



# January Newsletter

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## ☺ Mrs. Ramsay's Remarks

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful time with friends and family over the Winter Break. December was an exciting month for the children. Students enjoyed a visit from Garbage Truck Santa, Christmas carolling with a special Santa visit, skating, and lots of outdoor fun!

Lots of exciting things happening at the school in 2023. We started off with a wonderful family breakfast on the first Friday in January! Great to see so many families here. We've had a local artist, Ms. Andrea leading music with students! Each grade will have 4 music classes. Our students have been Lego building! We had a school wide Lego celebration on Wednesday afternoon. So much learning around solving challenges and working together. We are planning on some ski lessons for our students – more details to come as details get finalized.

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](mailto:Kim.ramsay@yukon.ca)

Kim Ramsay  
Principal

## ☺ 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, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 11:30am in the gym
- **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## ☺ Bedtime Book Bonanza!

Please join us for *once* annual Grey Mountain Primary Bedtime Books Bonanza and PJ Party! Fun, Fun, Fun!

**When:** Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:00 – 7:00 pm

**Where:** GMP Library

Wear pyjamas and come for stories and bedtime snacks!

**An invitation was sent home with students earlier this week.  
We'd love to see you there!**





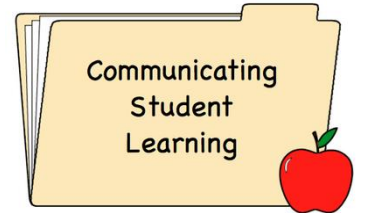
### 😊 Welcome

We are pleased to welcome **Sean Smith** to our school community! Sean is a Kwanlin Dün First Nation citizen whose parents are artists Ann Smith and Brian Walker. He lives in Kwanlin with his wife Sarah, their three children, and dog Marshall. Sean is a Language and Culture Strategist, working with the First Nation School Board. Over the next weeks and months, you will likely see Sean in the school! Welcome Sean!

### 😊 Communicating Student Learning: The next event at GMP

Parents will receive a Written Progress Report Card on **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**. The purpose of this communication is to provide information on:

- All subject areas
- Behaviours for Success
- Student self-assessment of Core Competencies
- Your child's strengths and areas for further development
- Ways to support your child at school and at home



### 😊 Lunch time Clubs at GMP

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

- Mondays: **Pet Lover's Club!**
- Tuesdays: **Sing Along Club**
- Wednesdays: **Puzzle Club**
- Fridays: **Crafty Kids Club**

### 😊 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for Whitehorse children born in **2018** opens on:

**Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am.**

**How to register:** Parents and guardians must create an Aspen/MyEducationBC Account in the Yukon's student information system. You can do this before February 1, 2023.



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

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

### 😊 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.



### 😊 Mini-Arctic Games Afternoon

On Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, we will host our very own GMP Arctic Games. We will start with a torch relay and continue with exciting events. Come cheer our GMP athletes on!

### 😊 School Website

Our school website is at: [gmp.yukonschools.ca](http://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.







☺ **Cold Weather Reminders**

It's been pretty mild lately, but when the usual Yukon Winter Weather resumes, please ensure your children wear warm clothing – coats, gloves, snow pants - so they can enjoy their time outside. Also, students are to go directly home or to their daycare after school, for weather and safety reasons. Thank you for picking up your children promptly at 3:00pm – we appreciate it!

☺ **Can you help? Carpenter needed!**

Our tiny library had an accident. If there is anyone out there – handy with tools – who would care to donate some time to repair the door, we would be very grateful indeed. Please call the school or email Kim Ramsay if you can help!



**DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2022-2023**

Saturday, January 21 <sup>st</sup>	.....	Lego League event at Mercier High School at 1:00pm
Monday, January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Thursday, January 26 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Artist in the School – Music classes with Andrea McColeman
Thursday, January 26 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Bedtime Books Bonanza at 6:00pm in the library
Friday, January 27 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Arctic Winter Games Afternoon at GMP
Friday, January 27 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Written Progress Report Cards sent home
Thursday, February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	.....	100s Day at school – this is the 100 <sup>th</sup> day of school this year!
Thursday, February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	.....	Artist in the School – Music classes with Andrea McColeman
Monday, February 6 <sup>th</sup>	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Tuesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	.....	<b>Valentine's Day – wear red, white, pink and purple!</b>
Thursday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Grade 3 Field trip to the Wildlife Preserve
Monday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Friday, February 24 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Heritage Day – <b>no school</b>
Monday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Friday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	.....	<b>Last Day of school before Spring Break</b>
Monday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	.....	<b>First Day back after Spring Break</b>
Monday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Thursday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Muffin Morning – families welcome 8:30am-9:00am
Friday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Good Friday – <b>no school</b>
Monday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Easter Monday – <b>no school</b>
Tuesday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Friday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Grade 2 Field Trip to Gymnastics
Friday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	.....	Grade 2 Field Trip to Gymnastics
Monday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Thursday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Student Led Conferences 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Student Led Conferences – <b>no school for students</b>
Monday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	.....	Professional Development Day – <b>no school for students</b>
Thursday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	.....	May the Fourth Day!
Monday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Monday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	.....	Victoria Day – <b>no school</b>
Tuesday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Wednesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Bike Bonanza afternoon
Thursday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Kindergarten Orientation for students beginning in Aug 2023
Friday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	.....	Grey Mountain Gallop afternoon
Monday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>	.....	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30am – parents welcome!
Monday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Family Picnic and Grade 3 Farewell at 5:00pm
Wednesday, June 14 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Whole School Field Trip to Kookatsoon Beach
Thursday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Last day of school – <b>2:45pm Dismissal</b>