



October 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

We have had a positive start to the school year! Our students are settling into routines and developing friendships at school. September was a busy month with learning expectations, the Terry Fox Walk, a school swim, the Respect Assembly, BBQ, and Open House, Farm and Arts Centre Field Trips!

Thank you for supporting your child as they adjust to a new school year. If you have any questions or concerns during the school year, please call, email or come in to speak with me – my door is open!

Kim Ramsay, Principal kim.ramsay@gov.yk.ca



Professional Development Day – Friday, November 10th

On Friday, November 10th, the staff will have a professional development day. There will be **no school for students**. The Monday November 13th is the Remembrance Day Holiday and there is no school.

Back By Popular Demand –TOY DAY!

Once again, we are going to have TOY DAY. Every Thursday, students can bring ONE toy from home to play with at recess time. Toys must be appropriate (no computer or electronic games; no toys with violent themes– guns, swords, etc.)

Arctic Sports Club has begun!

Students in grades 1-3 are meeting once a week to learn the Arctic Sports with Madame Ott and Mrs. Bennett. Occasionally a special coach comes to demonstrate these events. There will be a tournament on December 7th at the Cultural Center. Students must come regularly to the club in order to participate in this special inter-school event. All grade 1-3 students are welcome! Please encourage your child to participate!

Reading Buddies

Every Friday, from 8:35 – 9:00am, students will be reading with buddies. The kindergarten class is matched up with the grade 1/2 class, and the Kinder/grade 1 class is paired with the grade 2/3 class. This is a great opportunity for students to share books and their love of reading together with a partner!

Welcome

Our French Monitor for this school year is Roman and he comes to us from Quebec City, Quebec. Nicholas will be assisting Mme. Ott in French class Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Welcome to GMP, Nicholas.

Terry Fox Walk

Thank you to all who participated in GMP's Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 16th. Hats off to our little school, as we were able to donate \$117.00 to the Terry Fox Foundation. Way to go GMP!!

Staff Parking Lot

The parking lot located on the school grounds **is for staff only** between the hours of 8am and 4pm. This is a safety issue. Our parking lot is so small that cars backing up may not see a child there. A reminder that students being dropped off by vehicle, should be let out on Alesk Road and should be instructed on how to enter the school grounds safely, using crosswalks and sidewalks. City bylaw states that cars have to be parked 5 meters from the crosswalk. In addition, please do not block the fire access road to the back of the school.



Develop an Attitude of Thankfulness

Vision Testing

Vision screening for all students occurred on October 5th at our school. A letter home was provided to students who require further assessment. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who helped us with this!



From the Ground Up: GMP Fundraising



Our "From the Ground Up" vegetable fundraiser was a great success this year! We sold 161 boxes of veggies, 25 of which were donated to the food bank. Our school will receive approximately \$1,900 of this money. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.

Goal Setting Conferences

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.

Cold Weather Reminders

As it's starting to get colder in the mornings, children should wear warm clothing – coats, gloves, wind/rain/snow pants (if appropriate) 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. Please be punctual in picking up your child. Also if your child is not coming to school please call the office. If we don't hear from you, we will be calling you. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Council

Thank you to our wonderful school council! They work together with the school for the success of all students! The next school council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 7th at 5:30pm** in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings.

GMP School Council

Tamara Carter – 393-7483
Kim Thompson – 668-6708
Ben Campbell 335-1080
Ardeh Evans (587) 890-2201

Advance Notice Regarding Christmas Celebration

This is an advance notice that our Christmas concert will be held on, **December 19th** in the afternoon. forward to seeing you there.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, November 7
Saturday, November 5
Wednesday, November 9
Thursday, November 10
Friday, November 11
Monday, November 14
Friday, November 18
Friday, November 28
Friday, December 1
Wednesday, December 6
Tuesday, December 7
Wednesday, December 7
Tuesday, December 19th
Wednesday, December 20
Wednesday, January 3

School Council meeting @5:30pm in school library
Daylight Savings Time Ends- turn clocks back 1 hour!
Field trip to Wildlife Preserve - Mrs. Larnder's class
Assembly in the gym @10:45am (families welcome)
Remembrance Day Holiday – **no school**
Professional Development Day – **No school for students**
Term 1 Report Cards go home
Swim for Grades 1-3; bus@12:30 and 2:00
Parent/Teacher/Student conferences (**no school for students**)
Arctic Winter Sports –all Day
School Council meeting @5:30pm in school library
Arctic Winter Games Tournament
Christmas Celebration, afternoon in the gym
Last day before Christmas Break (**early dismissal 2:00**)
First day back to school in January!

More dates here: <http://gmp.yukonschools.ca/calendar.html>

Emergency Evacuation Sites

This is a reminder to parents that if an emergency arises that results in an evacuation of the school where it is not safe to re-enter, our "**safe location**" is **Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses** (across the street) 191 Alsek Rd. (667-4304).

Our "**alternate location**" will be: **Vanier Catholic Secondary School**, 16 Duke Street.