



# THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

**May 9, 2025**

## Happy Friday, Everyone!

Greetings, Gordon Head Families.

Another busy and beautiful sunny week for the Grizzlies.

Badminton has come to an end and I would like to congratulate the 120 badminton players who participated over the last few weeks. Special congratulations to Cole, Mason, Leo, Oscar, Treasure, Lucy and Karmela who all competed in the Badminton City Finals. A big shout out to our two City Final Champs, Lucy and Karmela.

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## Upcoming Events

**Monday  
May 12**

**Track and Field  
Meet #2**

**Friday  
May 16**

**Pro D Day  
(no school)**

**Monday  
May 19**

**Victoria Day  
(no school)**

**Wednesday  
May 21**

**PAC Meeting  
7:00pm Library**

**Monday  
May 26**

**Track and Field  
Meet #3**

**Monday May  
26**

**Student Led  
Conference  
Students  
dismissed at 1:50**

**Tuesday  
May 27**

**Camp Imadene  
Grade 8s**



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## GRADE 8 FAREWELL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### **Camp Imadene Visit - Monday, May 27th**

- A special day trip for Grade 8 students to Camp Imadene
- *More details to come from the school closer to the date*

### **Farewell Fest - Monday, June 23rd (12:00-2:30 PM)**

- Fun afternoon event with activity stations and celebration time
- Held during school hours; no parent/guardian attendance required unless volunteering
- Volunteer signup sheet will be sent out closer to the event

### **Leaving Ceremony & Parent Celebration - Tuesday, June 24th**

- School Ceremony: Afternoon (exact time TBD)
- Evening Celebration: 7:00-8:00 PM - Parent-attended ceremony
- Student Dance: 8:00-9:00 PM *ish* in the dance/drama room (for students only)
  - Parents are welcome to stay for photos right after the ceremony
  - The dance is student-only unless parents/guardians are volunteering

### **Fundraising**

- We have successfully fundraised for the bus for Camp Imadene!
- Our last bottle drive made over \$1600! Thanks everyone!
- **One more Bottle Drive booked for May 31st from 10am-2pm to fund the dance and festival.**
- Please save your returnables and tell your neighbours!
- Other fundraisers as required TBD.

Thank you for your continued support!

- The Grade 8 Farewell Committees

# Clubs, Sports and Meetings



LGBTQ+

## Sports

- Rugby Games
  - Grade 6 Boys play Tuesday @ Arbutus 3-5:30
  - Girls team plays Wednesday @ GHMS 3-5:30
  - Grade 7 /8 Boys play @ Shoreline 3-5:30
- Track and Field
  - 100M and 4x 100M practice gr. 6-8 Mon. and Tue at lunch
  - Track Meet #2: May 15th @ UVIC includes the following events:
    - Running - 1200m, 300m
    - Grade 8 high jump
    - Boys long jump (gr. 6,7,8)
    - Girls discus (gr. 6,7,8)
    - Boys shot put (gr. 6,7,8)
- Field Hockey
  - Intersquad tournament, Monday after school, 3:00-4:00 in the gym! Don't forget your mouth guard and shin guards (**both required**). After the games, stick around for some ice cream treats to celebrate!

## Clubs and Meetings

- 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.

