

# **Happy Friday Everyone!**

Greetings Gordon Head Families. Another great week at GHMS.

Thank you for all your support and patience this week as we established and finalized routines and procedures for staff and students. We have sent home numerous requests for support and participation here at GHMS and we are so grateful to all who responded. Your involvement at GHMS is invaluable and we appreciate all that you do to help us provide the richest experience possible for our community of learners.

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Thursday September 18 PAC Meeting 7:00pm GHMS Library

Monday September 22

Professional Development Day

Friday September 26

Photo Day for all students

Tuesday September 30 National Day For Truth and Reconciliation

Thursday October Open House 4:30- 5:30 pm Back to School BBQ 5:30-6:30 pm

## **PAC Meetings**

Please note that our First PAC meeting will be on **Thursday, September 18th, at 7:00pm** in the Library. All future meetings will now be on Thursdays each month throughout the school year.

# **Thursday Fun Lunches**

Fun Lunches are an incredibly important fundraiser for our Gordon Head PAC and are slated to start the first week of October. Fun lunches are optional and paid for by individual families with proceed going to support all the amazing things we do here at GHMS. In order to register your child, please use the following link:

#### http://gordonhead.hotlunches.net/



- Fun lunches are offered every Thursday and will begin the first week of October.
- All families must register for a new account, even if you are a returning family.
- Hot lunch ordering opens on Monday, September 15.

# 'Gently Used' outdoor sports equipment

Every year, we have to purchase new outdoor equipment for students to use during breaks. Unfortunately, we lose the majority of items by the end of the year to either wear and tear or just being left outside. This year we are hoping to reduce the cost of replacing such items and are asking if there are any families who are in the position to donate gently used equipment they no longer use. If you have items you are willing to donate, please contact Jennifer Adamson, our Athletic Director, (jadamson@sd61.bc.ca) to see if your items match the equipment we are looking for. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

# **Upcoming Sports**



#### **Cross Country**

- Practice run on **Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** at lunch
- First Meet on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> Location TBA;
   Upcoming Races will be Sep 25th, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oct 15th.

# **Clubs and Meetings**

- GSA Club Mondays in the Library
- Library Club **Wednesdays** in the Library

#### **CALLING ALL COACHES!**

Gordon Head is looking forward to a robust year of athletics and we can't do it without you! We are in need of coaches and community support people to help us fill our rosters. We are looking for coaches for the following seasons:

#### Basketball - October to December:

Rec teams - 1 practice per week and 3 games total Comp Teams - 2 practices per week and 6 games plus possible finals

#### Volleyball – January to March:

Rec teams 1 practice per week and 3 games total Comp Teams – 2 practices per week and 6 games plus possible finals

### Rugby - Spring

If you can help us out with one of our teams, please contact Jennifer Adamson <u>jadamson@sd61.bc.ca</u> to share your interest.



GHMS Fall Apple Fundraiser – Starts Friday!

Dear GHMS Parents and Guardians,

We are very pleased to announce that this year we will be running an exciting new fall fundraiser to support our Grade Seven students at Gordon Head Middle School.

We've partnered with a distinguished orchard in the Okanagan to bring you their award winning, farm fresh apples straight from a century old family farm that has won top prizes for growing the best apples in Canada eight years in a row!

See below for more details...

#### Hello Gordon Head Families,

We are very pleased to announce that this year four grade 7 classes will be running an exciting new fall fundraiser.

We have partnered again with a distinguished Okanagan orchard to sell their delicious farm-fresh apples.



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These are not just the ordinary apples we are used to getting in our grocery stores. This century-old family farm has won all kinds of major awards for their fruit. They've won the prize for growing the best apples in Canada for eight straight years. These are the highest quality apples available anywhere.

And because we're sourcing them directly from the farm, you get to buy them at below grocery store prices. You'll get the best apples...and save some money.

Plus, with each box sold, our classes will raise \$8-10.

Also, we ask that you please consider sharing this fundraiser sale with your nearby friends and family. Everything is done online, so you won't have to deal with any of the hassles of collecting money or keeping records.

It's sweet and simple and only takes a couple minutes of your time:

1. You can directly buy from this link for yourself!

2. OR...you can click "Learn More" and set up your own Campaign to also sell to friends and family. The advantage of setting up your own campaign and getting your own link, is that you are eligible for up to \$6 off your own boxes of apples depending on how many people buy from your campaign.

Orders close October 6th and the apples will be delivered by Sun Oka on Monday, October 20th to Gordon Head Middle School. Boxes can be picked up after school Monday, October 20th or Tuesday, the 21st from 2:40pm-4pm. Or you can arrange to have your child bring them home!

We hope you will consider participating in this fundraiser.

Thank you for your support,

**Grade 7 Learning Team** 

Link again: <a href="https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller\_1/082910838/org-campaign/gordon-head-middle-school-harvest-2025">https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller\_1/082910838/org-campaign/gordon-head-middle-school-harvest-2025</a>



# **Complaint Process**

The District uses a complaint process to ensure that an individual's concerns will be given respectful attention while upholding the integrity of the educational system.

This process uses clear procedures for the communication and resolution of any concerns held by any member of our educational community.

- Policy 1155 Complaint Process
- Regulation 1155 Complaint Process

# **Staff Parking Lot**

A gentle yet important reminder to families to not enter the staff parking lot to pick up or drop off students unless arrangements have been made with the school for specific exemptions. We had near accidents in the past and need your help in keeping our students and staff safe. Thank you everyone for your understanding

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# AFTER SCHOOL DROP IN

## **September 8 - December 19**



10 - 17yrs



**Gordon Head Rec Centre** - Youth Centre



**FREE** 



Mon-Thur 3:00-5:00pm Fri \*1:30-5:00pm

## **Get in Touch**



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**REGISTER NOW** 



# The Youth Centre

at Gordon Head Recreation Centre 10YRS+



# Come join us!

4100 Lambrick Way | 250-475-7100



#### **Amenities**

- · Kitchen & Dining area
- · Pool table
- · Outdoor ping pong



PS5 gaming system



Board Games







#### Schools and neighbourhood served

- · Lambrick Park Secondary School
- · Reynolds Secondary School
- Mount Douglas Secondary School
- · Gordon Head Middle School
- · Cedar Hill Middle School
- · Doncaster Elementary School
- · Torquay Elementary School
- · Braefoot Elementary School
- · Campus View Elementary School











