash Online (at the link below) is eligible for a tax receipt.

How do I donate?

Kindly donate through the VSB's SchoolCash Online page. Please select Fund

Destination: **General Gordon Elementary**

PAC: <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true?>

Thank you! Every dollar counts and every student will benefit from your generosity.

Thanks as always,

-Kelsey, Margaret and the PAC Exec

P.S. School Streets returns every Tuesday — same time, same place! We're still short on morning volunteers, so if you've been waiting for a sign... this is it. Sign up [here](#)! Don't worry if you're new, we've got everything you need to know (and a helpful video or two) [here](#)!