

# Gretna Green Elementary



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*"A Great Place to Learn"*

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Dear Parents:

## Drama

District 16 is hosting a Drama Festival this year. It is on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at one of the local high schools. Mrs. Frost, Mrs. DeMerchant and our students are busy getting ready for this festival. They will perform *Robin Hood & the King's Bling*. We wish them well!

## Morning Drop Off

We ask again that parents do not drop their children off before 7:50 a.m. for grades 3-5 and 8:45 a.m. for grades K-2. There is no supervision for students at this time. When the buses unload at 7:50 a.m. it is O.K. to bring students in. This is for your child's safety as several times we have had students upstairs alone prior to 7:50 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

## Youth House Walk

On Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be participating in the Youth House Walk to help raise money for the Miramichi Youth House. Students and staff will be walking during their recess. Grades 3-5 will walk from 10:30-10:45 a.m. and grades K-2 will walk from 9:45-10:00 a.m. If you would like contribute, please send a Loonie to school with your child. Thank you for your support for this worthy cause.



## Floor Hockey

The grade 4/5 floor hockey season is well underway. Our team is having a great season under the capable coaching of Mr. Wood and Mr. Ryan. We wish to thank them for volunteering their time. Our team advanced to the finals. They will play St. Andrew's Elementary on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrew's. Good Luck!!



## ATCON Turnaround Achievement Award

This year's ATCON Turnaround Achievement Award winner for Gretna Green is **Brandon Breau**. We are all thrilled for Brandon and wish to congratulate him on behalf of the students and staff. The award ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Rodd.

## School Oratory

Our school oratory contest was held on Tuesday, April 28 in the school cafeteria. The 12 students in the finals were:

Grade 3F – Kaitlyn Comeau, David Wilson and Jennifer Morrison

Grade 4B – Drew Backmore, Lexy Peterson and Taufah Ahmed

Grade 4G – Christopher Cooke, Zachary Newman and Bailey Black

Grade 5G – Jayden Jones, Sam Boulay and Jillian Harris

Chosen finalists were:

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Sam Bouley

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Lexy Peterson

1<sup>st</sup> place – Jayden Jones

***Congratulations to all students involved!***

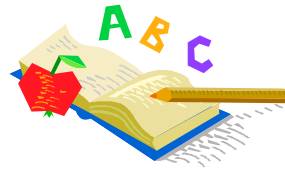


## Staffing

Welcome to our new Secretary, Mrs. Kara Clark. She come to us from Ian Baillie Primary and has been highly recommended. We are very pleased to have her with us. As well, we have a new custodian, Mr. Sandy McKinnon. He comes from MVHS and we are pleased to have him with us too.

## Home & School Spell-A-Thon

The Home & School has organized a Spell-A-Thon fundraiser. This fundraiser has been very successful in many other schools. There are great prizes for the children and it also gives them a real reason to study their high frequency words.



## Home & School Meeting

This month's Home & School meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## PSSC

Please note that the PSSC meeting has been changed to Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> not the 14<sup>th</sup> as previously scheduled. It will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

## School Website Changes

Our school website is taking on a new look thanks to Mr. Graham Bateman and Mr. Craig Duplessie. It will now be easier for all teachers to upload content. As well, it will feature our Live Announcements for the day. The web address has not changed.

It is still gretnagreen@nbed.nb.ca

## Provincial Exams

Our provincial exams are coming up in May and June. Please make every effort to have your children at school during this time. Please notify the school if your child is sick or unable to attend school during the exam period.

Grade 2 Literacy Provincial Exam – starts Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and ends Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Grade 4 Literacy Provincial Exam – starts Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs until Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Grade 5 Math Provincial Exam – starts Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs until Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

This year, grade 4 students will be writing a District Math Exam. The dates for this are Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Miramichi Baseball Association



FINAL registration will be held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Lindon Recreation Center from 10:00-12:00 noon. Registration costs are as follows: T-Ball \$35.00, Rookie & Mosquito \$50.00 (Kid Sport Funding is available. For further information, please contact Michael Dunnett at 778-8624.

Shining Stars



This month's Shining Stars are Jordyn Sonier of 4G, Madison Matchett, Emilie Savoie, Brody Browne and Matthew Surette of 4B. They were all sent to the office on a Positive Referral for the great work they did with their speeches.

School Closed



A reminder that there is **no** school on:  
Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Implementation Day  
Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – NBTA Subject Council  
Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Victoria Day