



October Newsletter

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"Respect, Responsibility & Reaching for our Best"



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

Mrs. Ramsay's Remarks

We have had a positive start to the school year! Our students are settling into routines and developing friendships at school. September was a busy month with learning new health and safety routines as well as classroom routines.

Thank you for supporting your child as they adjust to a new school year. If you have any questions or concerns during the school year, please call, email, or come in to speak with me – my door is open!

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Our entire staff wishes all families a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend!

Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 22&23

We will be hosting socially distanced conferences on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 3:15pm – 7:15pm and on Friday, Oct. 23 during the daytime. Parents will be expected to come promptly at their scheduled time to minimize crowds in the hallways. Appointments will be for 20 minutes, with a 10-minute transition break to allow staff to sanitize common spaces between conferences. Please sanitize your hands upon entry to the school.

What can I expect at the parent-teacher meeting?

Teachers will share information with parents about how your child is **settling into the class**. As well, teachers will talk about your child's progress in **Language Arts** (reading and writing) and in **Math**.

Parents can expect teachers to discuss:

- **Strengths**
- **Areas for further development**
- **Ways to support your child at home and at school**

Does my child need to attend?

It's up to you. Students are most welcome to attend and be a part of the conversation. Students will not be expected to take an active role in this particular conference – they'll have that chance at a later date.

Do I have to come into the school?

No. If you'd prefer your conference to be a phone call meeting, or a Zoom call, please let us know and we can make that happen.

What if I'm not feeling well or have travelled?

Please stay home if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, or if you are self-isolating due to travel.

A reminder that there is **NO SCHOOL for students on Friday, October 23rd** due to the parent-teacher conferences.

Communicating Student Learning: 6 Reporting Events at GMP

This year, parents can expect 6 reporting events:

1. Parent Teacher Conferences – Oct. 22&23
2. Phone call or email – between December 1 - 11
3. Written Progress Report – January 29
4. Phone call or email – between March 1-11
5. Student Led Conferences – May 6&7
6. Final Written Report Card – June 11

The purpose of these reporting events is to provide frequent, on-going communication between the school and parents. Each reporting event will highlight **strengths, areas for further development, and ways to support** your child at home and at school.

Please feel welcome to discuss concerns outside of these particular dates. Rest assured that teachers will also keep in touch with you between the reporting events, as needed.

Welcome

Our French Monitor for this school year is Marilyn Ferland. Marilyn will be assisting Mme. Ott in French class Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Welcome to GMP, Marilyn.

From the Ground Up: GMP Fundraising



Our "From the Ground Up" vegetable fundraiser was a great success this year! We sold 61 boxes of veggies, 18 of which were donated to the food bank. Our school will receive approximately \$850 from the sale of veggies. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser. Veggies need to be picked up from 3:00-6:00pm on **Tuesday, October 13th**.

Independent Grocery Store till receipts

Keep your till receipts from **Independent Grocery Store** and turn them into the office. For every \$5000 worth of till receipts that we receive (they do add up fast), the school will receive a \$20.00 grocery voucher.

Cold Weather Reminders

As it's starting to get colder in the mornings, children should wear warm clothing – coats, gloves, wind/rain/snow pants so they can enjoy their time outside. Also, students are to go directly home or to their daycare after school, for weather and safety reasons. Please be punctual in picking up your child at 3:00pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

COVID-19 Plan at Grey Mountain Primary School

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

- o **Summary:** http://gmp.yukonschools.ca/uploads/4/8/3/3/48336245/gmp_operations_for_2020-21.pdf
- o **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



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

Three School Council members were acclaimed for a two year term. Congratulations to Joanne Heyes, Erin Johnston, and Tim Kucharuk! Thank you for your service to our school community. There are 2 vacant positions – please let me know if you are interested in joining.

School council meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the school. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 10th. All parents are welcome to attend meetings.

GMP School Council Members

Joanne Heyes
Erin Johnston
Tim Kucharuk

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, October 12th.....Thanksgiving Monday – **No School**
Tuesday, October 13th.....Veggie Orders pick-up between 3:00-6:00pm
Thursday, October 22nd.....Parent Teacher Conferences 3:15 – 7:15pm
Friday, October 23rd.....Parent Teacher Conferences - **No School for Students**
Tuesday, November 10th.....School Council meeting at 6:00pm – all parents welcome
Wednesday, November 11th.....Remembrance Day - **No School**
Friday, November 20th.....Professional Development Day - **No School for Students**
Friday, December 18th.....Last Day of school before Christmas break
**** Christmas Break is Monday, December 21st to Friday, January 1st inclusive****

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