# GARAGE SALE

## GORDON HEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL GARAGE SALE!



10:00am - 2:00pm



Sunday May, 25



1671 Kenmore RD

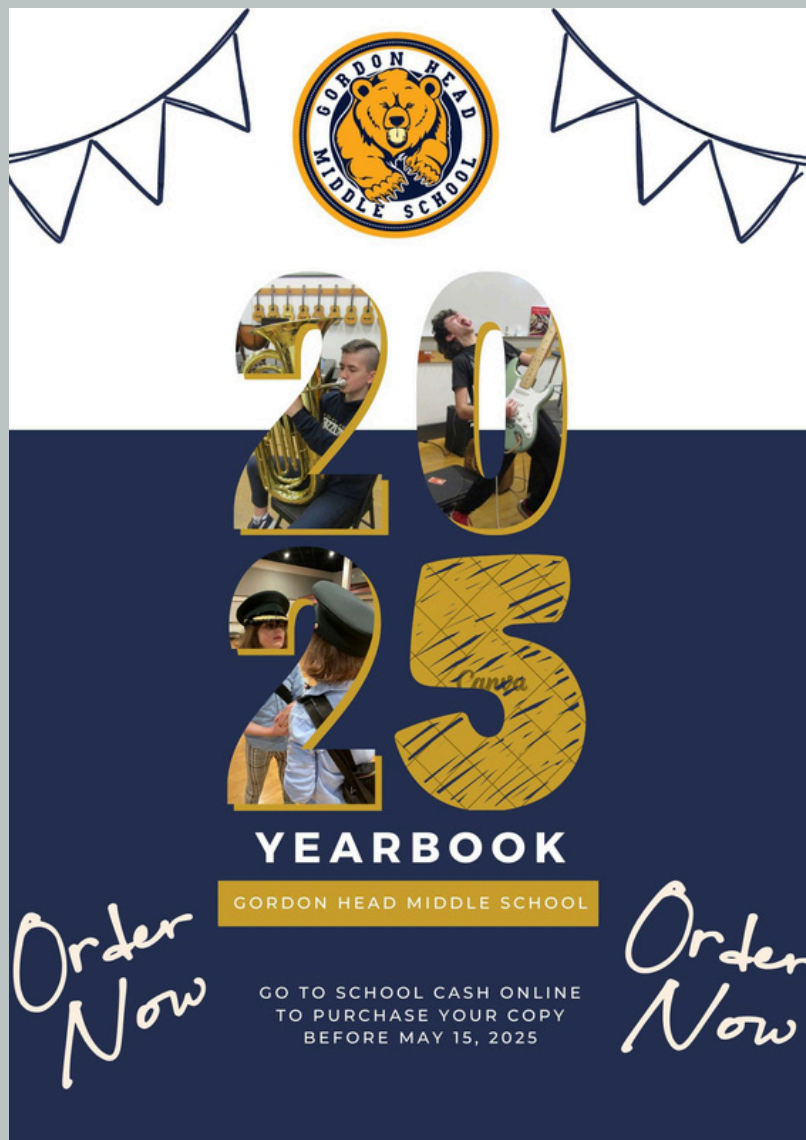
Want to get rid of old stuff, and make some money? Then come rent a table for \$20 to sell your stuff!

Please contact:  
[rlamond@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:rlamond@sd61.bc.ca)

***100% of proceeds goes towards the creation of an Indigenous mural in Gordon Head Middle school***







Hello GHMS Families,

The Yearbook Committee has been busy assembling this year's 2024-25 Yearbook. We've taken pictures of events, sports, field trips and school gatherings. We are very proud of this year's book and can't wait to see it published. Each book costs \$20 but we need to hit over 200 copies sold in order to get that golden discount. Please consider supporting us by purchasing a book for your middle schooler. This year, the book will be high-quality colour coil-bound with a plastic front cover. Here's a sneak preview of a few completed pages: [VIEW DRAFT](#)

Books will be distributed mid June with enough time to get them signed by all the students' favourite people in the school.

To purchase your 2024-25 Yearbook via School Cash Online, please use the link below BEFORE MAY 15, 2025:  
[SchoolCashOnline.com](https://SchoolCashOnline.com)

Lastly, if you have any awesome pictures of your student at school events or sports, please send them directly to [salina.buchan@gmail.com](mailto:salina.buchan@gmail.com) to be included in the book!

# PAC Messages

## Bottle Drive

Please save your returnables for our **final bottle** drive **May 31, 10:00am - 2:00pm** in support of our Grade 8 dance!



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

May 21: 7-8pm

June 18: 7-8pm



Thank you,

GHMS PAC

# Community

## Information and Opportunities



### **Grade 6 Immunization**

**Consent packages for grade 6 students were sent home from the school in the fall. Public health nurses will be returning to offer grade 6 immunizations in school-based clinics with the consent of a parent/guardian/representative on Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is recommended in grade 6 as part of the B.C. immunization schedule to prevent 6 types of cancer (cervical, oropharyngeal, anal, vaginal, vulvar, and penile cancers). The B.C. immunization schedule for grade 6 students is 2 doses 6 months apart. Contact the local Health Unit at if you have any questions**



### **Grade 7 Immunization**

**Public Health will be providing catch-up immunizations to Grade 7 students who missed their Grade 6 immunizations on May 22, 2025. Only students who have a paper consent form signed by their parent/guardian/representative from the 2023-2024 school year (Grade 6) will be immunized. Contact the local Health Unit at 250-519-5100 if you have any questions**



# Island Ukulele Spring Trial

OAK BAY HIGH  
SCHOOL

Monday nights  
6:30–8:00 pm

APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>  
THROUGH JUNE  
9<sup>TH</sup>

\$60 for the 6 week  
Spring Trial

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!  
BRING A UKULELE OR RENT/BORROW ONE FROM  
ISLAND UKULELES.  
EXPERIENCED PLAYERS ARE ALSO WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR  
CONTACT OUR PRINCIPAL MUSIC DIRECTOR TINA  
HORWOOD AT THORWOOD@SD61.BC.CA

<https://www.islandukulele.org//>





PARKS, RECREATION  
& COMMUNITY SERVICES



**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!

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@ The Backdoor Teen Centre  
Gordon Head Recreation Centre

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**REGISTER** Online  
or Drop-in!

[www.saanich.ca/register](http://www.saanich.ca/register)  
250-475-7100

Scan for more info:

