



November Newsletter

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"Respect, Responsibility & Reaching for our Best"



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We acknowledge, recognize, and respect that we learn, work, and play, within the traditional territory of Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council



😊 Mrs. Ramsay's Remarks

The snow has arrived! In the last 2 weeks, our students have enjoyed catching snowflakes on tongues, making snow angels, and playing in the snow! One recent highlight was the Hallowe'en Carnival held in the gym on Oct. 31st. Students enjoyed a variety of stations including Spooky Bowling, Horrifying Hockey, Masking Tape Mummies, Making Masks, Scavenger Hunts, Tic-Tac-Boo, a Touch and Feel Ooey-Gooey Station, Guess the Number of Candies in a Jar, and a Cozy Reading Nook! It was terrific to see so many creative costumes – the kids looked great! Hallowe'en Day ended with a Dance Party in the gym!

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

Kim Ramsay
Principal

😊 Remembrance Day Assembly

On Thursday, **November 10th**, our school will have a short Remembrance Day Assembly at **11:00** in the gym. Some students will have speaking parts or take part in singing a song. Families are welcome to join us.



😊 Christmas Crafternoon:

We are thrilled to host our much-loved traditional **Christmas Crafternoon** on **Wednesday, December 14th** in the afternoon. Parents and family members are invited to make Christmas crafts with their children. We will supply the materials and instructions. We look forward to seeing you there!

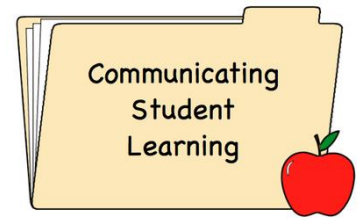
😊 Keeping Healthy At School

It is very important to **keep your children home when they are ill**. When children are coughing, tired, have a fever, and sick to their stomachs, home is the best place for them to rest and recover. We love sharing at school... but not the germs! 😊

☺ **Communicating Student Learning: The next event at GMP**

Parents will receive a phone call or email from the teacher between **November 14th and November 18th**. 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 28th. Please feel welcome to discuss concerns with your child's teacher at any point in the school year. Rest assured that teachers will also keep in touch with you between the reporting events as needed.

☺ **Bi-Weekly School wide assemblies**

Every second Monday, we hold assemblies in the gym. At this time, we come together as a school community to foster belonging and connection to one another. We begin singing a Welcome Song, we share what each class has been learning about, and we watch a 4 minutes slide show of the previous 2 weeks. Parents and sibling are welcome to join us! The next 2 assemblies will be on:

- Monday, November 21st at 11:30am in the gym
- Monday, December 5th at 11:30am in the gym



☺ **Lunch time Clubs at GMP**

Does your child love pets? They might enjoy attending **Pet Lover's Club**! This club meets every **Monday** during lunch recess in Mrs. Coventry's classroom. All children are welcome to attend! We make crafts, talk about our pets, pet the Guinea Pigs, play games and have lots of fun!

Does your child love to sing? All children are welcome to join the **Sing Along Club**! This club meets every **Tuesday** and **Friday** during lunch recess in the gym. Mrs. Ramsay plays the piano, and we have a great time singing songs!

☺ **Lunches available**

The Yukon First Nation Education Directorate (YFNED) is offering lunches to students. The lunch typically consists of a sandwich or bagel, a piece of fruit or veggies, and a muffin or cookie. If you would like your child to participate, please phone the school or email me at kim.ramsay@yukon.ca



We strive to order an accurate amount of food for our school. Occasionally, there are left over sandwiches, fruit, or veggies. If you would like to be on the "send home the leftover food" list, please email me and we will make sure the extras get dispersed.

Thank you to the generosity of the YFNED for these provisions for our students!

☺ **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.





☺ **Cold Weather Reminders**

Brrr.... It's starting to get colder. 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!



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2022-2023

Thursday, November 10 th	Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:00 – parents welcome!
Friday, November 11 th	Remembrance Day – no school
Monday, November 14 th	Fire Department visits the school in the afternoon
Monday, November 21 st	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30 – parents welcome!
Monday, November 21 st	Grade 1 Field Trip to Heart of Riverdale in the afternoon
Tuesday, November 22 nd	Grade 3 Field Trip to Gymnastics – leaving school at 1:00pm
Friday, November 25 th	Grade 1 Field Trip to Gymnastics – leaving school at 1:00pm
Monday, November 28 th	Grade 1 Field Trip to Heart of Riverdale in the afternoon
Tuesday, November 29 th	Grade 3 Field Trip to Gymnastics – leaving school at 1:00pm
Thursday, December 1 st	Kindergarten Field trip to Gymnastics – leaving school at 1:10pm
Monday, December 5 th	School Assembly in the gym at 11:30 – parents welcome!
Thursday, December 8 th	Kindergarten Field trip to Gymnastics – leaving school at 1:10pm
Wednesday, December 14 th	Christmas Crafternoon in the afternoon – families welcome!
Thursday, December 15 th	Kindergarten Field trip to Gymnastics – leaving school at 1:10pm
Friday, December 16 th	Last day of school before Christmas Break
Tuesday, January 3 rd	First Day Back in the New Year
Friday, January 6 th	Community Hot Breakfast for students and parents at 8:00am
Monday, January 16 th	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Friday, January 27 th	Written Progress Report Cards sent home
Tuesday, February 14 th	Valentine's Day
Friday, February 24 th	Heritage Day – no school
Friday, March 10 th	Last Day of school before Spring Break
Monday, March 27 th	First Day back after Spring Break
Thursday, April 6 th	Muffin Morning – families welcome 8:30am-9:00am
Friday, April 7 th	Good Friday – no school
Monday, April 10 th	Easter Monday – no school
Thursday, April 27 th	Student Led Conferences 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday, April 28 th	Student Led Conferences – no school for students
Monday, May 1 st	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Thursday, May 4 th	May the Fourth Day!
Monday, May 22 nd	Victoria Day – no school
Wednesday, May 24 th	Bike Bonanza afternoon
Friday, June 2 nd	Grey Mountain Gallop afternoon
Monday, June 12 th	Family Picnic and Grade 3 Farewell at 5:00pm
Wednesday, June 14 th	Whole School Field Trip to Kookatsoo Beach
Thursday, June 15 th	Last day of school – 2:45pm Dismissal