



THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

September 19, 2025

Happy Friday Everyone!

Greetings Gordon Head Families.
Another great week at GHMS.

A huge THANK YOU to all the parents who volunteered to be part of our Parents Advisory Council (PAC) this year. Below you will find a list of our new PAC executive and a celebratory list of all the amazing ways PAC helped fund and support Gordon Head Middle School last year.

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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
2

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

PAC News

Thursday Fun Lunches

Fun Lunches (aka hot lunches) are an incredibly important fundraiser for our Gordon Head PAC and are slated to start September 25. Fun lunches are optional and paid for by individual families with proceeds 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 September 25th.
- All families must register for a new account, even if you are a returning family.
- The Hot lunch ordering period for September has been extended until Sunday September 21st.



Please note that our Next PAC meeting will be on **Thursday, October 16th, at 7:00pm**, in the Library.

Our New 2025/26 PAC Executive

Chair: **Danielle Smith**

Co-Chair: **Julie Mason**

Secretary: **Angela Kachanoski**

Treasurer: **Doug Gilmour**

Members at large with volunteer roles:

Fundraising Coordinator: **Jesus Maruffo**

Hot Lunch Coordinator: **Shannon Tong**

Gr. 8 Farewell Coordinator: **Chrissy Caldwell**

Yearbook: **Salina Buchan**

Erica Palmer

Juliana Moore

Nancy Hodgson

Andrew Ward

Liz Butterfield

Linnaea Scott

Celebrating 2024-2025 PAC Accomplishments

The PAC funded the following initiatives and events, to support and enrich GHMS's learning environment:

- Classroom funds of **\$ 5,685** (\$15 per student x 379 students)
- Additional funds of **\$3,790.00** (\$10 per student) was approved as a permanent increase to classroom funds due to increasing costs.
- Field Trip funds of **\$3,790** (\$10 per student).
- **\$2800** to support Exploratories: Woodworking, Outdoor Education, Foods/Sewing, Dance, Drama, Arts, and Music.
- **\$100** towards spaghetti project and supplies for Skills Canada event
- **\$500** for clubs operating outside of the curriculum including Pokemon and Magic, Chess, Library Clubs.
- **\$750** towards Sexual Health educators from Island Sexual Health.
- **\$2,000** towards visiting presenters including NEED2 Suicide Prevention Education Support, the White Hatter Digital Literacy and Internet Safety.
- **\$1,000** towards athletics including the middle school sports association membership.
- **\$200** Games Night board game purchase in support of the Salish Sea and GHMS Robotics Club fundraiser
- **\$652** towards Grade 7 Salish Sea Field Trip
- **\$700** contribution to school staff appreciation lunch
- Gaming funds of **\$5,700**:
 - \$1,000 for the library – approx. 50 books purchased
 - \$1,000 for technology – What in the World website and IXL yearly subscriptions
 - \$1,000 for Arts – Ache Brasil performance –Colours of Brazil
 - \$700 towards balls used for recess (Pickleball and Volleyball)
 - \$1,000 towards Grade 7 Salish Sea Field Trip
 - \$1,000 towards Grade 8 Farewell Camp Imadene Trip

GHMS Staff & Students cannot thank you enough!

Upcoming Sports



Cross Country

- Practice run on **Tuesday, September 23rd**, at lunch
- First Meet on **Thursday, September 25th** Location: GH/Lambrick; Upcoming Races will be Oct 2nd, Oct 9th 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 at jadamson@sd61.bc.ca to share your interest.



*Farm Fresh
Apples For Sale*

**FRESHLY
PICKED
OKANAGAN
APPLES**



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.



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: https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller_1/082910838/org-campaign/gordon-head-middle-school-harvest-2025



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September 5, 2025

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

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND EVERYONE

Community
OPPORTUNITIES



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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Gordon Head Recreation Centre
4100 Lambrick Way
Victoria, BC V8N 5R3



REGISTER NOW



The Youth Centre

at Gordon Head Recreation Centre

10YRS+

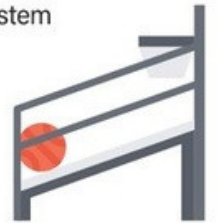
Come join us!

4100 Lambrick Way | 250-475-7100



Amenities

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



- Basketball arcade game
- PS5 gaming system
- 65" TV
- 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



Check out our
FAQ's

Funding Support



All Saanich youth programs are inclusive

