



THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

April 24, 2026

Happy Friday, Everyone!

Greetings, Gordon Head Families.

What a gorgeous week of weather we just had. Lets hope Spring has sprung and we are in for more of this lovely sunshine and warmth.

It's very fitting that our grade 8's are attending a student run Climate Action Summit at Lambrick Park Secondary this afternoon.

Our Field Hockey and Rugby teams continue to perform well in their competitions and represent GHMS with pride.

Don't forget to come out and support the Field Hockey bottle drive Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00-2:00pm.

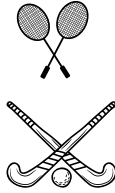
I hope everyone has a great weekend!

- Clubs, Sports and Meetings
- April Library News
- Drive to Five
- Community News

Thursday April 30	Lockdown Drill
Saturday, May 2	Field Hockey Bottle Drive
Thursday May 7	Family Photo Night in the Library
Thursday May 7	Drive to Five Morning Event
Friday May 15	Pro D Day
Monday May 18	Victoria Day



Clubs, Sports and Meetings



LGBTQ+

Clubs and Meetings

- o GSA Club - **Mondays** in the library
- o Musical Theatre - **Tues and Fri @ lunch** and **Wed after school**
- o Dance Ensemble - **Wednesdays @ lunch**
- o Coding Club - **Wednesdays**, after school
- o Library Club - **Wednesdays** in the library
- o Pokemon and Magic Club - **Thursdays @ lunch**
- o Chess Club - **Fridays @ lunch**

Sports - Upcoming Schedule

April 27 - May 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before School					
Lunch	Long Jump	Boys 100m/200m	Long Jump	Girls 100m/200m	High Jump
	High Jump	Relay	Shot Put	Relay	Field Hockey Drop in
	Gr.6 Badminton meeting		Discuss		
	Badminton 7/8 tryouts				
After School	Girls & Gr 8. Boys Rugby Practice	Boys Rugby Game 6/7 @ CHMS	Girls Rugby Game @ Central	Boys Rugby Game Gr. 8 @ Bayside	
	Badminton Gr.6 @ SMUS	Field Hockey at GHMS	Badminton Gr.8 @ SMUS	Field Hockey at UVIC	
		Badminton Gr.7 @ SMUS		Boys Rugby Practice 6/7	



LIBRARY NEWS

APRIL 2026

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APRIL DISPLAYS



Sikh Heritage Month

Autism Acceptance Month



Poetry Month



*Roses are red
violets are grateful
that National
Poetry Month
happens in April*

One Season, Many Celebrations



Earth Day - April 22



MARCH STATS

- Division 14 took out the most books again! "Avatar, the last airbender" was the most popular graphic novel
- "Bake anime" was the most popular non-fiction book



CLUB REMINDERS

Check out these **FUN** clubs in the library at lunch:

- Monday - **GSA Club**
- Tuesday - **Lego Club**
- Tuesdays after school - **Math Challengers**
- Wednesday - **Library Club**
- Thursday - **Battle of the Books**
- Friday - **Chess Club**



COMING UP:

Battle of the Books competition is on Thursday April 16 at Lambrick Park Secondary!

DO YOU GET FRUSTRATED WITH DROP OFF AND PICK UP AT GHMS?

“Drive to 5” sites have been established to relieve the congestion at the front of the school during drop off and pick up times. You simply drive your child to one of these safe drop-off zones and they will then walk 5 minutes to school.

Thursday, May 7th at 8am our partner groups will have a “Drive to 5” Launch Day with Coffee and Timbits at the Lambrick Park Location.

What is Drive to 5?

Drive to 5 asks parents and caregivers to drop off and/or pick up their student(s) at designated locations that are a safe and accessible five-minute walk from their school instead of at the front door.



Coffee and Timbits



Gordon Head Middle
&

Lambrick Park Secondary

Field Hockey Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Saturday, May 2 - 9:00am - 2:00pm

Gordon Head Middle School (1671 Kenmore Rd)

Bring your empties and help support the
school field hockey teams!



