



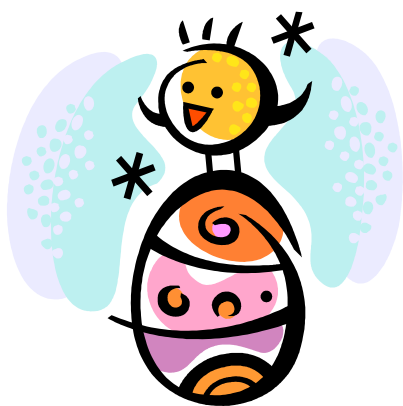
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Drama



The Gretna Green Drama Club will be participating in the District 16 Elementary Drama Festival on May 11th and 12th. We will be attending one of those days and we will announce which one soon. Students are reminded of the importance of attending all practices which take place every Monday and Wednesday after school. Backstage helpers are welcome starting Wednesday, April 7th.

Chess

Congratulations to all of our school participants who participated in the annual District 16 Chess Tournament. A special congratulations goes out to our District 16 finalists and Gretna Green students, Dylan Pauley in Grade 3 and Lauren Martin in Grade 5. They will be representing District 16 in the upcoming Chess provincials on April 10th in Moncton. We would also like to thank all those students who participated in Chess Club every Wednesday. It was a great experience for everyone involved!



Important Reminders



We want to remind parents, again, to **please stop for the red flashing lights on the school busses** when entering the school parking lot. Also, please do not drop your children off at the school before 7:50 a.m. No supervision is available until after this time. Your cooperation with these matters is greatly appreciated.

World Autism Awareness Day

Autism Resources Miramichi has asked for our assistance in increasing autism awareness in our school in conjunction with "World Autism Awareness Day." On Thursday, April 1st, we are showing our support by having a "Hat Day". Students can wear their hats all day at school if they donate \$1.00. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to Autism Resources Miramichi. They will be putting donations towards an after-school program.

Pink Shirt Day - Wednesday, April 14 - Stand Up To Bullies!



"We're all different, but I believe we all deserve respect. No one deserves to feel put down or threatened, physically or emotionally". Two students from Cambridge, Nova Scotia were bullied because they went to school wearing pink shirts. Two other students from the same school, seniors, heard about it. They bought pink shirts for all seniors to wear the next day. They were making a stand to the bullies. The media got hold of this and it was the beginning of Pink Shirt Day. On Wednesday, April 14th, wear your pink shirt.

Basketball



The Miramichi Hoops Association will be starting their Spring League the week of April 5-8. There are two nights for girls--Thursday night for Grades 2 & 3, and Wednesday night for Grades 4 & 5. The boys program will run on Tuesday nights for Grades 3, 4, and 5.

Floor Hockey



Floor Hockey will begin after the Easter Weekend. A schedule will be sent out once it is finalized. We would like to thank Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Wood for volunteering their time to coach after school.

Home & School Spell-A-Thon

The Gretna Green Home & School will be holding their Spell-A-Thon Fundraiser Kick Off on Monday, April 12th. More information will be sent home on this fundraiser soon.

Home & School / PSSC

The next Home & School meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The next PSSC meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15th at 7:00 pm in the library.

Easter Week Fun

The Student Council has planned fun events throughout the week leading up to Easter. There will be a "Guess the Jelly Beans" basket all week. Guesses are \$0.25 each and can be purchased at lunchtime.



On Thursday, April 1th, the Student Council will be hiding Easter eggs in each home room. Students will be treated to an Easter Egg Hunt right after lunch recess.

It will also be "Pastel Color Day". Students are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing Easter colors.

Enrichment Clusters

During the months of April and May, we would like to offer our students Enrichment activities on Friday afternoon. If we can get enough volunteers, we can have small groups of students. If you have a special talent, skill or interest you would like to share with a small group of students, please fill out the form below or contact the school with your information.

Enrichment Ideas: window painting, painting, dancing, cross stitch, jewelry making, reading, scrapbooking, drama, cooking, etc.

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_____ Yes, I am interested in volunteering time for the Enrichment Cluster at Gretna Green

My talent / skill / interest is:

Phone number: _____

Parent / Volunteer Name

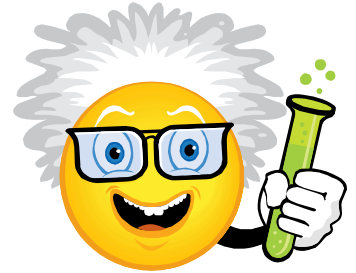
Book Club

Grade 3, 4 and 5 students have been reading books and will be participating in a book club on Thursday, April 1st.

Science Fair

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Comeau and Taylor Donovan who placed 2nd at the District 16 Elementary Science Fair at Gretna Green. As well congratulations to Taufah Ahmed who placed 3rd. Six projects were sent to the District Science Fair. They were:

- Kaitlyn Comeau & Taylor Donovan - Which Tissue Dissolves Better
- Jarrad Tulle - Can A Potato Power Electricity
- Brydie Trevors & Shaylin McFarlane - Mold Madness
- Saood Ahmed - Milk Color Explosion
- Kamryn Morehouse - Which Toothbrush Is Better
- Taufah Ahmed - Which Detergent Works Better



Lost & Found

There are MANY items of clothing in our Lost and Found at School. Everything from the Lost & Found will be put out on our cafeteria tables during Parent/Teacher Interviews. Please check to see if your child has left clothing behind.

Grade 5 Bottle Recycling



Just a reminder to take your recyclable bottles to Hebert's Bottle Exchange in Chatham. The Grade 5 class has an account set up with Hebert's that will allow friends and family to donate their money from their recyclables to help the Grades 5s with their end of the year trip to Moncton. Thank you for help!

Shining Stars



The following students were sent to the office on Positive Referrals during the month on March:

- ☺ Octavia Tucker (2S) and Brooke Somers (2S) were sent to the office to read to Mrs. Simmons!
- ☺ Christopher Cooke (5C) was sent to the office for being thoughtful!
- ☺ Taufah Ahmed (5G) was sent to the office for being an all-around great student!

Important Dates to Remember



Fri., April 2 - No School - Good Friday

Mon., April 5 - No School - Easter Monday

Tues., April 6 - Report Cards go home

Thurs., April 8 - Evening Parent Teacher Interviews

Fri, April 9 - No School - Morning Parent/Teacher Interviews/Afternoon meeting for Teachers

Remember to check out our website for updates, notices, class pages, calendars, newsletters and daily announcements!

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Parent Teacher Interviews - April 8th & 9th

List all of your children attending Gretna Green

Child's first & last name	Grade	Homeroom Teacher	Telephone Number

Check one of the boxes below:

I would prefer to come for an evening conference on Thursday, April 8 (4-7 pm)

I would prefer to come for a morning conference on Friday, April 9th (9-11:30 am)

Parent (s) Name: _____