



# Gordon Terrace News

February 2026

**KINDERGARTEN  
REGISTRATION  
OPENS  
FEBRUARY 2  
@ 8:30 AM**



## Kindergarten Registration

We're excited to announce that Kindergarten registration opens on February 2nd at 8:30 a.m. If your child was born in 2021, you can register online at:

👉 [Kindergarten Registration](#)

You are also welcome to **pop into the office for a paper form** if that's easier for your family.

Registering early helps us plan our classes for September, and we truly appreciate your support. We look forward to welcoming your child to kindergarten! ❤️

## From the Library

Come down to the GT library to find books on some of February's themes of the month: Friendship, Inclusion, Anti-bullying, Black

History Month, Valentines' day and so much more! Happy Reading GT!

## Welcome to Our Practicum Student Teachers & Education Assistants!

We are excited to welcome a wonderful group of practicum students who will be joining us at GT this term! These future educators are here to learn, support our classrooms, and be part of our school community.

### 🍎 Practicum Student Teachers

*From the University of Victoria — 10-week placement (January 26 to April 10)*

- **Melissa Teindl** working with Mrs. Ruoss
- **Andrea Wolff** working with Mrs. Barg & Frau Rake

These aspiring teachers are in their final year of studies and are eager to learn alongside our amazing staff and students.

### 👉 Education Assistant Practicum Students


*From the College of the Rockies — 8-week placement*


- **Ara Desjardins**
- **Georgia Giesbrecht**


Our EA practicum students will be supporting classrooms and gaining hands-on experience as they prepare for careers in student support.


We're grateful to have all of these wonderful students joining the GT team. Please help us make them feel welcome as they learn and grow with us over the next several weeks!


## Gordon Terrace PAC News!


 **Executives Needed:** PAC is seeking nominations this spring; Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice Chair roles. Positions can be shared, and outgoing executives will provide support and training. Reach out to learn more!


 **Fernie Roasting Fundraiser:** Thank you to everyone who supported our December coffee fundraiser! Together, we raised **\$504** to support field trips, including Blue Lake Camp for our Grade 6 students.

 **Hot Lunch:** A big thank you to the volunteers who stepped up to keep our hot lunch program going. With everyone now trained in their roles, we're working toward bringing back Thursday hot lunches for the final school term starting in April. More details will be shared in the coming months.

 **District PAC:** We are looking for a parent to represent our school at District PAC (DPAC) meetings. Meetings are held monthly via Zoom at 6:30 pm and are a great way to learn what's happening across the district and connect with other school PACs. DPAC is also seeking a Treasurer. If either role interests you, please reach out!

 **Landmark Vouchers:** Movie bundles are available in the school office for \$40. Stock up before Spring Break! Quantities are limited, and once they're gone, this fundraiser won't be back.

 **Next Meeting:** Join us on **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the library. New faces are always welcome – this is a great chance to learn more about PAC and get involved!

 For up-to-date information, reminders and volunteer opportunities, follow us on Facebook (group name: Gordon Terrace PAC)

## Intermediate Ski Days at Kimberley Alpine Resort

Grade 4–6 students will be skiing on:

• **February 25**

• **March 4**

• **March 11**

Please note: Ski Days must be **paid in full** at least **8 days** before each trip. Payment is available on [School Cash Online](#).

### **Parent Volunteers Needed!**

If you'd like to help on the slopes, please speak with your child's classroom teacher. For Criminal Record Checks (CRCs), please email Mrs. Heidemann @ [sharon.heidemann@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:sharon.heidemann@sd5.bc.ca)



### **AHOY there!**

On Wednesday, **February 11** we will have a **school spirit dress-up day** of *tacky tourists* versus *plucky pirates*, so grab your favourite floral shirt or your buccaneer boots to bust the winter blues! In the afternoon, Cutlass Kathriner will have all the scurvy dogs walking the plank in a pirate-themed dodgeball game, so be ready to dive into Davy Jone's locker! There may even be some treasure for the class with the most participants... **No weapons** as part of the dress-up- Cutlass Kathriner will plunder any prohibited accessories and toss them in the Bermuda triangle!

