



# Gordon Terrace News

December 2025



Get ready for a night of singing, instruments, and fun as the students of Gordon Terrace perform in the annual holiday concert.

We encourage students to wear their "Christmas Best" whatever that looks like for your family. Please ensure your child has indoor shoes, eats a hearty dinner, and uses the bathroom.

Upon arrival (around 6:15 p.m.), kindergarten to grade 5 students will meet their teacher and class in their assigned row in the sanctuary. Grade 6 students will meet in the gym no later than 6:15 p.m. for warm up.

Admission is by donation and will help cover the cost of the facility and hopefully new instruments and resources for our music program.

If you have any questions, email Sharon Dueck [sharon.dueck@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:sharon.dueck@sd5.bc.ca)

## LOST & FOUND

### Check the Lost and Found!

Our Lost and Found is located **inside the main doors**. If your child is missing any items, please take a moment to check before the holidays!

**Important:** All remaining items will be **emptied and donated on the last day of school before the December break**.

## PAC News

### COFFEE ORDER PICKUP

Pick up your coffee order on Thursday, December 11th, between 2 pm and 4 pm in the hallway by the office. Email PAC at [gordonterracepac@gmail.com](mailto:gordonterracepac@gmail.com) if you'd like us to send your coffee order home with your child (please send a bag to school that day).

### LANDMARK VOUCHERS

We still have Landmark vouchers available for purchase before the holidays, while supplies last. Kid Packs are \$16 and Movie Bundles are \$40. Cash or e-transfer accepted. Pick up in the office.

### NEXT PAC MEETING

Our next PAC meeting will be announced in the new year. Happy Holidays to all of the Gordon Terrace families!



## Save the Date! Intermediate Ski Days at Kimberley Alpine Resort

We're excited to announce that our **Grades 4-6** students will be hitting the slopes at **Kimberley Alpine Resort** on the following dates:

**February 25, March 4, and March 11**

Please mark your calendars! More details will be shared closer to the event.

Starting in **December**, families will be able to pay through **School Cash Online**, with the option for **partial payments** if needed.

### Parent Volunteers Needed!

If you'd like to volunteer, please note that a **Criminal Record Check (CRC)** is required. To arrange your CRC, please email Mrs. Heidemann at [sharon.heidemann@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:sharon.heidemann@sd5.bc.ca)



## Show Your School Spirit – Gordon Terrace Apparel Shop is Open Year-Round!

Get your new spirit gear featuring our new style colourized logo and a wide variety of great styles to choose from. Whether you're looking for hoodies, tees, or accessories, we've got something for everyone!

**Tip:** Order with a friend to **save on shipping costs**. [\[Click here to shop now!\]](#)



Delicious cooking smells have been wafting from the school kitchen this autumn! Ms. Teri (Indigenous Education Support Worker) and Mrs. Reid (Youth Care Worker) make bread with a student every day, then the student takes a warm loaf of bread home at the end of the day.

Students have baked banana bread, chocolate chip cookies to share with their class, and dehydrated apples. In December, we'll be baking yummy Christmas goodies with our groups.

Ms. Teri has been hosting Indigenous lunches with elders and students and will have Fry Bread Friday on November 28th with Ktunaxa Elder Ms. Juanita. When Indigenous students attend an Indigenous activity, they are entered into a prize draw.

Indigenous student Movie Night Treat Draws have been a huge success! All Indigenous students are entered into the draw each Friday.

Ms. Teri is hosting Hot Chocolate Happy Hour at lunch, rotating through each classroom with a Christmas twist in December!

### Upcoming student events 12-1pm

Dec. 10 and 11- Cookie decorating

Dec. 17 and 18- Make Reindeer Pretzel treats

Indigenous Education students who attend will be entered into a draw for participation!!

