



# CG NEWS



June 2023



*Student put their robots to work at the June 3rd Robotics competition.*

## Robotics Rocks the Competition!

Congratulations to our Robotics teams from grades 4-6 who participated in the FMPSD competition on June 3rd. They performed extremely well and were awarded honours in the following categories:

- 2nd Place Tournament Champs (over all)
- 1st and 2nd Place in "Tag Team" Tournament Champs
- 1st and 3rd Place in Innovation
- 3rd Place in Mechanical Design
- Syncrude STEM school award 500\$ grant

Way to go students and Coaches! Finally, a special nod to Mr Rutledge and Ms Barrington who were inducted into the Coach Hall of Fame!

## Evergreen Theatre Production

On June 12th our school was very fortunate to have Evergreen Theatre visit with their touring production, The Wicked Witch of the Wetlands. They performed a morning and an afternoon show, with help from some student actors, with themes about the importance of wetlands as physical spaces, how humans share the environment with other animals, how human development can impact habitats, and the importance of conservation. Thank you to Suncor Energy and Syncrude Canada who sponsored the event.





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## Upcoming Dates

- June 26: Grade 6 Farewell
- June 27: KG Grad
- June 29: Last day for students; Awards Assembly
- August 16: Schools open for registration
- August 28: Orientation for KG and Grade 1
- August 28-31: Orientation for ECD
- August 29: First day for all students KG-Grade 6
- September 1: No School for students - PLF
- September 4: No School Labour Day
- September 5: First day for ECDP regular classes

## Leader In Me Highlight

Synergy is celebrating differences, working together, being open-minded, and finding new and creative ways to solve issues. Students who synergize know that everyone is good at something and that we can all learn something from each other. We can practice this at home, at school and in our communities by respecting others, even if they are different from ourselves, and valuing others' strengths and ideas because, by teaming with others, we can create solutions better than we can on our own.

## School Supply Lists

School supply lists are available on our website or by going to <https://christinagordon.fmpsdschools.ca/p/parents/school-fees>

Parents have the option of buying supplies at the establishment of their choice or using School Start to buy a supply package.

**2023-2024  
DIVISION CALENDAR**

The 2023-2024 FMPSD calendar has been released. View the full calendar here: <https://www.fmpsdschools.ca/download/415940>

## Inclusive Playground Grand Opening



After 4 years of intense planning, tireless work and soliciting many donations, the CG Inclusive playground was officially opened. Although elements have been in place since late fall, all of the equipment has finally been installed.

On May 31st we welcomed representatives from FMPSD and our various donors and supporters for a ribbon-cutting ceremony, which included songs by our choir and thank-you cards hand-made and delivered by our students. Our sincerest appreciation to everyone who helped to make this vision a reality along the way, and especially our Music teacher Mrs Power for her dedication to this amazing project.



## Indigenous Awareness Month



June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada. CG has recognized this by having a variety of activities all month long, including art, stories, and drumming.

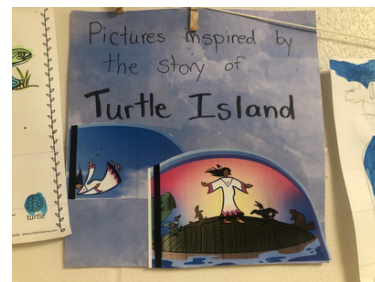


## Turtle Island

For many Indigenous peoples, Turtle Island refers to the continent of North America. The name comes from various oral histories that tell stories of a turtle that holds the world on its back. For some Indigenous peoples, the turtle is therefore considered an icon of life, and the story of Turtle Island is tied to various spiritual and cultural beliefs, identity, autonomy and deeply-held respect for the environment.

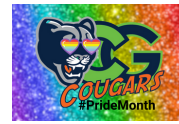
The story of Turtle Island varies among Indigenous communities, but, by most accounts, it acts as a creation story that places emphasis on the turtle as a symbol of life and earth.

In some versions of the story, the Creator made a flood to make the world clean again, and afterward, the Earth was put on the back of a Turtle. Other versions describe a Sky Woman, who was pregnant and fell from the sky. Birds caught her when she was falling and then put her on the back of a turtle. Other variations describe animals who brought mud and put it on the back of the turtle to make the island.





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## Fundraising Assoc.

Our Parent run Christina Gordon Fundraising Association has done an amazing job this year, running a variety of activities from a dance, to popcorn days to our Year-end BBQ, and monies raised have enriched our school in many ways, from a new chromecart to the Hot Lunch program. As our school continues to grow, the associations will NEED many more volunteers in the fall. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Barb Rex or Char Van Driesten. Email [cgsfundraising@outlook.com](mailto:cgsfundraising@outlook.com)

## School Council

As with the Fundraising Association, the work of our very important School Council has fallen to a small group of dedicated volunteers, under the leadership of our School Council chair Natalie Doyle. If you are interested in helping out and supporting this group, whose main role is advisory to the school. please plan to attend the Annual General Meeting on September 21st at 7:00pm. We will be looking to fill several key positions on our School Council, including the role of Chairperson.



*Students play games during our annual year-end Field Day*

## Variety Show

CG hosted the annual talent show on June 13. We had many unique performances including singing and dancing, comedy, and instrument playing. Congrats to all their performers for their hard work!



*June is Pride Month and CG Students marked the occasion by having a variety of activities including readings and art projects. We also formed a giant rainbow to honor our pride, diversity and acceptance.*