Thanks For Supporting!



Dear Parents and Guardians/Caregivers,

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The SLS is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, guardians/caregivers, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal-setting, and in providing individual students personalized support.

The parent and guardian/caregiver survey is now available online and is available in 18 different languages. The survey will be available until Friday, May 2nd, and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are stored. Data will be stored and accessible only within Canada.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Click on the Parents icon for Direct (logon-free) Access
 - District: the name of your child's district
 - School: the name of your child's school
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question and click "NEXT".
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

Please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) if you have technical difficulties; call toll free: 1-866-558-5339 or email support@awinfosys.com. If you have questions about the survey, you can email EDUC.ReportingUnit@gov.bc.ca

We greatly appreciate your input and thank-you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emilie Sia".

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Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed

GHMS PAC are still looking for help with the Hot Lunch organization and distribution on Thursdays. We are desperately in need of a few volunteers to lend a hand for 30-40 minutes starting at 11:00am. Please email ghmspac@gmail.com if you are able to help out.

Family Photo Night

Gordon Head PAC Grade 8 Celebration Committee and Mountain West Studios is excited to be providing family photo sessions as a fundraiser! The sessions will take place on Thursday, May 7 in the Library. This environment allows us to provide quality portrait sessions within a comfortable location. Our goal is to provide portraits that CELEBRATE YOU and your Family.

This is a fundraiser! 100% of the \$30 sitting fee goes directly back to the school, and each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 print.

To book your Family portrait sitting, please visit this link:

[Gordon Head Middle School Family Sittings](#)

If you have any questions after reviewing our sign up page, please contact our customer service team.

Family Photo Night is coming soon!

EACH FAMILY RECEIVES 1 **FREE** 8X10 PHOTO OF THEIR CHOICE!

- An affordable and convenient option for family portraits.
- Great for Mother's Day, Father's Day and holiday gift-giving!
- Sitting fee is \$30. 100% of the fee is donated back to your school!
- Convenient weekend and evening portrait sessions
- 10 minute sitting includes 10-15 online proofs with the option to order additional photos.

Have questions? Email us at help@mountainwest.ca

Sign up today!



The Youth Centre at Gordon Head Recreation Centre 10YR S+



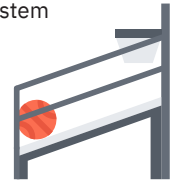
Come join us!

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



Funding Support:
saanich.ca/financialassistance



All Saanich youth programs are inclusive

INTRO TO SPORT GIRLS PROGRAM 11-17yrs

Are you ready to have a blast, try new sports, and build your confidence? Discover the joy of being active—whether you've never played a sport before or just want to try something new! We're all about fun, making friends, and developing your skills in a super supportive environment. No experience? No problem! This is the perfect place to get started.









GORDON HEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL
(Jan-Mar) #154348
(Apr-May) #154431



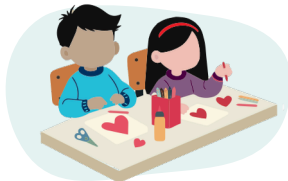
REMINDER:

- General Registration for Winter/Spring programs opens Dec. 3 at 6:00am.
Register HERE: Gordon Head Youth Programs
- Pool and ice registration opens on Dec. 10 6:00am
- Check out our Junior Lifeguard Club (JLC) 8-15yrs
Jan 9-Mar 13
#151978

