Gibson Elementary

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NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

It is difficult to believe that this is my official last family newsletter at Gibson Elementary. It has been an amazing four years for me and I just want to take a moment to thank everyone in this community for your support of me and the school. Gibson is an incredible place for learning and growing. I will miss the students, families and staff immensely, and I will cherish every memory I have of this place. As we move into the last month of the school year, I want to thank the staff at Gibson for their boundless commitment to helping every child recognize their potential, all the while handling a global pandemic, trying to stay healthy themselves, and making learning fun for all. I also want to thank and recognize the families, for your patience, support and understanding throughout this year. We have a busy and exciting June ahead. Please read through to find out more. Have a wonderful last month of school and I wish you all the best this summer and beyond!

Sports Day - Friday June 3rd

Barring rainy weather, Sports Day will be on Friday. **If the forecast does not improve, we will make a last minute call early Friday morning to postpone until Monday, so please check your emails.** We will begin the day with a bike/scooter parade, where all students can participate by decorating their bike/scooter, bring their helmet and be a part of a parade to begin our festivities. If children are planning to participate in the parade, they must bring their bike/scooter between 8:30am-8:45am to the gym for storage. They will also need to pick up their bike/scooters at the end of the day at 3pm from the gym. Please note that students will not be able to ride their scooters or bikes without a **proper helmet**. Students will start the festivities with their class and teacher, and rotate between the 16 stations throughout the back field/blacktop areas. Students will stay with their class the entire day, and will have a snack break at 10:50am outside. We will take a lunch break at 12:30pm, and students are welcome to eat outside with their families. Otherwise, students will return to class to eat in their classrooms. At 1:30pm, we will head back outside, and begin our afternoon activities, which consists of primary foot races, and tug-of-war with our intermediate classes. **Our day will end at 3pm, and parents are welcome to attend and watch from the sidelines as their children participate in a day of fun and exciting station activities designed by our grade 7s! Our PAC will also be running a concession during the day, so bring some money and support the school!**

ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are moving and are not planning to return to Gibson in September, **please let the office know as soon as possible!** Your assistance will help us plan for next school year. Student enrolment and registrations determine the amount of staffing we need, so if there's a change, we need to know!

School Supplies for Next Year

We will be posting a list of basic school supplies for primary and intermediate classes on our school website under **Student Life** tab after June 10th. When your child receives his/her/their permanent class next September, their new teacher may request additional items from families.

PAC Meeting & Elections

Our last PAC meeting of the school year will be on June 21st at 6:30pm via Zoom. There will be an election for the following positions with a description of duties:

1. PAC Chair: Oversee PAC Committees, act as a communication liaison between administration and families.
2. Treasurer: Prepare financials for PAC Meeting, perform light bookkeeping duties, and apply for gaming grant.
3. Secretary: Take and prepare minutes for all PAC Meetings.
4. DPAC Representative: Attend District PAC meetings on behalf of Gibson and share information at PAC meetings.

Parent Appreciation

Please join us on the primary playground area on the morning of Monday, June 27th from 8:30-9:30am for a little "thank you" for all of your support this year. Come have a coffee/tea and a little pastry on us before you start the day!

Year End Assembly and Awards

Our year end recognition and leaving ceremony will take place on Friday, June 24th. At this time, we are going ahead with an in-person assembly for the

students, but we will host a separate intermediate and primary assembly, to reduce the number of people in the gym. As such, we will not be able to host parents this year. Students will also be recognized for the following awards: Gibson Grit (K-7), Service (grade 4-7), Athletic (grade 4-7) and Citizenship Awards (K-7). These awards will be handed to the students in their classes by their teachers. We will also be showing a year end slideshow during the in-person assembly, to watch and celebrate all that we've accomplished together this year!

Staff Goodbyes

Each year around this time is when we sometimes say goodbye to staff members, and welcome others in the Fall. At this time, I want to wish Mrs. Linda Crockett all the best as she will be moving to the Vancouver Island! Ms. Crockett has worked at Gibson for 15 years. Gibson will sorely miss her! We are also saying goodbye to the following staff as they move onto new opportunities: Ms. Pauline Villegas, Mme Chicanot, Ms. Juliette Abtahi, Ms. Devina Gill, Ms. Gurvir Grewal, Ms. Sarah Borman, Ms. Minna Kim and Ms. Safa Elyaakoubi, Mr. Brad Akeroyd, and Mr. Kyle Dibbley. There may be more changes with staffing as we get closer to the end of June.

Lost & Found Items

In the last few weeks in June, we will be putting out the many lost and found items on tables outside of the office. Please come around to take a look! All remaining items will be donated.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

June 3	Sports Day
June 6	Alternate Sports Day (if rain)
June 21	PAC Meeting 6:30pm Zoom Link TBA
June 23	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony (Grade 7s parents/families only)
June 24	Year End Assembly (No parents)
June 27	Parent Appreciation 8:30am-9:30am
June 29	Last Day of School 10:30am Dismissal Term 3 Reports on Parent Connect by 3pm
June 30	Administrative Day - No Students
September 6	First Day Back!