

# GHMS PAC 2017/18

## April Update

At our April 18 PAC meeting we passed the 2018/19 budget, planned for the AGM being held May 16, and got an inside scoop on next year (the principal updates are the best part of attending meetings). Grade 6 and Grade 8 transfer processes are finalized and we are in our last weeks of school.

### *We have 2 urgent asks:*

First, the 2018/19 hot lunch program is at risk if we do not find an administrative champion to help. If you have a few minutes a week to work on the computer submitting orders to vendors, etc. and can come to the school from 11:00 – 12:30 on Thursdays then the program will be secure. This is our major fundraiser – it covers all classroom support, field trips, exploratories, and library funds (approximately \$12,000). Please email [ghmspac@gmail.com](mailto:ghmspac@gmail.com) subject line: Hot lunch help and we will follow up straight away. Food choices are being discussed right now so it's a great time to join the team!!

Second, please consider attending our AGM in May. Most of our current positions are filled with Grade 8 parents. The upcoming vacant positions are Co-Chairs, Treasurer, and Members-at-Large. This year we have streamlined most of the roles and we invite you to sincerely consider taking one on. The PAC meets 6 times a year and the average time commitment is 4 hours per month.

Thank you to those who made a PAC donation. If you are worried about missing the cut-off date – donations are still be accepted at <https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/2967/140/false/true>

**May 16<sup>th</sup> is the last PAC meeting for 2017/18:  
We will hold our AGM to elect new members and receive  
exciting school news!  
Come join us in the library from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Everyone welcome!**

Our #1 fundraiser – HOT LUNCH has been serving pizza, Subway, sushi, Mucho Burrito & Noodle Box this year. As always, more hands make for lighter work, so please feel free to pop in any Thursday between 11:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m. Also, it's not too late to order: <https://gordonhead.hotlunches.net/admin/?sid=&un=0>

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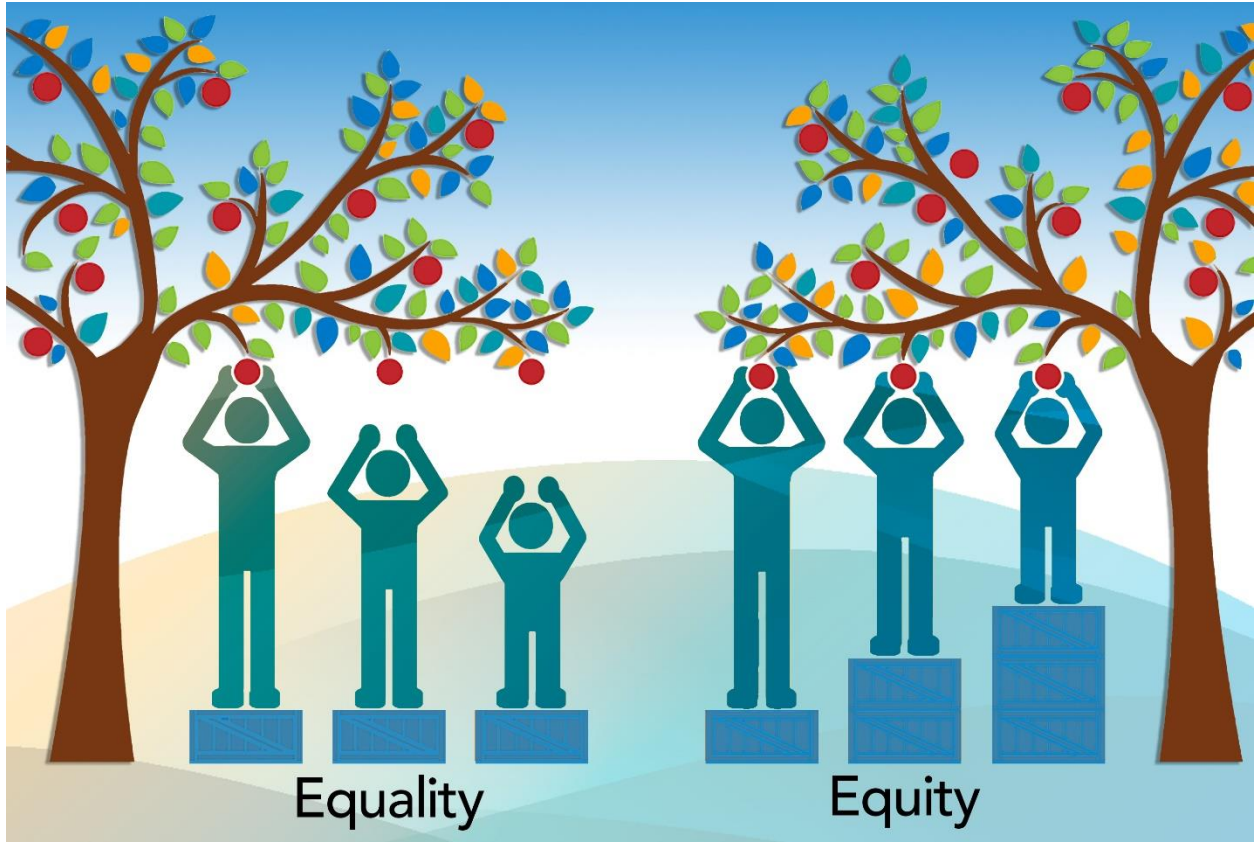


## HOUSE KEEPING

- ❖ Reading the *Daily Announcements* will ensure you are always in the loop on day-to-day happenings at GHMS. Make it a part of your daily routine <https://gordonhead.sd61.bc.ca/>. If your student is moving on to high school, check the daily announcements there too. You can also follow GHMS on Twitter too @GH\_Grizzlies
  
- ❖ The Grade 8 Celebration is coming up. Each year the PAC hosts a BBQ and dance for our graduating students. A huge *thank you* to Cecilia who is our coordinator for the event.
  - Grade 8 parents, please watch for the Google doc sign up sheet. We need help with shopping, decorating, clean up, cooking, and serving.
  - If you have questions, contacts for donations, etc. please email Cecilia at [cecilia.velasco.bas@gmail.com](mailto:cecilia.velasco.bas@gmail.com)

- We are asking families to make a financial contribution towards the event, suggested amount is \$20/student (covers lunch, dessert, and entertainment). Please send cash only into the office *Attn: Cecilia, Grade 8 celebration*. No child will be denied the opportunity to participate.
  
- ❖ New play equipment and games have entered the school with more to come – we appreciate the administration in working with us to create some more FUN for our students during lunch and recess.
  
- ❖ The last 10 weeks of school can be crazy busy exciting and sometimes nerve-wracking times. If your student is feeling it more than usual, please reach out to the teacher and school administration for help.

Our generation of students have a powerful role in reconciliation. As we move forward together in healing, we invite you to consider the following visual representation.



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