



ECOLE GOLDEN EARS ELEMENTARY

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<http://goldeneears.sd42.ca/>

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues., May 11 8:45 Assembly via Zoom
PAC Meeting (Zoom) @6:30 pm
Wed., May 12 **Non-Instructional day – No School**
Fri., May 14 Jump Rope for Heart Event
Mon., May 17 Class Photos (outside weather permitting)
Wed., May 19 Class Public Speaking Gr.6/7
Thurs., May 20 Class Public Speaking Gr. 4/5
Mon., May 24 **Victoria Day – School Closed**
Wed., May 26 Gr.7 Day (zoom event in the pm)
Thurs., May 27 Welcome to K Event @12:15 start
Dismissal at 11:15 am for Kindergarten

PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be the AGM to vote in the 2021/2022 PAC Executive. It will be held on **Tuesday May 11 at 7pm on Zoom**; the Zoom link will be sent via the portal the week of the meeting. If you would like to put your name forward for an executive position, or would like more information, please email goldeneearspac@gmail.com.

Our two recent fundraisers, Purdy's and Kernel's popcorn, raised a combined \$491, which will be put towards a new playground. We are in the preliminary stages of selecting a new playground for the school and encourage parents to attend the PAC meetings to learn more, and to provide your input for the new playground equipment.

Check out our new Instagram page for Golden Ears Parents
@ParentsofGoldenEarsElementary.



CLASS PHOTOS

(Weather permitting) are on **Monday, May 17, 2021**. Class photos will be cancelled if it is raining, and will be submitted as a composite, as like last year.

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

This school year has been an interesting year with our COVID protocols and trying to teach and interact with others in different ways.

I want to take a moment express my gratitude for your continued diligence in following the Daily Health Check and ensuring children showing signs of possible illness are kept home from school. The check is an important layer of protection in keeping our school communities healthy and we continue to see evidence that parents are closely following these safety measures.

Thank you for continuing to help us make this a great place for kids! I am grateful that I have been able to work with your children and get to know them over the last three years. After working 36 years in education - 32 years working in Maple Ridge School District, I will be retiring at the end of this school year. I have had a wonderful career in education as a school psychologist, kindergarten teacher, support teacher, vice principal and principal. I am grateful for ending my career at one of my favourite places - Golden Ears Elementary where I have many cherished memories with students, parents and staff. Once we know who the new principal will be, I will share about this wonderful school.

It is amazing that we have 7 more weeks of school. I will enjoy my last days with some of my favourite people - Golden Ears School Community.

Regards,

Mrs. Scoular
Principal

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART FUNDRAISER



On **Friday, May 14, 2021**, Ecole Golden Ears will be holding our Jump Rope for Heart event. Golden Ears has already raised \$3540.00 for Jump Rope for Heart. With two more weeks to go let's see if we can reach \$4000.00!

Details on how you can donate are attached to this Newsletter.

Due to COVID we ask that parents/visitors do not come to watch as we don't want a large group assembling.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION EVENT THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021



The Kindergarten Orientation event for September 2021 kindergartens will be held on **Thursday, May 27, 2021**. Only one adult and child can be registered to attend this event (no siblings please). If you have not received an email with your time to come, please contact the office.

Please note, the KINDERGARTEN students of Division 22, 23, 24, and 25 will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. on May 27, 2021. Grade 1 students from Division 22 will remain at school. If you have a student in one of these classes, please remember to note this on your calendar!



DRESS CODE

With the good weather approaching we would like to remind students and parents of our school's dress code. Clothing worn at Golden Ears must, at all times, be in good taste for an elementary school.

With hot weather, recommend water bottles, sunscreen and a hat.



STUDENT PLACEMENT 2021-2022

We are beginning to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.

Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: social emotional skills and relationships, as well as learning styles, strengths and needs. Our goal is to create safe and engaging inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, you may submit input to the principal **in writing by May 21st** as we start looking at class placements on May 26th. Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.

PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in making an accurate calculation of student enrolment for September. To help achieve this goal, we are asking all parents whose children will definitely **NOT** be attending Golden Ears Elementary in September to contact the school office. A student transfer form will be required.

This request does not apply to Grade 7 students moving on to their selected high school. If you are aware of any families who have moved (or will be moving) into the area, please encourage them to contact the school to register their child(ren) prior to the end of June.

