



THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

March 7, 2025

Happy Friday Everyone!

Greetings, Gordon Head Families.
Another great week for the Grizzlies!

So many wonderful things have been happening with our GH students over the last couple of weeks and we couldn't be more proud of them. A few highlights are:

The **Gordon Head Choir**, 70 students, performed at the Victoria Sings concert last night at the UVIC Farquar theatre and it was absolutely amazing. It a very moving performance and Ms. Meadows and the performers should be proud of their hard work and talent.



Tuesday
March 11

Spring Concert

Friday
March 14

Learning Updates
Available

March 17-28

Spring Break

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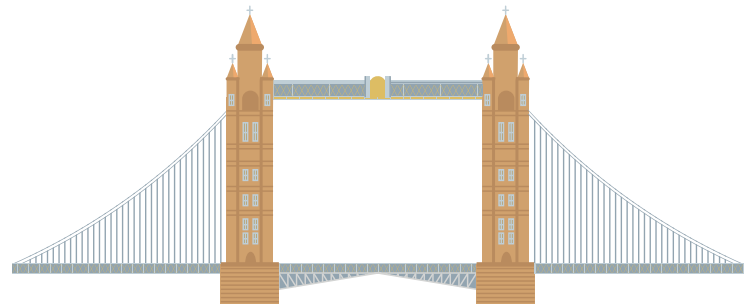
Spaghetti Bridge

On Feb 26th, 32 grade 6 students travelled to Camosun College to compete in the BC Skills Trade Spaghetti Bridge Building Competition. These students worked hard for 3 hours to create a bridge that could hold a 1kg weight. There were some bridges that held and others that fell apart, however, the experience was one these students won't soon forget.

FROM THIS



TO THIS



Coding Club

Coding club has created many amazing creations this term. Some highlights include a train, a gauntlet, and a Rubik's Cube solving robot. Check out this video of one of these amazing creations here (Well done, Arlo!) [Lego Robot Video](#)

Math Challengers

Five students from Gordon Head competed in the Math Challengers competition that took place last month. The following students represented GH at the competition: Daniil L., Jace B., Matthew L., Minjun K., and James A. Special props to Daniil our top competitor, who finished 6 in the grade 8 grouping. The grade 8 team ranked 5th overall. Well done everyone!

Volleyball news,

- Congratulations to the **grade 8 boys comp** team for winning their pool and advancing to the Playoffs on Monday, March 10th, at Lansdowne.
- Congratulations to the **grade 7 girls comp** team who won their first playoff games and are off to the City Finals on Tuesday at Dunsmuir.
- Congratulations to the **grade 7 boys comp** team who finished 3rd in the city, losing a close tie breaker, one by 2 points, that would have sent them to the finals.
- Congratulations to Ms. Nelson's **grade 8 girls comp** team who won the consolation finals this week! The girls fought hard in both their games and ended up beating both teams because of some great serving and some amazing defence. The team finished the season winning 11 games with only 3 losses. Great job team!
- Congratulations to Mrs. Gibbs' **grade 8 girls comp** team who finished the season strong, playing some great volleyball and playing their final game this week.
- A huge shout of congratulations to all of the students who participated in Volleyball this year, playing on all of the various teams. GH is proud of you all!
- And last but not least, a big thank you to all of the parent coaches who made this tremendous volleyball season possible. It is largely due to your commitment and dedication that so many students were able to participate this season.

Upcoming Volleyball Games

- Boys **8 Comp Team Playoffs Monday March 10th** @ Lansdowne
- Girls **7 Comp Playoff Finals Tuesday March 11th** @ Dunsmuir

Clubs and Meetings

- Robotics/Coding - Wednesdays 3:00-4:00pm
- Yearbook Leaders will meet again sometime after spring break.
- Magic the Gathering and Pokemon Club runs weekly on Thursdays at lunch recess.
- Dance Team meets every Wednesday at lunch and Fridays after school until 3:45, in the Dance/Drama room.
- GSA meets on Thursdays at lunch in the Library.
- Chess Club meets Fridays at lunch in the Library.

PAC Message

Our GHMS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is reaching out in hopes of promoting interest for parents to join next year. Currently, our PAC Executive is made up of all Gr. 8 parents, so they'll be leaving next year. We need volunteers to help fill the following roles:



- Chair
- Co-Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary

- Fundraising (can be split among a group of people)
- Bookkeeper (this would be a paid job that would require minimal time but important for accuracy and clarity of funds)

The time commitment is manageable: one meeting per month (typically Wednesday evenings from 7–8 pm) and some additional work on your own schedule, depending on the role.

Without a full PAC Executive Team, we won't be able to apply for important grants that support our students' activities and education.

If you're interested, or have questions, please reach out to Laird or Salina at ghmspac@gmail.com. You're also welcome to join any of our upcoming PAC meetings in the school library to learn more:

April 16: 7-8pm

May 21: 7-8pm

June 18: 7-8pm

Thank you,

GHMS PAC



Electric kick scooter pilot project extended

Saanich is one of many communities in BC that is participating in B.C.'s Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project that will run from April 5, 2024 to April 5, 2028. For more information about the pilot project, including rules and responsibilities for riders, visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-environment/active-transportation/scooter>

Know the **rules** to safely ride and operate an electric kick scooter (see link below)
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-environment/active-transportation/scooter/safetyraph text>

Of particular interest is the following safety rules you may not have been aware of:



Safety rules you must follow:

- You must obey provincial rules when operating an electric kick scooter. Participating communities may also set rules where you can ride an electric kick scooter. Check with your municipality to understand what rules apply to you.
- Must be 16 or older: a person under 16 cannot ride an electric kick scooter, nor can their parent or guardian knowingly permit it.



