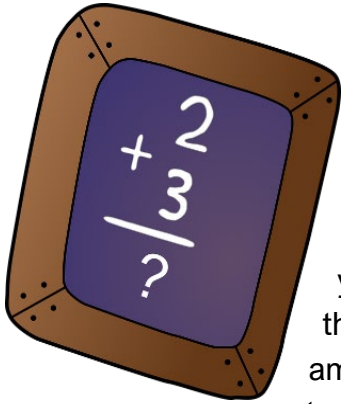




Gordon Terrace News

January 2026



Get Ready for Math-a-thon Time!

It's that thrilling time of year again—Math-a-thon is here! This is an amazing opportunity for students to sharpen their

numeracy skills while helping to raise funds for Gordon Terrace. The money raised during Math-a-thon will go directly towards purchasing essential literacy and numeracy resources for our school.

What's Happening?

- A parent letter, pledge card, and Math-a-thon questions will be sent home by **January 19-22**.
- Please make sure to return the pledge cards by **January 23**.

Mark Your Calendars!

- "Testing week" is scheduled for **January 26 to January 30**.

Once you've collected all the pledged funds from the completed pledge cards, please return them to your student's teacher by **February 6**.

Thank you so much for your support in making our Math-a-thon a success! Let's make math fun and exciting together!



❄️ Intermediate Ski Days at Kimberley Alpine Resort 🏂 ❄️

Winter fun is on the way! Our Grade 4–6 students will be heading up the mountain for three exciting ski days at **Kimberley Alpine Resort**:

- **February 25** 🧤
- **March 4** 🏂
- **March 11** ❄️

Be sure to add these dates to your calendar—these are days your child won't want to miss! More details will be shared as we get closer.

The payment link for Ski Days is now **live** on your child's **School Cash Online** account. You can pay all at once or take advantage of the partial-payment option—whatever works best for your family. 🏂 💳

👉 Parent Volunteers Needed!

If you enjoy fresh mountain air, snowy days, and helping students have a fantastic time on the slopes, we'd love your help! 🧤

A current **Criminal Record Check (CRC)** is required.

To volunteer or get assistance with your CRC, please email **Mrs. Heidemann** at sharon.heidemann@sd5.bc.ca

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 2 @ 8:30 AM



Kindergarten Registration – 2026/2027 School Year

If your child was born between **January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021**, we invite you to register them for **Kindergarten on February 2, 2026**, beginning at **8:30 a.m.**

We strongly encourage families to register in **February**. Early registration helps us plan class sizes, staffing, and resources for September—making sure your child enjoys a smooth and successful start to their school journey.

We look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students!

PAC News

Save On Foods: Reminder to continue mentioning Gordon Terrace when checking out at Save On. 5% of your grocery total will be donated to our PAC!

Hot Lunch Changes: Thank you to all the parents who are volunteering for our hot lunch program. We have a whole team of volunteers working to make sure we can continue offering hot lunch each term. Just a reminder that for this current term, hot lunch will only be on **Fridays**, with the cut-off date on the Sunday before each lunch date.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **January 21st @ 6:00pm** in the library

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**. [\[Click here to shop now!\]](#)

StrongStart - Cranbrook

we're
OPEN

StrongStart is open and operating in the new Steeples facility. We invite families to come and see the new space on January 5!



- A free, parent-accompanied play and learning program for children ages 0-5.
- Snacks provided.
- Play-based and learning activities facilitated by a qualified early childhood educator.

Monday-Thursday
9:00-11:30 and 12:15-2:45
Follows school calendar

**Steeple Elementary
School**

250-426-0620
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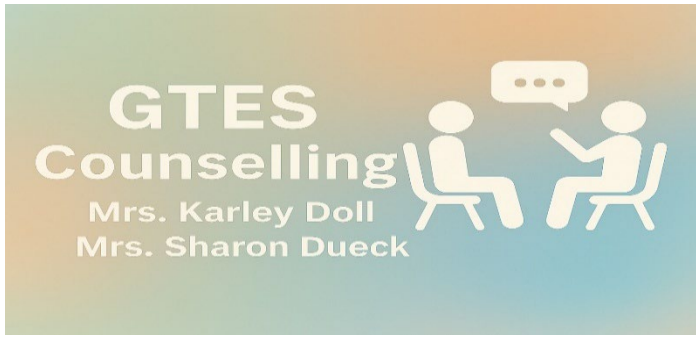
StrongStartBC



Play

Connect

Learn



Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope everyone had a healthy and safe winter break. As we move into the rest of the winter season, it feels like a good time to share about Seasonal Affective Disorder, also known as SAD. While many adults can relate to or have experienced SAD themselves, it is also important to recognize that children can also experience the symptoms of SAD. SAD symptoms can be the same as general depression, however they arise seasonally.

For more information on the symptoms, causes, and treatment options for SAD, please find attached a few articles that may be of help:

- <https://keltymentalhealth.ca/blog/2025/01/truth-about-sad-seasonal-affective-disorder>
- <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/sad.html>
- <https://childmind.org/article/seasonal-affective-disorder/>

If you notice that you or your child are experiencing low mood/energy, are often feeling sleepy, are isolating from or avoiding social situations, are feeling sad or anxious, or are having trouble concentrating, it is important to reach out to a professional for support; this may be a family doctor, a community counsellor, or your school's counsellor.

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 or sharon.dueck@sd5.bc.ca

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February 2026						
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Mark your Calendars!!

January	19-23	Math-a-thon pledge sheets sent home
	14	District Hot Lunch resumes
	16	School Break – No School
	20-26	Gather Math-a-thon pledges
	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Hot Lunch • PAC meeting - 6 -7 PM in the library
	22	Grade 6 Immunizations
	26-30	Math-A-Thon testing week
	28	District Hot Lunch
February	2	Kindergarten Registration opens @ 8:30 am
	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dilly Bar Day • District Hot Lunch
	2-6	Send Math-a-thon pledge money in
	11	District Hot Lunch
	13	School Break – No School
	16	BC Family Day (no school)
	18	District Hot Lunch
	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate grades Ski Day • Pink Shirt Day • District Hot Lunch
	27	Pro-D Day – No School