



April Newsletter

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😊 Mrs. Ramsay's Remarks

Spring is here! The light has returned! It's given us an extra spring in our step. It sure seems like the students grew over Spring Break and Easter Break!

Exciting things are happening at GMP!

- Our Grade 1 class helped design the logo for the First Nation School Board (FNSB). We're excited to see the end result – a collaboration with other FNSB schools.
- Students have been enjoying lunchtime clubs – Puzzle Club, Fun Fun Club, Pet Lover's Club, and Crafty Kids Club! Some of the clubs are coming to a close... replaced by Fun Run Club... coming soon!
- FNSB and YFNED breakfast on March 31st! In celebration of National Indigenous Languages Day, our students were treated to a beautiful pancake breakfast, with berries and sausages! Yum and thank you FNSB and YFNED!
- Ruby, our Dental Assistant, has been checking teeth at GMP lately! We have the best smiles!
- Our building has had a refresh of window coverings! Classrooms now have updated roller shades – they look great!
- Round 3 of Activity Afternoon has begun! A favorite part of Wednesdays in April!
- Muffin Morning – we loved having parents and children share the love of books together – with a muffin and coffee! Thanks for attending! Such a delicious way to start our day!
- We enjoyed spring rolls and noodles for lunch, thanks to the generosity of Lim and Ezyril! Thanks for sharing this yummy treat with us!

We've got lots of exciting things yet to come! Stay tuned!

If you have any questions or concerns, 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@yukon.ca

Kim Ramsay
Principal

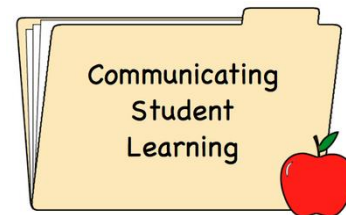


A reminder that there is
NO SCHOOL for students on Friday, April 28th due to the conferences
and
NO SCHOOL for students on Monday, May 1st due to the PD Day

☺ **Student-Led Conferences: April 27th and 28th**

We will be hosting Parent/Child/Teacher conferences on:

- Thursday, April 27th from 3:15pm – 7:00pm
- Friday, April 28th from 8:15am – 11:30am



What can I expect at the student-led conference?

The main focus of this conference is to highlight growth over time. Children will have some pieces of evidence to share with their parents. As well, teachers will talk about your child's progress in **Language Arts** (reading and writing) and in **Math**.

Does my child need to attend?

Yes, students will have an active role in this conference. Students will be involved in selecting pieces of evidence/work that will be shared. Teachers will help students be prepared to describe their growth and successes so far this year.

What about younger siblings?

We welcome families into the school. **If** it is possible to have someone be with younger children at home, that would be best. We want our students to be the focus, and to have the spotlight during this meeting.

When is my meeting time?

If you have not already done so, please email the school, Ms. LJ at lj.wong@yukon.ca or phone the school 667-5189, to let us know if Thursday afternoon or Friday morning suits you best. LJ will email your scheduled conference time the week prior to the conference.

☺ **SAVE THE DATE - Family Fun Night – Thursday, May 4th!**

Exciting News! Our First Ever Family Fun Night!

- ✓ At the CGC from **5:30pm – 7:30pm**
- ✓ Public Swim
- ✓ Play room
- ✓ Soccer Field
- ✓ Snacks provided
- ✓ Field House – with a **bouncy castle** for GMP families only!
- ✓ School Bus Transportation provided from the school, free of charge



Best of all... this is all provided at No Cost to Families (including siblings).

Thank you to Mrs. Coventry for successfully applying for a Grant to make this possible!

Watch for a notice coming home shortly, with an opportunity to RSVP so that we can plan for transportation and food appropriately.

☺ **Field Trip Reminders**

We have several field trips coming up in the next 2 months! This can be exciting for many students, and for some students, this can cause some unsettling feelings.



