



August Newsletter

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**Thank you for keeping
G M P Nut Free!**

☺ Welcome from the Principal

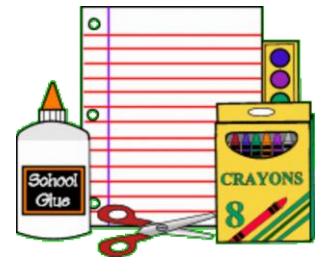
Welcome back to school everyone! It's been a wonderful first week of school so far. After welcoming small groups of Kindergarten students, we have **all** of our students in school today! I am looking forward to partnering with you throughout your child's year at Grey Mountain Primary!

If you have any questions or concerns during the school year, please call or come in to speak with me – my door is open and it is always better and easier to deal with a minor issue before it becomes a major problem. Kim.ramsay@yukon.ca

☺ School Fee for 2021-22 at Grey Mountain Primary

As we have done in past years, the school has purchased school supplies for this school year. The price is \$40(kindergarten) and \$70(Gr. 1 – 3). Thank you for your attention to this matter and thank you to so many who have dropped their school fee off with Mrs. LJ.

Please ensure shoes, backpacks, lunch kits and jackets are labelled with your child's name.



☺ What about masks at GMP?

The current COVID guidelines for schools' state that:

- all students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 and staff must wear masks in all indoor school settings outside the classroom, including hallways.
- Exceptions are made when a class is transiting from one room in the school to another. An example of this is a group of students walking directly from their classroom to the gym.
- The cloak room spaces for each class are not shared with others. Therefore, students at our school do not need to wear masks in the cloakroom hallway when entering and exiting the classroom.
- Students do not need to wear a mask in a classroom setting, but may choose to wear one if they wish.
- Students should have a mask in their backpacks for the occasions when students are in shared indoor spaces at school.

☺ GMP Operational Plan to reduce communicable diseases

Our school's complete 2021-22 Operational Plan is available on our website.

Detailed Plan:

http://gmp.yukonschools.ca/uploads/4/8/3/3/48336245/gmp_2021-2022_operational_plan_to_reduce_communicable_disease.docx.pdf

☺ Medical Alerts/Allergies

We have children and staff at GMP with food allergies. GMP School is nut free. Please do not send anything to school with nuts in them. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

☺ Keeping healthy at School

It is very important to **keep your children home if they have any symptoms** of COVID-19.

☺ Absentees and Lates

All students are expected to attend school regularly and on time. If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school to inform us. We also require a reason for absenteeism. If we do not receive a call before 8:30am and your child is not at school, our admin assistant (Mrs. LJ) will attempt to call you. This procedure will ensure your child's safe arrival at school. Please call the school at **667-5189** to report all absences and late arrivals.

☺ **School Hours at GMP**

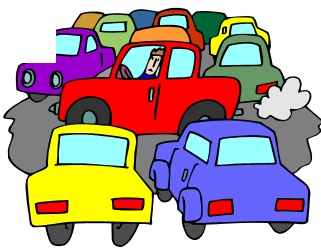
Start School	8:30am
Recess	10:20 – 10:35
Lunch	12:05 – 12:30
Lunch recess	12:30 – 12:55
School Dismissal	3:00pm

Please be on time to pick up your children at 3:00pm. It is expected that students are picked up or walk home at 3:00pm. We have a supervisor outside until 3:15pm to ensure children leave the school safely. Please note that this is not an extra recess time. Families are welcome to play on the playground after school so long as parents/caregivers are supervising their own children.

☺ **Introducing the GMP Team for 2021-22**

We are here as **Learning Partners**, learning together with your children as a community of curious learners.

LJ London	Administrative Assistant
Keir Hyde	Kindergarten Teacher
Kathleen Coventry	Grade 1 teacher
Laurel McDowell	Grade 2 teacher (Monday – Thursday)
Rosalind Crump	Grade 2 teacher (Friday)
Tricia Frey	Grade 2/3 teacher
Rosemarie Briggs	Reading Recovery Teacher
Jordan Stevens	Learning Assistance, Phys. Ed. and Art Teacher
Pat Bennett	Remedial Tutor/Educational Assistant
Wendy Kingston	Educational Assistant
Katrin Simon	Educational Assistant
Lynn Palfreyman	Educational Assistant
Kim Ramsay	Principal/Counsellor



☺ **Student Safety**

The parking lot located on the school grounds is for **staff only** between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. A reminder that students being dropped off by vehicle should be **let out on Alsek Road** and should be instructed on how to enter the school grounds safely **using crosswalks and sidewalks**. City bylaw states that cars have to be parked 5 meters from the crosswalk. Students with bicycles are asked to lock them up at the bicycle stands.

☺ **Grey Mountain Primary School Council**

The School Council will hold their first meeting of the school year on **Monday, Sept. 13th at 6:00pm** at the school. All parents are welcome to attend meetings. There is one vacant School Council position. If anyone is interested in this position, please let us know.

GMP School Council Members

Joanne Heyes
Tim Kucharuk
Erin Johnston
Kelli Anderson

School Council Email:
GMPCouncil@gmail.com

☺ **From the Ground Up – Yukon Healthy Choice Fundraiser**



We are taking part in a **fundraising project**, "From the Ground Up". Order forms were sent home today. People can pay by cash or cheque to Grey Mountain Primary. Our school will receive 40% of all orders - which is an amazing fundraiser! The money will be used to refresh some gym equipment.

All order forms (and money) must be handed in to the office by **Monday, Sept. 27**. Vegetable boxes will be delivered to the school on **Wednesday, Oct 20th** and families can pick them up between 3pm and 6pm at the school.

For more information: www.yukonfromthegroundup.ca

☺ **Emergency Evacuation Sites**

This is a reminder to parents that if an emergency arises that results in an evacuation of the school where it is not safe to re-enter, our "safe location" is **Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses** (across the street) 191 Alsek Rd. (667-4304).
 Our "alternate location" will be: **Vanier Catholic Secondary School**, 16 Duke Street.



☺ **School Website**

Our school website is at: gmp.yukonschools.ca
 Here, you will find a calendar with school events, and a variety of interesting nuggets of information. We will do our best to keep it updated.



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2021-2022

Monday, September 6 th	Labour Day – no school
Monday, September 13 th	School Council Meeting at 6:00pm – all parents welcome!
Thursday, September 23 rd	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday, September 24 th	Parent Teacher Conferences – no school for students
Thursday, September 30 th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – no school
Monday, October 11 th	Thanksgiving Day – no school
Friday, October 22 nd	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Wednesday, October 27 th	School Picture Day
Thursday, November 11 th	Remembrance Day – no school
Friday, November 12 th	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Friday, December 17 th	Last day of school before Christmas Break
Tuesday, January 4 th	First Day Back in the New Year
Monday, January 17 th	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Friday, January 28 th	Written Progress Report Cards sent home
Friday, February 25 th	Heritage Day – no school
Friday, March 4 th	Last Day before Spring Break
Monday, March 21 st	First Day back after Spring Break
Friday, April 15 th	Good Friday – no school
Monday, April 18 th	Easter Monday – no school
Thursday, April 28 th	Student Led Conferences 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday, April 29 th	Student Led Conferences – no school for students
Monday, May 2 nd	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Monday, May 23 rd	Victoria Day – no school
Thursday, June 16 th	Last day of school – 2:45pm Dismissal

