



# September Newsletter



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"Respect, Responsibility & Reaching for our Best"

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

## 😊 Welcome from the Principal

Welcome back to school everyone! We have had a great start to the new school year despite all of the changes as a result of COVID-19. 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@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Kim.ramsay@gov.yk.ca)

## 😊 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.

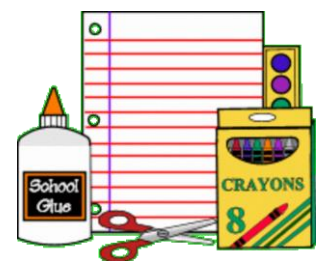
## 😊 Introducing the GMP Team for 2020-21

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 1/2 teacher (Monday – Thursday)
Ashley Houghton	Grade 1/2 teacher (Friday)
Jordan Stevens	Grade 3 teacher
Barb Reid	Reading Recovery Teacher and Teacher-Librarian
Alison Ott	Learning Assistance, French and Phys. Ed. Teacher
Pat Bennett	Remedial Tutor/Educational Assistant
Wendy Kingston	Educational Assistant
Ashley Houghton	Educational Assistant (Monday – Thursday)
Katrin Simon	Educational Assistant
Lynn Palfreyman	Educational Assistant
Rosemarie Briggs	Educational Assistant
Kim Ramsay	Principal/Counsellor

## 😊 School Fee for 2020-21 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.**



## 😊 Keeping healthy at School

This school year, it is very important to **keep your children home if they have any symptoms** of a common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease.

## 😊 GMP COVID19 Plan at Grey Mountain Primary School

Our school's 2020-21 Operational Plan is available on our website:

### **Summary:**

[http://gmp.yukonschools.ca/uploads/4/8/3/3/48336245/gmp\\_operations\\_for\\_2020-21.pdf](http://gmp.yukonschools.ca/uploads/4/8/3/3/48336245/gmp_operations_for_2020-21.pdf)

### **Detailed Plan:**

[http://gmp.yukonschools.ca/uploads/4/8/3/3/48336245/covid-19\\_detailed\\_gmp\\_school\\_health\\_and\\_safety\\_operational\\_plan\\_final.docx.pdf](http://gmp.yukonschools.ca/uploads/4/8/3/3/48336245/covid-19_detailed_gmp_school_health_and_safety_operational_plan_final.docx.pdf)

☺ **School Hours at GMP**

Start School	8:30am
Recess	10:15 – 10:30
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. There will be a supervisor on the playground until 3:15pm at which time any students that are not with a parent/guardian will be brought inside the school and parents will be contacted.

☺ **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.



☺ **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 Asek 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.

☺ **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 earlier this week. 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. 28**. Vegetable boxes will be delivered to the school on **Tuesday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** and families can pick them up between 3pm and 6pm. **If you are able to volunteer with distributing orders on October 15<sup>th</sup> after school, please let the office know (667-5189). Thank you!**

For more information: [www.yukonfromthegroundup.ca](http://www.yukonfromthegroundup.ca)

☺ **Grey Mountain Primary School Council**

The School Council will hold their first meeting of the school year on **Wednesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00** in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend meetings. Join us! The current school council members are finishing their 2 year term. **We thank them for their service!**

GMP School Council Members

Karalee Johnson  
Scott Cameron  
Erin Johnston  
Amanda Ho

☺ **School Council Election Year! We Need You!**

School Council Elections for the next School Council term (2020-2022) are coming soon. Consider this an excellent opportunity to be involved at Grey Mountain Primary! Please feel free to contact myself or any of the Council Members for more information. Nomination papers will be available at the office on **September 14<sup>th</sup>**. Deadline for submission is noon on **Sept 24<sup>th</sup>**.

## ☺ 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](http://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

Wednesday, September 9.....School Council Meeting at 6:00pm in the library  
Monday, September 28.....Veggie Order need to be returned to school  
Friday, October 2 .....Professional Development Day – **(no school for students)**  
Monday, October 12.....Thanksgiving Monday – **no school**  
Tuesday, October 13.....Veggie Orders ready for pick-up between 3:00-6:00pm  
Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.... Remembrance Day **(no school)**  
Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Professional Development Day **(no school for students)**  
Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> ..... Last Day of school before Christmas break  
\*\* **Christmas Break is Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> inclusive\*\***  
Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> .....First Day of school after Christmas break  
Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>..... Professional Development Day **(no school for students)**  
Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.....Heritage Day **(no school)**  
Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.....Last day of school before Spring Break  
\*\* **Spring Break is Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> inclusive \*\***  
Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>..... First day of school after Spring Break  
Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Good Friday **(no school)**  
Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>..... Easter Monday **(no school)**  
Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>..... Professional Development Day **(no school for students)**  
Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> .....Victoria Day **(no school)**  
Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> .....Last day of school

More dates here: <http://gmp.yukonschools.ca/calendar.html>

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