**GTES**  
**Counselling**  
 Mrs. Karley Doll  
 Mrs. Sharon Dueck

Happy December GT families! This time of year always reminds us how busy family life can be. Throughout the year we rush around to school, work, and different afterschool or weekend activities, all while taking care of household responsibilities. Now, add on top of that a busy holiday season and we can be left feeling frazzled, stressed, and wishing for more time to slow down and enjoy! We hope you are all able to take time together this month and enjoy the small moments of connection with your children and family: watching holiday shows, baking, decorating, crafting, or going outside to walk and play in the snow. Adding some mindfulness to your holiday activities is a wonderful way to ground yourself and your children and is as simple as using your five senses to be present in your activity. Next time you are out for a winter walk or enjoying a festive treat, try using the 5-4-3-2-1 grounding technique:

Notice and share 5 things that you see, 4 things you hear, 3 things you feel (touch), 2 things you smell, 1 thing you taste. This tool can be used anywhere and is particularly fun during the holidays when there are so many sights, sounds, smells, and flavors to take in.

We know many of you will have heard of or even use the 5-4-3-2-1 tool, but we hope this reminder is useful for you and your children as we move into one of school's busiest times of the year. Wishing you and your family a safe and cozy holiday; and, as always, if you have any questions about how school counselling could be a support for your child or family, please feel free to email [karley.doll@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:karley.doll@sd5.bc.ca) or [sharon.dueck@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:sharon.dueck@sd5.bc.ca)

## Mark your calendars!

<b>November</b>	28	Innovation Hour
<b>December</b>	2	Growing Smiles pick-up
	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dill Bar Day – <b>pre-orders only</b></li> <li>• Mass choir rehearsal</li> <li>• Mass choir</li> <li>• <a href="#">District Hot Lunch</a></li> </ul>
	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Updates Home</li> <li>• Winter Market 5-8 pm</li> </ul>
	8	Holiday Concert – <b>6:30 pm</b> at the Alliance Church
	10	<a href="#">District Hot Lunch</a>
	12	School Break – <b>No School</b>
	15	Plaid Day
	16	Toque Day
	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Sweater Day</li> <li>• <a href="#">District Hot Lunch</a></li> </ul>
	18	Red & Green Day
	19	Pancakes & PJ Day
	22-Jan 2	School Break
<b>January</b>	5	School Back in Session
	16	School Break – <b>No School</b>
	22	Grade 6 immunizations

**PLUMBER WANTED**

**POSITION: PERMANENT**    **LOCATION: CRANBROOK**  
**HOURS OF WORK: 40 hours/week**

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:**

1. British Columbia Journeyperson Plumber certification
2. Class B gasfitter certification
3. Driver's license
4. Minimum four years of experience in the plumbing trade
5. Computer skills would be an asset
6. Experience and/or certification of the following would be an asset:
  - DDC and HVAC
  - Refrigeration
  - Fire sprinkler systems
  - Irrigation systems
  - Backflow certification
  - Sheet metal certification

For more information [www.sd5.bc.ca](http://www.sd5.bc.ca)  
 Please apply at: [makeafuture.ca](http://makeafuture.ca)  
 job post 3981551

School District #5  
 Southeast Kootenay

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 2025  
5PM - 8 PM

GORDON TERRACE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# GRADE 6 WINTER MARKET

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 2025  
5 PM - 8 PM

This is a fundraiser for the Grade 6 end of year adventure to build leadership skills during a team building retreat. For more information contact Kyla Barg either by email, [kyla.barg@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:kyla.barg@sd5.bc.ca), or call Gordon Terrace at (250) 426-8248





Dear Families,

We have started a Food Bank Donation box here at Gordon Terrace Elementary and have been speaking to the students about the importance of community and supporting those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. Our Cranbrook Food Bank has a request for more than **500** food hampers this Christmas...**500!!!** In the spirit of giving and kindness, if you are able to spare any non-perishable food items from your cupboards at home or are willing to purchase something for your child to bring to the school and donate it would be greatly appreciated. When donating to the Food Bank, please remember that more than 30% of the recipients are children so try to donate things that you know that your own child would want to eat 😊

Food banks often need non-perishable foods, also known as shelf-stable foods, such as:

- Canned meats, fish, beans, fruit, and vegetables
- Peanut butter or other nut butters
- Pasta, especially whole grain
- Rice, especially brown rice
- Canned soup or stew
- Powdered milk or other milk alternatives
- Baby food or formula
- Granola bars
- Juice boxes or other school lunch items

Food banks also accept non-food items like: Baby diapers, Toiletries, Dish soap, and Hygiene products.

Food Bank donations can be brought in anytime over the next 3 weeks.

Thank you so much for your support 😊