Gordon Head Recreation Centre Weekly Youth Centre Schedule - Winter/Spring

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
FREE AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 3-5pm #151077 	FREE AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 3-5pm #151077	FREE AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 3-5pm #151077	FREE AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 3-5pm #151077	FREE AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 1:30*-5pm #151077	Check out our programs at Gordon Head Middle School ↓ INTRO TO SPORT GIRLS NEW @GHMS 2:30-3:30pm (Jan-Mar) #154348 (Apr-May) #154431 INTRO TO SPORT CO-ED @GHMS 3:45-4:45pm (Jan-Mar) #154350 (Apr-May) #154430 SPORTS NIGHT @GHMS 5:45-7:15pm (Jan-Mar) #151143 (Apr-May) #151144  	PARTIES/RENTALS Saturday and Sunday Birthday Party Bookings and Room Rentals available. Contact shannon.phelps@saanich.ca for more information.
FREE 2SLGBTQIA+ SOCIAL Snack included 6-8pm #151073 	CRAFTERS & BAKERS 6-8PM (Jan-Mar) #151074 (Apr-May) #151138  ROCK CLIMBING @CARSA 7-8:30pm (Jan-Mar) #151135 (Apr-May) #151136 	GAMES NIGHT & SWIM Dinner now included! 6-8pm (Jan-Mar) #151075 (Apr-May) #151139 	FitTok - Youth Fitness & Mental Health 6-8PM (Jan-Mar) #151076 (Apr-May) #151140 	FREE FRIDAY NIGHT SO CIA L & DINNER! 5-9PM Swing by our supervised Friday Night Social Drop-In at Gordon Head Recreation Centre—a free, casual hangout where you can chill with friends, meet new people, and dive into a variety of awesome activities.		

SPECIAL EVENTS



YOUTH ART WORKSHOP – VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS
 CEDAR HILL RECREATION CENTRE
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6
 #153750



CHINESE DUMPLING MAKING WORKSHOP
 GORDONHEADRECREATIONCENTRE
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28
 #153779



YOUTH COOKING ACADEMY – EASTER TREATS
SATURDAY MARCH 28
 #153718



YOUTH ART WORKSHOP – INDIGENOUS FLAT STITCH BEADING
FRIDAY APRIL 26
 #153760

BREAKOUT ADVENTURES SPRING BREAK CAMP 10-13yrs

Keen to hang out with your friends over Spring Break? Breakout Adventures is the place to be. Explore beaches, hike forest trails, swim, bake, cook, play sports and get creative as you want in our craft corner. Staff will facilitate a fun and safe environment where youth can chill with friends, walk to the local parks, and hit up several fun out-trips in a week.

GORDON HEAD YOUTH CENTRE | **MARCH 23-27** #153373

Jan 9	Movie + Popcorn Night	151132
Jan 16	Anime Night	153726
Jan 23	Karaoke Night	153727
Jan 30	Mac & Cheese Night	153728
Feb 6	Cupcake Decorating	153729
Feb 27	Nintendo 64 Night	153732
Mar 6	Keychains + Ice cream Sundaes	153733
Mar 13	St. Patrick's Day Party	153734
Apr 10	Waffle Night	153735
Apr 17	Maffia Game + Pasta Night	153736
Apr 24	Wings + Movie Night	153737
May 1	Pickleball + Picnic Night	153738
May 8	Skateboard Park + Taco Night	153739
May 22	Outdoor Volleyball Night	153741
May 29	Wind up BBQ + Outdoor Games <i>(last day Youth Centres open)</i>	153742

Friday Night Cedar Hill Youth Volleyball 12-17yrs

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151808	F	Jan 16	7-9pm	\$4	152298	F	Apr 10	7-9pm	\$4
151809	F	Jan 23	7-9pm	\$4	152301	F	Apr 17	7-9pm	\$4
151810	F	Jan 30	7-9pm	\$4	152302	F	Apr 24	7-9pm	\$4
152293	F	Feb 13	7-9pm	\$4	152305	F	May 1	7-9pm	\$4
152294	F	Feb 20	7-9pm	\$4	152308	F	May 8	7-9pm	\$4
152295	F	Feb 27	7-9pm	\$4	152312	F	May 15	7-9pm	\$4
152296	F	Mar 6	7-9pm	\$4	152313	F	May 22	7-9pm	\$4
152297	F	Mar 13	7-9pm	\$4	152314	F	May 29	7-9pm	\$4