



September Newsletter

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023

"Respect, Responsibility & Reaching for our Best"



186 Alsek Road, Whitehorse, Yukon Phone: 867-667-5189

www.gmp.yukonschools.ca

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

☺ Welcome from the Principal

Welcome back to school everyone! It's been a wonderful first few weeks of school so far. The students are settling into new routines with their teachers and friendships are blooming!

I am looking forward to partnering with you throughout your child's year at Grey Mountain Primary! If you have any questions or concerns during the school year, 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

☺ Welcome Back Open House and BBQ – Thursday, Sept 14th

All families are invited to our Welcome Back To School festivities!



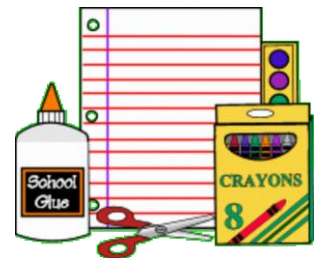
12:00noon – BBQ lunch

12:30pm – Open house. Parents are invited to visit their child's classroom.

The school will be providing the lunch!

☺ School Fee for 2023-24 at Grey Mountain Primary

As we have done in past years, the school has purchased school supplies for this school year. The price is \$40(kindergarten) and \$70(Gr. 1 – 3). Thank you for your attention to this matter and thank you to so many who have dropped their school fee off with Mrs. LJ. **Please ensure shoes, backpacks, lunch kits and jackets are labelled with your child's name.**



☺ Medical Alerts/Allergies

We have children and staff at GMP with food allergies. GMP School is nut free. Please do not send anything to school with nuts in them. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

☺ Absentees and Lates

All students are expected to attend school regularly and on time. If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school to inform us. If we do not receive a call before 8:45am and your child is not at school, our admin assistant (Ms. LJ) will attempt to call you. This procedure will ensure your child's safe arrival at school. Please call the school at **667-5189** to report all absences and late arrivals.

☺ School Hours at GMP

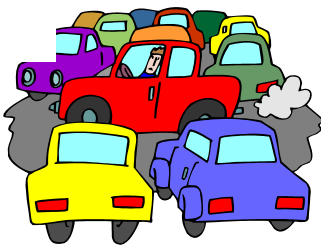
Start School	8:30am
Recess	10:10 – 10:25
Lunch	12:02 – 12:30
Lunch recess	12:30 – 12:55
School Dismissal	3:00pm

Please be on time to pick up your children at 3:00pm. It is expected that students are picked up or walk home at 3:00pm. We have a supervisor outside until 3:15pm to ensure children leave the school safely. Please note that this is not an extra recess time. Families are welcome to play on the playground after school so long as parents/caregivers are supervising their own children.

☺ **Introducing the GMP Team for 2023-24**

We are here as **Learning Partners**, learning together with your children as a community of curious learners.

LJ London	Administrative Assistant
Laurel McDowell	Kindergarten Teacher (Monday – Thursday)
Keir Hyde	Kindergarten Teacher
Kathleen Coventry	Grade 1 teacher
Kim Herle	Grade 1/2 teacher (August - December)
Lynette Lo	Grade 2/3 teacher mornings and PE Teacher (afternoons)
Tricia Frey	Grade 2/3 teacher afternoons and Literacy Teacher
Alison Ott	Learning Assistance Teacher
Pat Bennett	Remedial Tutor/Educational Assistant
Wendy Kingston	Educational Assistant
Lynn Palfreyman	Educational Assistant
Katrin Simon	Educational Assistant
Garry Singh	Educational Assistant
Kim Ramsay	Principal
Limuel Valencia	Custodian
Hayley Marks	Grade 1/2 teacher (on leave, returning January 2024)



☺ **Student Safety**

The parking lot located on the school grounds is for **staff only** between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. A reminder that students being dropped off by vehicle should be **let out on Alsek 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. Students with bicycles are asked to lock them up at the bicycle stands.

☺ **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: **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School**, 16 Duke Street (formerly Vanier).



☺ **School Website** – Recently Updated!

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.

☺ **School Calendar – unique to GMP!**

This year, our school has adjusted our recess and lunch times *slightly* from previous years. In doing so, we are able to provide 2 days that the school is closed, to provide a break for students throughout the year. The feedback we have received from families in the past, is that having a rest throughout the year, is beneficial to the children.

The goal is that rather than families taking a “home day” off school on random days throughout the year, together as a school we will have a few common “school break days”. We’ll give it a try this year and see how it feels for everyone. Your feedback is appreciated.

The 2 school break days at GMP will be Monday, February 5th and Monday, April 22nd.

As well, with this schedule, our students will complete the required number of minutes of school ahead of most other Whitehorse schools.

Our last day of school will be Thursday, June 13th.



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2023-2024

(more to be added as the year goes on)

Thursday, September 14 th	Welcome Back BBQ and Open House at noon
Wednesday, September 20 th	School Picture Day
Thursday, September 21 st	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday, September 22 nd	Parent Teacher Conferences – no school for students
Friday, September 29 th	Orange Shirt Day observed at school
Monday, October 2 nd	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation observed – no school
Monday, October 9 th	Thanksgiving Day – no school
Friday, October 27 th	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Tuesday, October 31 st	Hallowe'en – student can wear costumes to school!
Monday, November 13 th	Remembrance Day observed – no school
Friday, November 24 th	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Wednesday, December 20 th	Last day of school before Christmas Break
Monday, January 8 th	First Day Back in the New Year
Friday, January 12 th	Welcome Back Breakfast for students and families
Friday, January 19 th	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Friday, January 26 th	Written Progress Report Cards sent home
Monday, February 5 th	School Break Day for GMP – no school
Wednesday, February 14 th	Valentine's Day
Friday, February 23 rd	Heritage Day – no school
Friday, March 8 th	Last Day of school before Spring Break
Monday, March 25 th	First Day back after Spring Break
Friday, March 29 th	Good Friday – no school
Monday, April 1 st	Easter Monday – no school
Monday, April 22 nd	School Break Day for GMP – no school
Thursday, April 25 th	Student Led Conferences 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday, April 26 th	Student Led Conferences – no school for students
Friday, May 3 rd	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Monday, May 20 th	Victoria Day – no school
Friday, June 7 th	Grey Mountain Gallop afternoon
Monday, June 10 th	Family Picnic and Grade 3 Farewell at 5:00pm
Wednesday, June 12 th	Whole School Field Trip to Kookatsoon Beach
Thursday, June 13 th	Last day of school for GMP (note - most other schools end on June 14 th)
Friday, June 14 th	Summer Break Begins!

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!