



December Newsletter

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

Mrs. Ramsay's Remarks

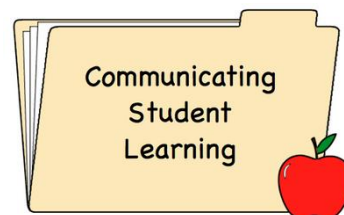
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around GMP! The tree is aglow, the students are excited and we sense the anticipation and excitement that the season brings. We have some special festive activities planned for the month of December including some art lessons, drumming lessons, a Christmas Carnival, and a free pizza lunch! Let me take this opportunity to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone (667-5189) or email kim.ramsay@gov.yk.ca

Communicating Student Learning: The next event at GMP

Parents will receive a phone call, email, or Zoom call from the teacher between **December 1st and 11th**. The purpose of this communication is to discuss:

- Reading and Writing
- Behaviours for Success
- Your child's strengths and areas for further development
- Ways to support your child at school and at home



What are "Behaviours for Success"?

These are the behaviours that students exhibit that describe effort, paying attention, interactions with others, and work habits. We know that these behaviours have a tremendous impact on student learning.

Written Progress Report Cards will be sent home on January 29th. Please feel welcome to discuss concerns at any point in the school year. Rest assured that teachers will also keep in touch with you between the reporting events as needed.

December School-Wide Theme: Generosity

This month, our school wide theme is Generosity. We are talking with the students about being generous with our time and actions with others, especially during this season. We are noticing generous acts of kindness all around our school! Way to go, GMP students!



Christmas Carnival– December 15th – 17th



We are excited to be hosting a Christmas Carnival in the gym for our students. We are going to miss our much-loved Christmas CRAFTernoon with GMP families, however, keeping all of us safe continues to be the number one priority.

This year, students will enjoy a variety of activities in the gym with their classmates as we find new ways to celebrate the season.

Generosity in Action: Students are invited to bring a non-perishable food item as a donation to the Whitehorse food bank



Professional Development Day – Friday, January 15th

On Friday, January 15th, the staff will have a professional development day. There will be **no school for students.**

Grey Mountain Primary School Council

Thank you to our School Council for their hard work, especially in organizing the coffee fundraiser. **Bean North coffee orders are due on Monday, Dec. 7th**. This money will be used to pay for a new school sign!

All parents are welcome to attend school council meetings. The next meetings are on

- **Tuesday, Dec. 8th** at 6:00pm at the school
- **Tuesday, Jan. 12th** at 6:00pm at the school

Hope to see you there!

There are 2 vacant school council positions – please let me know if you are interested in joining.

COVID-19 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
- **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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, December 7thBean North coffee orders due
Tuesday, December 8thSalmon In The School presentation for Kinder and Grade 3
Tuesday, December 8thSchool Council Meeting @6:00pm – all parents welcome
Wednesday, December 9thArtist Christine Prescott working with Grade 1 & Grade 3 classes
Thursday, December 10thArtist Christine Prescott working with Kindergarten & Grade 1/2 classes
Tuesday, December 15thChristmas Carnival begins
Wednesday, December 16thBean North Coffee Orders distributed
Thursday, December 17thWhole School Field trip to Lumel Studio (tentative)
Friday, December 18thFree Pizza lunch provided at school for students
Friday, December 18thLast Day of school before Christmas break (regular dismissal time)
**** Christmas Break is Monday, December 21st to Friday, January 1st inclusive****
Monday, January 4thFirst Day of school after Christmas break
Tuesday, January 12thSchool Council Meeting @6:00pm – all parents welcome
Friday, January 15thProfessional Development Day - **No School for Students**
Friday, January 29thWritten Progress Report Cards sent home
Tuesday, February 9thSchool Council Meeting @6:00pm – all parents welcome
Friday, February 26thHeritage Day – **No School**
Tuesday, March 9thSchool Council Meeting @6:00pm – all parents welcome
Friday, March 12thLast Day of school before Spring break
**** Spring Break is Monday, March 15th to Friday, March 26th inclusive****
Monday, March 29thFirst Day of school after Spring break
Friday, April 2ndGood Friday – **No School**
Monday, April 5thEaster Monday – **No School**
Tuesday, April 13thSchool Council Meeting @6:00pm – all parents welcome
Friday, April 30thProfessional Development Day - **No School for Students**
Thursday, May 6thStudent Led Conferences from 3:00 -7:00pm
Friday, May 7thStudent Led Conferences all day – **No School for Students**
Tuesday, May 11thSchool Council Meeting @6:00pm – all parents welcome
Monday, May 24thVictoria Day– **No School**
Tuesday, June 8thSchool Council Meeting @6:00pm – all parents welcome
Friday, June 11thLast Day of School and Final Report Cards issued

GMP School Council Members

Joanne Heyes
Erin Johnston
Tim Kucharuk

