

# GOLDSTONE PARK ELEMENTARY



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यह बहुत ज़रूरी नोटिस है एसका हिन्दी मे अनुवाद काकाईये।

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦਾ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰਵਾਓ।

Ito ay importanteng impormasyon. Mangyaring isalin ito sa Tagalog.

Fri, Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pro-D Day – No School	Fri, Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	Costume Day
Mon, Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	We Scare Hunger Food Drive	Sun, Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	Daylight Savings
	Spooky/Crazy Hat Day	Wed, Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Assesmbly
Tue, Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	Family Smart Workshops	Thu, Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day – School Closed
	Virtual at 6:30pm	Fri, Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-D Day – No School
Wed, Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	Hallowe'en Face Mask	Mon, Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting – 7:00pm in Library

October has been a busy month. As we prepare for Halloween, Remembrance Day and Diwali we consider the messages of these holidays.

At our Remembrance Day Assembly, we will highlight the ravages of violence and the central theme for both Diwali and Remembrance day will be the importance of empathy, kindness and peacefulness.

Although Halloween is fun because it is spooky, costumes that depict violence scare younger children. In fact, costumes that rely on violent ideas can prevent our youngest students from taking part in school-wide Halloween activities. In addition, numerous researchers have pointed out that the normalization of violent depictions de-sensitize children to the reality of violence and can lead to an increase in aggression. Accordingly, we ask parents to think carefully about the costumes that are being sent to school.

Students will still be required to wear their Covid masks, so please do not send children with other face masks as part of a costume as it may hinder their breathing.

## **School Closures**

### **Professional Day this FRIDAY, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

This Friday is a Provincial Professional Development Day and the school will be closed. Staff will be taking part in professional learning about literacy, behaviour management, using technology and special education topics.



Just a reminder that the school will be closed Thursday, November 11 and Friday November 12. Classes will resume on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **We SCARE Hunger**

Our annual Halloween food drive will begin Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>! Please send a non perishable food item. No family should ever go hungry!!



## **Library**

The Library is open every day after school from 2:30 to 2:45. Students are welcome to return their books and check out new ones at this time. Please knock on the outside door to be let in. At this time, parents are asked to please wait outside.

## Hallowe'en

Students are invited to wear their costumes to school (all ages) on Friday, October 29. Please remember no weapons real or fake are permitted and the costume must be easily taken off by the child after recess. A change of clothes will need to be sent as the students will be participating in a Pumpkin Run (weather permitting) outside after recess (primary) and in the afternoon (intermediate).



We will be having a costume parade in the morning. Parents are not able to attend at this time, unless the weather cooperates and we can parade outside.

Also, please do not send any treats. Your child's teacher will send more detailed information for what is happening in their class that day.



## Fall Back – Daylight Savings Nov 7<sup>th</sup>

Daylight savings end Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to turn your clocks back by 1 hour.

## Safety Drills

We have gone through three of our safety drills, fire, hold and secure and earthquake. Today students participated in the province-wide earthquake drill. It is important to note that in the event of a disaster, we will release students only to those persons indicated as emergency contacts. Please make sure those are kept up to date. We will continue to practice these drills throughout the school year.

A good source of information for being prepared can be found at:

<http://www.getprepared.gc.ca>

## Remembrance Day Assembly

Remembrance Day Assembly will be on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.



Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held at three different times to accommodate for Covid restrictions. At this time we are not inviting parents to join us. Students will be given their poppies prior to the assembly. If you would like to make a coin donation, students will be collecting from classrooms the week of November the 8<sup>th</sup> and again on Wednesday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. Any Scouts, Girl Guides, Beavers, or Cadets are welcome to wear their uniforms.



## Traffic Safety

Most parents are very conscientious about traffic safety; however, a small group of drivers consistently disobey the no-parking ordinance near the school, speed in the school zone and ignore the no parking signs at the front of the school.

Parking, speeding and not following the signage creates dangerous traffic situations and we will support the city traffic-control in giving tickets to offenders.

Traffic is very busy before and after school and the Surrey By Laws department has asked us to remind you that parking infractions adjacent to the school will be enforced with tickets and fines.

# **PAC NEWS**

## **PAC Meeting Nov 15 @7pm**

We have a new secretary!! Congratulations to Ms. Kroeker. We thank her for volunteering her time for the school community. There are still spots available. This year is the last year our treasurer will be active as her child is graduating. This would be a perfect year for someone to "shadow" her and learn the position to take over for next year. Without a treasurer, the school is not able to access the Ministry Gaming Grants which are upwards of \$14,000. **Please consider taking this on.** Ms. Sallis would be happy to discuss the position with you and help you to transition to it for next year.

## **PAC HOT LUNCH PROGRAM 2021/2022**

The Hot Lunch Program is up and running. We will be doing online ordering for all orders to ensure accuracy with the orders and to make the process as easy for everyone as possible. Ordering reminders for the new month have been sent.

### **On-line registration and ordering:**

The hot lunch online ordering system requires a small amount of set-up time at the beginning. However, once the account is set up, ordering lunch for the remainder of the year should be quick and simple. Here's how to get started...

- ✓ Go to [goldstonepark.hotlunches.net](http://goldstonepark.hotlunches.net)
- ✓ Click on "Click here to register"
- ✓ Enter access code **GPHL**
- ✓ Complete registration form (please include a current email address to ensure you receive reminder emails about ordering deadlines and upcoming orders)
- ✓ Click the "Register Now" button at bottom of form
- ✓ Follow instructions to add each child in your family that attends Goldstone Park Elementary
- ✓ Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders"
- ✓ Proceed to order lunch for your child(ren)

If you have any questions or need assistance with registration, please consult the "Parent Instruction Guide" under "Help".

Hot lunch is one of our biggest fundraisers for the school.

## **Fundscrip Fundraiser**

Do you buy groceries, gas, household items, shop at big box stores or have a renovation project? Go to out to restaurants or need gifts for upcoming birthdays, holidays or special events? Do you have a business looking for employee and client gifts?

Fundscrip is a fundraising program that allows our PAC raise much needed funds by purchasing gift cards to the stores you're already shopping at. You receive the face value of the gift cards you purchase and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to our fundraising campaign.

There are over 100 different cards to choose from! Order online through our hot lunch website or by printing out the order form below and returning to your child's teacher with a check made payable to Goldstone Park PAC.

For assistance with large orders please contact PAC directly.  
Please have all orders in by **Friday, October 29th.**