

# GOLDSTONE PARK ELEMENTARY



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यह बहुत ज़रूरी नोटिस है एसका हिन्दी में अनुवाद काकाईये।

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦਾ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰਵਾਓ।

Ito ay importanteng impormasyon. Mangyaring isalin ito sa Tagalog.

Fri, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-D Day – School Closed	Mon, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Pro-D Day – School Closed
Sun, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mother’s Day	Mon, Jun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm
Fri, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm	Thu, Jun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day before Summer
Mon, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Day – School Closed		Early Dismissal @ 1:30

## **Pro-D Day TOMORROW. School is closed.**

## **Friendly reminder, Early Dismissal Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.**

### **Principal’s Message**

It is that time of year when we start to make plans for the upcoming school year. Goldstone staff will be working to organize class placements for September 2021. The teachers at our school take considerable care in determining the placement of students in classes for the new year. There are many factors that are important considerations in this process. It is hoped that the following notes will help parents/guardians understand how student placement is determined.

Class organization is a very time consuming process and the staff work hard to provide the best learning environment possible for each student. Teachers have knowledge of the academic needs of children, keep the “big picture” in mind and therefore, can best decide where individuals should be placed. The following is a list of the criteria involved in organizing classes:

- Academic Ability/Performance
- Class and Group Dynamics
- Special Needs Consideration
- Ministry/District Policy Guidelines
- Gender
- Learning and teaching Styles
- Social Compatibility
- Behavior/Developmental Level

From time to time, parents request specific placements. It is important to understand that for a variety of reasons, many requests cannot be accommodated. ***Please do not expect that your son/daughter will be placed with a specific teacher or with particular friends.*** Friends can always see each other at recess, lunch or after school. You might feel more comfortable with teachers that you know from previous years, but I can assure you that the new staff members are also talented teachers. Goldstone Park Elementary has a sound-learning environment!

We are a very large school with limited space, which often leads to combined classes. There are also class size and composition restrictions imposed by the Ministry, which restricts organization. We have approximately three and a half divisions for each intermediate grade. Many students will be in classes that have combined grades and ***there is no guarantee that if a child was in a combined class this year that he/she will be in a class with a single grade next year.***

It is not a detriment for children to be in combined classes. Your child will not miss out on anything in their growth and development. It is important to understand that even in a single grade there is a range of ability. Teachers are well qualified to teach both grades in a combined class and the new curriculum fits a combined class model through the individualized learning focus. We view students as a community of learners all striving to move forward in *their* learning. With the trust and support of home, we are confident that all children will be placed in classes that will allow them to have a productive and rewarding school year. Your patience and understanding regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

***Are we seeking input from parents regarding class placement?***

Not necessarily. Teachers have knowledge of the academic needs of children, keep the “big picture” in mind and therefore, can best decide where individuals should be placed. Teachers for the upcoming school year seek advice from the children’s previous teachers. From time to time, parents try to request specific placements, which may set up false expectations that the requests will be met. Many requests usually hinder the class organization process rather than assist it. We *are* interested in hearing concerns that have an educational basis or specific information regarding important family matters of which the teacher may not be aware.

***Is it important for my child to be in the same class as their friend(s)?***

Not necessarily. Friends can always see each other at recess, lunch or after school. It can sometimes be disruptive to the learning environment in the classroom to have best friends together or a large group of friends. Please remember that children are very good at making new friends.

**STUDENT PLACEMENT**

Careful thought and deliberation goes into the placement of students. Our goal is to place a child where we can offer them potential for maximum growth and learning. With this in mind, we first look at our overall classroom organization numbers based on contractual obligations, and secondly, we identify individual student’s learning needs.

We also take into consideration student’s individual strengths/weaknesses, academic needs, social needs, gender balance, emotional needs, learning styles, level of student dependence/independence, and parental requests with extenuating circumstances.

Students generally settle in quickly and adapt to their new classroom environment. This can be further facilitated with parental acceptance, positive encouragement and belief in your child's success in their class placement.

**PAC Fundraising**

**Neufeld Farms**

**Order Deadline is TODAY, May 6<sup>th</sup>!!!**

Neufeld Farms sell prepackaged cookie dough, soups, pies and savory items. They are a busy family's best friend and keep grocery shopping trips to a minimum. You will be able to stock your freezer with ready-made meals.

Click the link [here](#) for the order forms. The PAC will accept paper order forms with Cash or Cheque (made out to Goldstone Park PAC) as well as online ordering through the hotlunch site. If you are paying with paper forms please send them to school with your child and their teacher will bring them to the office

**COBS Bread – Panorama Location ONLY**

Raise the Dough Fundraiser at Panorama location. All you have to do is mention Goldstone Park Elementary when you purchase from COBS Bread Panorama and a portion of the sale will be donated to our school. This will be a year round fundraiser!

**First Aid Hero**

First Aid Hero has their Red Cross Stay Safe and babysitting courses now online! Please be sure to enter the code GoldstonePAC for the school to earn \$8.00 for each registration.



Click the link [here](#) for the First Aid Hero Red Cross Stay Safe Course.

Click the link [here](#) for the First Aid Hero Red Cross Babysitting Course.

## **PAC NEEDS YOU!!! - ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON MAY 31<sup>st</sup>**

The PAC Wants You!!! If you are new to the school or new to the school experience, please consider taking on a more active role in your child's schooling by becoming a part of PAC.

Elections will be held at the May meeting. Please consider stepping up and taking on a PAC position.

Our PAC president has completed his two terms and is not able to continue in that role according to the PAC constitution. A new president needs to be elected. There are other positions to fill as well. Schools need to have an operating PAC to be able to access Government Gaming Funds. Without a PAC we would miss out on thousands of dollars of grant money.

The PAC Role in School:

- \*to enhance the academic, social emotional and physical education of the students at Goldstone
- \*to establish and promote a sense of community among the students, parents and staff of Goldstone
- \*to link with the community as a whole

To this end the PAC through its executive and associated committees sponsor a variety of parent education, fundraising, social and school development events. In addition, the PAC and parents provide support through their involvement in fundraising, the classroom, library, fieldtrips as well as other school events.

Please consider taking on one of the roles.

The next PAC meeting is Monday, May 31 at 6:30.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83519680281?pwd=VU9zSzFUSzR5WC9nWXVBL1V2Tk5QT09>