



December Newsletter

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"Respect, Responsibility & Reaching for our Best"



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**Thank you for keeping
GMP 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. Let me take this opportunity to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season.

Early Dismissal on Wednesday, December 20

Please note that all Whitehorse Schools are dismissed early on Wednesday, December 20. Our school will dismiss students at 11:40am.



Christmas CRAFTernoon – Tuesday, December 19

We are excited to be holding our First Ever Christmas CRAFTernoon - a fantastic opportunity to spend time with your child, making memories and unique take home crafts/decorations. Your entire family is welcome to participate!

We need you! We are asking for donations of goods or services for our Silent Auction. (Proceeds will be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yukon.)

Schedule

12 pm – Silent auction and bake sale PREVIEW

1 pm – Meet in the gym for welcome and directions

1:10 – 2:30 – Choose crafts to make in various classrooms – have fun!

2:15 - Silent auction ends

2:30 – Gather back in the gym for announcing silent auction winners and a festive time of singing Christmas carols.

Our craft offerings and activities are as follows:

Kindergarten room – Wood slice ornaments

Grade 1 room – Twig trees

Grade 2 room – Popsicle stick toboggan ornament

Grade 3 room – Snowflakes

Library – Nature garland

Multi-purpose room (across from grade 3) – Silent Auction and School Council bake sale

Gym – Take a break and enjoy watching our Christmas video showcasing all GMP students, that will be playing continuously.

Hope to see you all there!

Bake Sale – December 19

Once again, the School Council is busy organizing the annual GMP Christmas Bake Sale Fundraiser. It will take place in the multi-purpose room, during the Christmas CRAFTernoon. **Nut-free donations of baking would be greatly appreciated!** (Proceeds go towards field trip and student activity expenses.)



Hot ticket items include: a dozen cookies, cakes, cupcakes, bread, fudge, loaves, caramel popcorn. If you are able to donate, please bring items to the school the morning of December 19th so that the Council can set up and price the items. Please remember that all items must be nut free. We hope to have a variety of larger items for sale to parents, as well as a kid's corner where individual cookies and treats can be purchased by students.



December: Generosity!

This month, our school wide theme is Generosity. We talked 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!

Arctic Sports Team

On Wednesday, December 6th, twelve GMP students spent the day at Porter Creek Secondary School to participate in the Inter-School Arctic Sports Competition, sponsored by the Yukon Aboriginal Circle. All students competed in the Kneel Jump, Triple Jump, Arm Pull and Stick Pull, reaching for their best. We had a great time, coming home with some medals and fair play awards. Great job, GMP Arctic Sports Team!

School Council News

Thank you to our School Council for your hard work, especially in organizing the bake sale and providing funds for field trips.

All parents are welcome to attend meetings. The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 9th at 5:30pm in the school library. Hope to see you there!

GMP School Council Members

Kim Thompson – 668-6708
 Tamara Carter - 334-5208
 Ben Campbell – 335-1080
 Ardeth Evans - (587) 890-2201

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 14-20	Morning Carolling in the gym from 8:40-9:00am
Friday, Dec. 15	EET Field trip for Grade 3
Tuesday, Dec. 19	Christmas CRAFTERnoon, Silent Auction and Bake sale
Wednesday, Dec. 20	Last day before Christmas break (11:40AM dismissal)

Thursday, Dec. 21 – Tuesday, Jan. 2: Christmas break

Wednesday, Jan. 3	1 st day back to school!
Friday, Jan. 5	Welcome Back Breakfast for GMP families @8:00am
Tuesday, Jan. 9	Swimming for Gr. 1-3, bus leaves GMP @12:30
Tuesday, Jan. 9	School Council meeting @5:30pm in library
Friday, Jan. 19	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Thursday, Feb. 1	Student Led Conferences – 3:15-7:00pm
Friday, Feb. 2	Student Led Conferences in the morning – no school for students
Friday, Feb. 23	Heritage Day – no school for students
Monday, Feb. 26	Professional Development Day – no school for students



CDC Fundraiser

The Child Development Centre is collecting Coins for Kids. The Child Development Centre is a non-profit organization that works with kids with developmental needs across the territory. Jars are at various businesses around town, so keep your eyes peeled! They look like this.....



Foster Care Needs You!

Long-term foster families needed NOW for young children. We are looking for families who can provide a stable, supportive and structured environment over the long term.

For more information, please call our toll-free number at 1-833-896-2273 or visit:

<http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/fostercare.php>

Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)

Support for your child's post-secondary education. When you start early, your money will grow more over time with interest.

Canada Education Savings Grant

The Canada Education Savings Grant is available to all children up to December 31 of the year they turn 17, regardless of family income. When you contribute money into an RESP, the Government of Canada will also contribute:

- 20% on the first \$2,500 you contribute each year, up to \$500 per year; and
- an extra 20% on the first \$500 of annual contributions for low-income families, for an extra \$100 each year; or
- 10% of first \$500 of annual contributions for middle-income families, for an extra \$50 each year.

A child can receive up to \$7,200 in Canada Education Savings Grant over their lifetime.

Canada Learning Bond

The Canada Learning Bond is available to eligible children from low-income families who were born on or after January 1, 2014. Open an RESP and request the Canada Learning Bond for an eligible child. The Government of Canada will deposit:

- an initial \$500; and
- an extra \$100 each year the child is eligible until they turn 15, for a maximum of up to \$2,000 per child.

You do not need to contribute any money in order to receive the Canada Learning Bond. For further information:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/registered-education-savings-plans-resps.html>