Hello Parents and Guardians,

We are looking for any parents/caregivers/aunts/uncles/grandparents/friends who might be willing to come share a bit about their job. On Monday April 14th, 1-3pm and Thursday, April 17th, 1-3pm we will be hosting a panel style event in our library to groups of 60 students.

If you are interested or know of someone who might be able to help present at one please sessions please contact Jennifer Adamson at Gordon Head Middle School jadamson@sd61.bc.ca .

Student Learning Survey 2024/2025

Greetings Families. It is time again to conduct the Ministry Student Learning Survey. The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

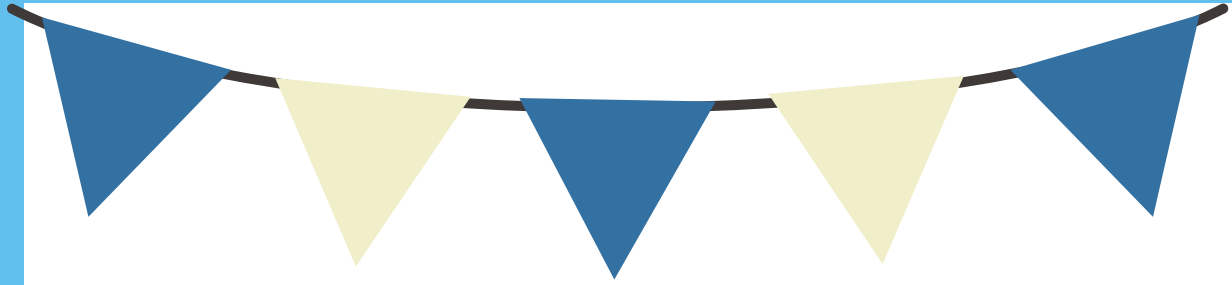
Early in 2025, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement.

The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-477-1855

MUSICAL THEATRE



SPRING CONCERT BAKE SALE

TUESDAY MARCH 11 6:30PM-8:30PM

raising funds for our production of



WE TAKE CASH AND TAP!

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL JOURNEY TO NEVERLAND!

The Racquet Club of Victoria proudly presents Peter Pan on Ice, a spectacular show that brings the beloved tale to life. Featuring stunning performances by National Ice Dancers alongside talented RCV skaters (**including GHMS students and alumni!**), this enchanting production will transport audiences of all ages to a world of adventure, imagination, and magic. Don't miss this unforgettable event!

March 22nd, 2pm

March 22nd, 7pm

March 23rd, 1 pm

Online tickets:

racquetclubofvictoria.com

or in person at Royal &
McPherson box offices

Archie Browning Sports Centre





Kidovate is Back for April 2025!

Kidovate is a fun, free entrepreneurship initiative of UVIC's Gustavson School of Business for high school and middle school students. Kidovate aims to develop entrepreneurial spirit and acumen by encouraging participants to sell goods or services on Kidovate Market Day. This year's market will be held on Saturday, April 5th at The Bay Centre. Last year more than 200 young entrepreneurs participated in Kidovate. There is no cost to participate in Kidovate and there are many resources available to help youth be successful. Check out <http://kidovate.ca/>





PARKS, RECREATION
& COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Backdoor Youth Centre

Weekly Calendar

10-17yrs

January 2025

Monday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM

2SLGBTQIA+ Social
Drop-in 6:00-8:00PM



Tuesday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM

Crafters & Bakers 6:00-8:00PM
(Registered program)



Wednesday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM

Games & Swim 6:30-8:45PM
(Registered program)



Thursday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM

Guys Night Drop-in
6:00-8:00PM



Friday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM

FREE Friday Night Drop-in
5:00-9:00PM
PS5 Games Day!



Saturday

Sports Night 6:00-8:00PM
@Gordon Head Middle School
(Registered program)

Sunday

CLOSED

Program Info

*Closed on STAT Holidays



FREE Drop-in program



Registration and Payment
Required

Scan to Register



HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Online: saanich.ca/youth (create an account & register)
2. Phone: 250-475-7111
3. In person at Gordon Head Recreation Centre Reception



Gordon Head Recreation Centre
4100 Lambrick Way Victoria, BC V8N 5R3 250-475-7100



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2SLGBTQIA+

11-17yrs

SOCIAL



Jan 13 - Jun 2

FREE

MONDAYS
6-8 PM

Come join us for a fun safe & supportive space to meet and connect with other youth in your community!
Enjoy snacks, games, crafts, and more!

REGISTER or drop-in
saanich.ca/youth
250-475-7100

Scan for more info:



@ The Backdoor Teen Centre
Gordon Head Recreation Centre



PARKS, RECREATION
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FREE

GUYS NIGHT HANGOUT

10-14yrs

**THURSDAYS
6:00 - 8:00PM**

Jan 30 - Mar 13

Apr 3 - Jun 5

Hangout, play games and learn new skills!
Our Teen Centre is equipped with a pool
table, foosball, outdoor ping pong, board
games, a PS5 and more!

@ The Backdoor Teen Centre
Gordon Head Recreation Centre



REGISTER Online
or Drop-in!

www.saanich.ca/register
250-475-7100

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