

Gretna Green Elementary

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Newsletter 2013

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Welcome Back & Thank You!

Welcome back! We wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to fun days ahead. We would also like to thank everyone who sent in goodies, presents and best wishes for the season to our staff. Your generosity is appreciated.

Technology



We would like to remind all students to please not bring any ipods, ipads, tablets or other technology devices to school. They run the risk of losing them or having them damaged while at school. Thank you for understanding.

Crazy Sock Hop Day

On Friday, January 18th, students will be dancing in the gym during their recess for Crazy Sock Hop Day!

Craft Sale Fundraiser

We would like to congratulate Laurie Anne McEachern, mother of Alex McEachern in Grade 5S, on winning the 6 drawer chest, mirror and assorted crafts that were raffled off at the Christmas Concert. We would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets, donated crafts and supplied food to this worthwhile project.

Outdoor Rink

Gretna Green dads John Fitzpatrick, Darren Row, Bruce Tripp and Jacob Martin spent the past few days putting the final touches on this year's outdoor rink. The ice surface looks great! Now we need to wait for some colder weather before we can finally test the ice with some skating. The forecast doesn't look promising so we would ask that all skaters wait until the ice is completely frozen on the rink before skating. Thanks again to all the dads, grandfathers and neighbors of Gretna Green who made our rink a possibility once again this year!

EYE-DA

Pre-Kindergarten EYE-DA testing (Early Years Evaluations - Direct Assessment) will take place on Tuesday, January 22 for children entering Kindergarten at Gretna Green in September 2013.

Storm Line Phone Number

This is a reminder that Anglophone North School District has a "Snow Line" you can call if you are wondering about school cancellations during inclement weather; call 778-SNOW (7669).



Important Reminders

We want to remind parents to please stop for the red flashing lights on the school busses when entering the school parking before and after school. Also, please do not drop your children off at the school before 7:50 a.m. for Gr. 3-5 and 8:45 a.m. for Gr. K-2. No supervision is available until after these times. Your cooperation with these matters is greatly appreciated.

Grade 5 Bottle Recycling



This is just a friendly reminder to take your recyclable bottles to Hebert's Bottle Exchange in Chatham. The Grade 5 students have an account set up with Hebert's that will allow friends and family to donate their money from their recyclables to help the Grade 5 students with the end of the year trip to Moncton.

Scholastic Book Fair

Mark your calendars!!! The date has been set—March 25-28— for our annual Spring Scholastic Book Fair. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.



Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)