A few tips to keep in mind:

- Please be on time - In order to keep to our schedules and commitments, the buses need to depart on time. It can be stressful for children to come to school late, and learn that the bus has already left!
- Extra snacks and a big lunch – It seems that everyone gets extra hungry on trips and in the great outdoors! A few extras in the lunch kit are a great idea.
- Come along - If you'd like to come along, please check with your child's teacher. It's nice to have extra hands to help and it's a fun way to spend time with your child!
- Student Expectations - If your child is demonstrating unsafe or disrespectful behaviours prior to field trips, we will ask you to either accompany your child on the field trip or to keep your child at home that day. When we are off school property, we need to have full confidence that the children will follow the group plan in a safe and respectful manner.

☺ **Transitions for the next school year**

Yukon schools preparing for next year's classes. Please notify us at the school if your child will not be at Grey Mountain Primary for the next school year.



☺ **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. We use these vouchers to purchase snacks for the kids.

☺ **Assemblies**

Every two weeks, our school has an assembly. We gather in a circle and sing a welcome song together. Then, each class shares what they have been learning about in their class. We sing a land acknowledgment song (check it out on our website!) and the assembly ends with a 5 minutes slideshow featuring GMP students and some great moments from the previous 2 weeks. We would love to share these assemblies with parents – you are welcome to come! The next 2 assemblies will be on:

- **Monday, April 17th** at 11:30am in the gym
- **Tuesday, May 2nd** at 11:30am in the gym

The assemblies are about 20 minutes long. Feel free to join your child for lunch afterwards, if time allows in your schedule.



☺ **School Website**

Our school website is at: gmp.yukonschools.ca

Here, you will find upcoming school events, and a variety of interesting nuggets of information. We will do our best to keep it updated regularly.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2023

Friday, April 14 th	.....	Grade 2 Field Trip to Gymnastics
Monday, April 17 th	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Tuesday, April 18 th	.....	Grade 2 and 3 Field Trip to Swan Haven – bus at 10:50am
Wednesday, April 19 th	.....	Activity Afternoon 1:30 – 2:30
Friday, April 21 st	.....	Grade 2 Field Trip to Gymnastics
Wednesday, April 26 th	.....	Activity Afternoon 1:30 – 2:30
Thursday, April 27 th	.....	Grade 2 Field Trip to Gymnastics
Thursday, April 27 th	.....	Student Led Conferences 3:15pm – 7:00pm
Friday, April 28 th	.....	Student Led Conferences – no school for students
Monday, May 1 st	.....	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Tuesday, May 2 nd	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Thursday, May 4 th	.....	May the Fourth Day!
Thursday, May 4 th	.....	Family Fun Night at CGC from 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Friday, May 5 th	.....	Running Club event in Carmacks
Monday, May 15 th	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Tuesday, May 16 th	.....	Grade 1 and 2 to the Wildlife Preserve
Monday, May 22 nd	.....	Victoria Day – no school
Tuesday, May 23 rd	.....	Tennis Yukon Lessons
Wednesday, May 24 th	.....	Bike Bonanza afternoon
Thursday, May 25 th	.....	Kindergarten Orientation for students beginning in Aug 2023
Friday, May 26 th	.....	Running Club event in Haines Junction
Friday, May 26 th	.....	Yukon Tennis lessons
Monday, May 29 th	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Tuesday, May 30 th	.....	Softball Yukon session
Friday, June 2 nd	.....	Grey Mountain Gallop in the afternoon – details coming!
Monday, June 5 th	.....	Softball Yukon session
Tuesday, June 6 th	.....	Running Club event at Golden Horn Elementary School
Monday, June 12 th	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Monday, June 12 th	.....	Family Picnic and Grade 3 Farewell at 5:00pm
Wednesday, June 14 th	.....	Whole School Field Trip to Kookatsoon Beach
Thursday, June 15 th	.....	Last day of school – 2:45pm Dismissal