**COMING
SOON**

**CREATIVE CHILDREN
SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

School supply packs for your child for September 2021 will be available next week online through Creative Packs. Please watch for a notice through the Parent Portal for instructions on how to order. Payments types accepted are VISA and Mastercard. The school supply kits will be delivered to the school and given to your child at the start of school in September. **If you choose to purchase your own school supplies, the Golden Ears' supply lists will be sent home in June and posted to the school website.**



Dear Parents,

Jump Rope for Heart is an event nobody wants to skip!

Our school participated in the Jump Rope for Heart digital kick-off assembly to kick-off our event. From now until the event, students can learn fun ways to get active for heart health while raising awareness and support for Heart & Stroke!

Be part of the movement!

We love participating in Jump Rope for Heart because:

Students learn life-long habits: Jump encourages kids to be active and live healthy. A lesson students will value for life!

Kids feel good by doing good: Jump helps teach social responsibility and the importance of giving back. By fundraising for Jump Rope for Heart, students are collecting donations that fund critical research that's saving lives, preventing heart disease and stroke, and supporting survivors and their families.

Fits any time, place, and activity: Jump, dance, move, on our schedule, at school, at home or online.

Jump gives back: Schools get 10% of net fundraising dollars back to the school, or earn points redeemable for sports equipment, learning materials like robotics kits, and more!

Join our school and help Heart & Stroke save lives by jump-starting your fundraising at jumpropeforheart.ca.

Here's how:

Join our school at jumpropeforheart.ca

Help your child set up their fundraising page online. NEW: The safety and wellbeing of students, teachers, schools and communities is a top priority for Heart & Stroke which is why Jump is moving fundraising fully online this year.



Jump puts the FUN in FUNdraising!

Fundraise online! jumpropeforheart.ca

Fundraise online to earn one of five Thank You Prizes!*

Online gift card options:



Register online:

1 ballot entry to win 1 of 5
\$500 Toys "R" Us gift cards



Raise \$25 online:

\$5 Gift Card
(Walmart or Indigo only)



Raise \$50:

2 ballot entries to win 1 of 5
\$500 Toys "R" Us gift cards



Raise \$75:

\$15 Gift Card



Raise \$150:

3 ballot entries to win 1 of 5
\$500 Toys "R" Us gift cards



Raise \$250:

\$25 Gift Card



Raise \$500:

\$50 Gift Card



Raise \$1,000:

\$200 Gift Card

Check out the Wish List on Parents' Corner at jump Rope for Heart.ca for great examples of prizes you could purchase at each prize level!

*Prizes are non-cumulative this year. One Thank You Prize will be awarded based on total donations collected online. New Brunswick excluded from these prizes.

Kids helping kids

When you raise funds for Jump Rope for Heart, you support research that helps other kids, like:



Dani

Was born with congenital heart disease.



Nolen

Had a stroke before he was born.



Emily & Wendy

“You’ve got to pay attention. A stroke can happen to anybody at any time.”
– Emily

Emily, 9, learned the FAST signs of stroke at a Jump event at her school and a week later, she used them to save her grandmother Wendy’s life!



Madeleine

Had a cardiac arrest when she was five.



Zoe

Wears a device in case her heart isn’t beating the way it should.



Kayla

Kayla fundraised online and used social media to tell as many people as possible. It worked and she raised more than \$7,000.

“I jump for my dad. He had heart disease and I love him so much.” – Kayla

The letters in FAST stand for:

Face – is it drooping?

Arms – can you raise both?

Speech – is it slurred or jumbled?

Time – to call **9-1-1** or your local emergency number, right away.

Congratulations, Kayla!

Fundraise online! jumpropeforheart.ca

Jump for healthy futures!

Kids can go to jumpropeforheart.ca and join their school to start counting their healthy habit streak today. Protecting your heart and brain is as EASY as practicing these healthy habits every day.

Healthy Habits are EASY



Eat fruits and vegetables



Active for 1 hour or more



Screens for less than 2 hours



Yes to water and no to sugary drinks

For even more fun and an extra challenge, kids can pick one EASY healthy habit during registration and track how many days in a row they've practiced it. Their Healthy Habit streak will show on their fundraising page so everyone can cheer them on!

Kids can track their streak at jumpropeforheart.ca

