



# February Newsletter

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## ☺ Mrs. Ramsay's Remarks

We are off to a great start in 2024! It was wonderful to see so many families at our Community Breakfast on January 12<sup>th</sup>. A perfect way to welcome a new year! Many students have enjoyed cross country skiing, gymnastics, watching the Polar Nights Dance show at the Arts Center (with a few GMP performers who did an awesome job!), Pet Lovers Club, Pokémon Club, 100s Day celebrations – just to name a few highlights of the last few weeks.

Thank you to parents who have provided feedback on the current GMP calendar. It's not too late – please let me know how the GMP School Closed Days have been for your family. We want to use the parent feedback to make plans that suit our school community for the next school year. All feedback is welcome!

If you have any questions or concerns during the school year, please call or come in to speak with me (Principal at GMP) – 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](mailto:Kim.ramsay@yukon.ca)

Kim Ramsay  
Principal

## ☺ Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for Whitehorse children born in 2019 is now open:

**How to register:** Parents and guardians must create an account in the Yukon's student information system. If you need any help, call the school – we'll be happy to assist you in the registration process.



**Details can be found at this link:**

<https://yukon.ca/en/register-child-school#register-your-child-for-kindergarten>



### **Planning Ahead: "No School" Days at GMP for the rest of the year:**

- Friday, February 23 – **Heritage Day**
- Monday, March 11 – Friday, March 22: **Spring Break**
- Friday, March 29 – **Good Friday**
- Monday, April 1 – **Easter Monday**
- Monday, April 22 – **School Closed Day for GMP only**
- Friday, April 26 – **Student Led Conferences during the daytime**
- Friday, May 3 – **PD Day** (last one of the year)
- Monday, May 20 – **Victoria Day**
- Friday, June 14 – **First Day of Summer Holidays**



### ☺ **Family Movie Night**

We are excited to host our first ever GMP Family Movie Night.

**Date:** Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:15pm – doors open; movie starts at 6:30pm

**Place:** GMP Gym

**What to bring:** Pillows and blankets for your family, if you'd like.

We will have a *small* snack bar for the kids (no charge). Supper is not provided, so please feed your children before coming to the movie night. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### ☺ **Valentine's Day at School**

We know that many children are excited about Valentine's Day and the exchanging of Valentine cards. We ask that if your child is passing out Valentine cards, please include all classmates. Teachers have lists of first names that can be handed out.



### ☺ **Lunch Time Clubs at GMP**

We have a few clubs going on at lunch recess for our students. Attendance is optional – students can choose to attend or play outside!

Wednesday: **Pet Lover's Club (all grades)**

Friday: **Pokémon Club (Grade 1-3 only)**

### ☺ **Communicating Student Learning:**

Written Progress Report Cards were sent home with students on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive your child's report card, please let us know. Or check the bottom of the backpack... it might be crumpled there. 😊



Teachers will be reaching out to parents by phone or email between March 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for an informal check in and update.

### ☺ **Toys at school**

We have recently noticed that toys from home have been making their way to school. We ask that toys stay home or kept in backpacks if they are needed for an after-school event. The exception would be Show and Tell, or Pokémon cards on Pokémon Club Day. It's best if toys are kept at home. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

### ☺ **FNSB Trustee By-Election**

The Minister of Education has directed Elections Yukon to conduct a by-election to fill one (1) vacant trustee position on the First Nation School Board (FNSB). On-line voting is now open until **Monday, February 12 at noon**. The candidates are:

- Shelby Blackjack
- Mats'āsāna Mq (Sarina) Primozic

[Find out more about the candidates at ElectionsYukon.ca](https://electionsyukon.ca)

**To vote** in the by-election, you must be a Canadian citizen, at least 18 years old and either:

- be a parent of a student who attends a school operated by the FNSB OR
- be a member or entitled to be a member of a Yukon First Nation and have an ancestral language that is a Yukon First Nation language and have been a resident of the Yukon for at least three months.

More information is available here:

<https://electionsyukon.ca/en/content/2024-first-nation-school-board-election>

### ☺ **Bi-Weekly School wide assemblies**

The next 2 assemblies will be on:

- Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the gym
- Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the gym



## **DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2023-2024**

*(more to be added as the year goes on)*

Friday, February 9 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Gymnastics Field Trip for Mrs. Coventry's Grade 1 class
Friday, February 9 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Family Movie Night at 6:15pm in the gym
Monday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	.....	School Assembly at 11:30am in the gym
Tuesday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Mrs. McDowell's Kinder class – Cross Country Skiing at 9:00am
Tuesday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Mrs. Coventry and Mr. Hyde's class – Skating at the CGC at 9:15am
Wednesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Valentine's Day
Friday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Gymnastics Field Trip for Mrs. Coventry's Grade 1 class
Tuesday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Mrs. McDowell's Kinder class – Cross Country Skiing at 9:00am
Thursday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	.....	Mini Rendezvous at GMP from 2:00-3:00
Friday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	.....	Heritage Day – <b>no school</b>
Monday, February 26 <sup>th</sup>	.....	School Assembly at 11:30am in the gym
Monday, February 26 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Gymnastics Field Trip for Ms. Marks Grade 1/2 class
Friday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>	.....	Gymnastics Field Trip for Ms. Lo/Ms. Frey's Grade 2/3 class
Friday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Last Day of school before Spring Break
Monday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	.....	First Day back after Spring Break
Friday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Good Friday – <b>no school</b>
Monday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	.....	Easter Monday – <b>no school</b>
Tuesday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	.....	School Assembly at 11:30am in the gym
Wednesday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	.....	Gymnastics Field Trip for Ms. Lo/Ms. Frey's Grade 2/3 class
Monday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Gymnastics Field Trip for Ms. Marks Grade 1/2 class
Monday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	.....	School Break Day for GMP – <b>no school</b>
Thursday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Student Led Conferences 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Student Led Conferences – <b>no school for students</b>
Friday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	.....	Professional Development Day – <b>no school for students</b>
Monday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Gymnastics Field Trip for Ms. Marks Grade 1/2 class
Monday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Victoria Day – <b>no school</b>
Friday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Grey Mountain Gallop afternoon
Monday, June 10 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Family Picnic and Grade 3 Farewell at 5:00pm
Wednesday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Whole School Field Trip to Kookatsoon Beach
Thursday, June 13 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Last day of school for GMP (note - most other schools end on June 14 <sup>th</sup> )
Friday, June 14 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Summer Break Begins!