**PINK THE RINK**  
**SCHOOL**  
**CHALLENGE**  
**SATURDAY**  
**FEB 14**




The Cranbrook Bucks are excited to invite local schools to help us fill the arena and wear pink in support of our anti-bullying campaign, Pink the Rink.

Students are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing pink and cheering loud!

The school with the highest percentage of student participation will win a special prize: an afternoon of floor hockey and autographs with the Cranbrook Bucks.

Group pricing is available.  
 All tickets must be purchased by February 10, 2026.

To book your school or for more information, please contact:  
 Cherie  
 info@cranbrookbucks.ca  
 250-426-8889

We look forward to seeing your school join us in standing up against bullying!

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### Important Information:


- **All students sitting in the Gordon Terrace section must be accompanied by an adult or senior and must purchase their tickets through our group order.**
- **School staff attending are not available to supervise students.**
- All tickets will be purchased as a **group order** and sent home with students once received.

**Deadline to Purchase: Monday, February 9, 2026**

*Any tickets needed after February 9 must be purchased directly through the Cranbrook Bucks Box Office.*

Tickets can be purchased through [School Cash Online](#).

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



### Friendology

Gordon Terrace is excited to announce that we have begun using the Friendology program in our classrooms to help teach students about healthy relationships and social communications skills! Parents and Guardians can sign up as a URSTRONG family at no charge to learn more about the language and skills being taught at school. We encourage you to ask your child about Friendology over the coming weeks, and take a look at the free resources you can use to support their learning at home:

<https://urstrong.com/members/family/>

For more information about Friendology, or if you have any questions about the program or anything Mental Health related, please feel free to contact your school counsellors, Mrs. Dueck

([sharon.dueck@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:sharon.dueck@sd5.bc.ca)) or Mrs. Doll

([karley.doll@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:karley.doll@sd5.bc.ca))



### Support Gordon Terrace While You Shop!

When you make a purchase at Save On Foods, please remember to mention Gordon Terrace School at the checkout. Our PAC receives a portion of sales in gift cards, which directly help us provide food and support for our students. Thank you for helping make a difference!

## Community Programs:

Red Cross Babysitting (Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026) and Stay Safe! (Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026) Course Offerings through College of the Rockies

**Stay Safe!** Is a course created for 9- to 13-year-olds to help them learn how to keep themselves safe both at home and in the community when they are not in direct supervision of a trusted adult. More information about Stay Safe! And upcoming training dates can be found here: <https://cotr.bc.ca/continuing-education/courses/red-cross-stay-safe/>

If you are between the ages of 11 to 15 and are looking to start babysitting younger children, the Red Cross Babysitting course can teach you essentials in first aid and managing young children. More information about upcoming course offerings can be found here: <https://cotr.bc.ca/continuing-education/courses/red-cross-babysitting-course/>

### Parenting in the Online World: Free Webinars!

These cold winter months sometimes lead us all to more time spent inside and naturally a little more screen time. It is important to not only remember the effects that screen time can have on our well-being, but also the risks associated with unlimited access to inappropriate content and unwanted or dangerous interactions that might arise using different online platforms.

The Canadian Centre for Child Protection is offering free webinars for parents and guardians in February and April to provide information that protects our kids online. Join these sessions via Zoom from the comfort of your own home and learn about the latest trends, resources, and tips to teach your child about online safety. Register for either sessions using the following link: [Parenting in the Online World Webinars – ProtectKidsOnline.ca](https://www.cccp.ca/parenting-in-the-online-world-webinars-protect-kids-online)



The poster features the text 'Invent. Experiment. Share!' at the top right, followed by 'EAST KOOTENAY SCIENCE FAIR' in large blue letters. Below the title is an illustration of scientific equipment: a red and blue horseshoe magnet, a Bohr-style atom model with a red nucleus and blue electrons, a red apple, and two purple laboratory flasks. At the bottom, it states the date 'April 10, 2026' and time '9 AM - 4 PM' on the left, and the location 'College of the Rockies, Cranbrook' on the right. A red banner at the bottom left says 'WIN CASH PRIZES OR A TRIP TO THE CANADA-WIDE SCIENCE FAIR', and a blue banner at the bottom right says 'GET MORE DETAILS, AND REGISTER AT: www.ekrsf.ca'.

## East Kootenay Regional Science Fair – Registration Now Open!

- Parents can register their children at: <https://www.ekrsf.ca/registration>
- Cost: \$25 (If cost is a barrier, support is available—please email [east.kootenay@youthscience.ca](mailto:east.kootenay@youthscience.ca).)
- SD5 is continuing its STEAM Fair, a great opportunity for students to build the first version of a future Science Fair project.
- The Science Fair gives students valuable experience in public speaking, showcasing their work on a larger stage, and even qualifying for future scholarship opportunities.



## Student Learning Survey 2025/2026

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2026** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grade 5, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 1, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-426-8248.

## Mark your calendars!!!

<b>February</b>	2	Kindergarten Registration <small>Opens at 8:30 am</small>
	3	Dilly Bar Day
	4	<a href="#">District Hot Lunch</a>
	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spirit Day</li> <li>• <a href="#">District Hot Lunch</a></li> </ul>
	13	School Break – <b>no school</b>
	14	Pink the Rink – <b>community event</b>
	16	BC Family Day - <b>no school</b>
	17	100 day
	18	<a href="#">District Hot Lunch</a>
	21	Math-a-thon pledge money due
	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intermediate Ski</li> <li>• Pink Shirt Day</li> <li>• <a href="#">District Hot Lunch</a></li> <li>• PAC meeting 6pm</li> </ul>
	27	Pro-D Day – <b>no school</b>
<b>March</b>	3	Dilly Bar Day
	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intermediate Ski Day</li> <li>• <a href="#">District Hot Lunch</a></li> </ul>
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	13	Learning Updates sent home
	16-27	Spring Break

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## Hello from The Gathering Place!

### Updates from Ms. Teri – Indigenous Education Support Worker

Ms. Teri is wrapping up **Happy Hour Hot Chocolate** visits to classrooms at lunch. The **Friday movie-night treat draws** for Indigenous students have been a **huge success!**

### Metis Jigging Lessons

**Tuesdays • 12:15–1:00 pm • TM Roberts School**

If your **Indigenous student** is interested in joining, **Ms. Teri** will send home a permission form.

### Upcoming Events

- **Feb 6:**  
**Indigenous kindergarten students** will attend a Ktunaxa legend and grilled cheese lunch with **ʔaqam Elder Ms. Juanita**. *Invitations will be sent home.*
- **Feb 11, 18, 24 & March 5:**  
**Faye O'Neil** will lead **loom beading workshops** with select **Grade 5/6 Indigenous students** (*invitation only*).
- **Feb 19:**  
**Cupcakes and Kindness — a Pink Shirt Day** activity for all **Grade 2 Indigenous students**, held in **The Gathering Place**. *Watch for invitations!*

If your Indigenous student is **not yet registered** with Ms. Teri, please reach out:

 [teri.shatosky@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:teri.shatosky@sd5.bc.ca)

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### Updates from The Gathering Place Crochet Club Continues!

**Ms. Reid (Youth Care Worker)** will continue hosting the very popular **Crochet**

**Club** until March Break.

Students are welcome to join every **Tuesday at lunch** to learn new skills.

They receive their **own crochet hook and yarn** to keep and practice throughout the week!

### Growing Projects

Our **AeroGarden** is thriving! Students are excitedly watching several types of seeds grow and can't wait to harvest the vegetables once ready.

We've also added a **seed-sprouting kit**, and students can sample **fresh bean and alfalfa sprouts**.

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### Classroom Spotlight

**Ms. Rundberg's** class has completed the **MindUp mindfulness program** and chose an end-project focused on **kindness**: a donation to the **SPCA**.

Students:

- researched ideas
- presented to one another
- voted on their favourite project
- baked treats
- dehydrated sweet potatoes
- made three **types of handmade toys**

These items will be donated to support animals in need. 