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Fri, Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last day before Winter Break Pajama Day			Mon, Jan 11 <sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Registration Begins Mon, Jan 25 <sup>th</sup> K Lottery for Choice Programs Opens	
Mon, Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Schools Re-Open after Winter Break				

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As some of you may be aware, our school community suffered a tragic loss earlier this week.

A parent at our school was the victim of an accident and we are heartbroken for the family. This is a devastating loss and we need to be respectful of the family's privacy as they process their grief.

We have had a number of families reach out and offer support for the family. While your overwhelming kindness is appreciated, at this time please do not drop off items at the school. Our PAC has graciously volunteered to coordinate monetary donations through the hot lunch website. This is accessible here at <u>goldstonepark.hotlunches.net</u>.

We recognize that such an event has a profound impact on students and staff members, as well as the larger school community. In response, the school has implemented a plan which allows students an opportunity to talk about their thoughts and feelings with their teachers and/or a counsellor as appropriate.

We know that you will be sensitive to the feelings your son or daughter may have during this time. We expect that students may feel sad, angry, confused, numb or depressed. These feelings are normal and will take time to work through.

If you believe your son or daughter needs further support, please contact the school.

Sincerely, *Mrs. L. Grills* 

\*\*\*To Register:

- ✓ Go to goldstonepark.hotlunches.net
- ✓ Click on "Click here to register"
- ✓ Enter access code (GPHL)

✓ Complete registration form (please include a current email address to ensure you receive reminder emails about ordering deadlines and upcoming orders)

- ✓ Click the "Register Now" button at bottom of form
- ✓ Follow instructions to add each child in your family that attends Goldstone Park Elementary
- ✓ Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders"

✓ Proceed to place order

If you have already registered, simply log in to your account via goldstonepark.hotlunches.net

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## Principal Message

It is hard to believe that we are already completing the first term. It has gone by so quickly. It seems like we started school last week, but at the same time, 2020 feels like it has gone on forever!

We are very proud of the perseverance and understanding that the students demonstrate daily. This year has proven to be challenging in many ways, but children are resilient and have adapted to the new routines and continue to grow beautifully.

The community has really pulled together through some difficult times and we are so appreciative of all that you do to support each other.

We truly hope that come January we will be able to be a little more relaxed but that can only happen if EVERYONE follows and sticks to the guidelines.

Please take extra care this holiday to create special memories with loved ones even though it is just your immediate family from within your household. Hopefully with a little more care and attention in sticking to the measures put in place by Dr. Henry, we will be able to have a much more normal 2021 where we can be with everyone and not worry about putting anyone's health at risk.

As we've said to the students, create joy and live peace.

Enjoy a much-deserved restful break.

On behalf of the entire staff, I wish everyone much happiness, peace and joy for the coming year.

## Warmly, Mrs. L. Grills



## PAC NEWS

If you are wanting to donate for the family, the donation schedule will be up and running later this evening . If you do not see it, please check back.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraisers for this term.

We made \$1200 on the fundscrip fundraiser and made \$542 on the Neufeld farms fundraiser.

Thank you so very much for supporting the school and its programs!!

## Info Regarding Extreme Weather & School Closure

In the event of snow in January, please remember to check the district website.

Schools will normally remain open unless there is damage or circumstances that make it unsafe to operate. Parents and staff have responsibility to make decisions regarding attendance at school due to challenging weather conditions, based on available travel routes and individual circumstances. Access to our school parking lot and drop off area may be limited due to snowfall. Please walk to school if possible, to lessen traffic congestion.

If the school is closed, it will be announced on the Surrey School District website <u>www.sd36.bc.ca</u> and on the following radio stations: CKNW (980 AM) CBC Radio (690 AM) News 1130 (1130 AM) Radio India (1600AM)

If it snows please do not call the school to see if it is open, check stations above. Call the office only if you are not going to be sending your child to school.

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