



September Newsletter

Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021

"Respect, Responsibility & Reaching for our Best"



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**Thank you for keeping
G M P N u t F r e e!**

☺ 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. We're looking forward to meeting with parents for the Parent Teacher Conferences on September 23rd and 24th. Students are welcome to attend the conferences however, students are not expected to take an active role in this particular conference. They will have a chance for that at the spring conference.

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! kim.ramsay@yukon.ca

A reminder that there is
NO SCHOOL for students on Friday, September 24th
due to the parent-teacher conferences.

☺ Welcome Back BBQ ~ Wednesday, September 29th

All families are invited to our Welcome Back To School BBQ! The event will be held outside, weather permitting. As of today, the weather forecast looks promising!



- Time: Between 12noon and 1:00pm
- **Food will be provided** - Thanks to YFNED (Yukon First Nations Education Directorate)
- Menu will include **hamburgers, hotdogs, veggies, fruit, and rice crispy squares** – yum!
- Seating will be limited - feel free to bring a **blanket** for picnic style eating
- Please maintain physical distancing
- As a reminder, masks must be worn if you come inside the school

Please stay home if you have any COVID-19 symptoms

☺ Special Presentation



Together with the School Council, the school has purchased buffs for each student in the school! They are personalized with Grey Mountain Primary and made by the official buff makers, Buff Canada! Students will receive their buffs at the BBQ lunch on September 29th. To offset the expenses, we are asking that each child pay \$5 for their buff. Please send \$5 to school in a labelled envelope or plastic bag with your child's name. These buffs are beautiful! Big thanks to Mrs. Coventry, Mr. Stevens, and Ms. Rose for organizing this!

☺ From the Ground Up: GMP Fundraising

We are underway with our **fundraising project**, "From the Ground Up". Thank you to all who have already sent forms and payment to the school. All order forms (and money) must be handed in to the office **by Monday, Sept. 27th**. 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.



☺ **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.

☺ **Keeping healthy at School**

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



☺ **School is over at 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.

☺ **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 Aisek 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 **AGM** on **Tuesday, Oct. 12th at 6:00pm** at the school. All parents are welcome to attend meetings. **Thank you** to the School Council for their generous contribution to the buffs that each child will receive!

GMP School Council Members

Joanne Heyes
Tim Kucharuk
Erin Johnston
Kelli Anderson

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☺ **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

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| Thursday, September 23 rd | Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00pm – 7:00pm |
| Friday, September 24 th | Parent Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |
| Monday, September 27 th | From The Ground Up Forms & money due to the school |
| Wednesday, September 29 th | Welcome Back BBQ at noon – all families welcome! |
| Thursday, September 30 th | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – NO SCHOOL |
| Monday, October 11 th | Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL |
| Tuesday, October 12 th | School Council AGM at 6:00pm – all parents welcome |
| Wednesday, October 20 th | From the Ground Up Veggie Delivery 3:00pm – 6:00pm |
| Friday, October 22 nd | Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |
| Wednesday, October 27 th | School Picture Day |
| Friday, October 29 th | Hallowe'en Celebrations – costumes welcome! |
| Tuesday, November 9 th | School Council Meeting at 6:00pm – all parents welcome |
| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |

