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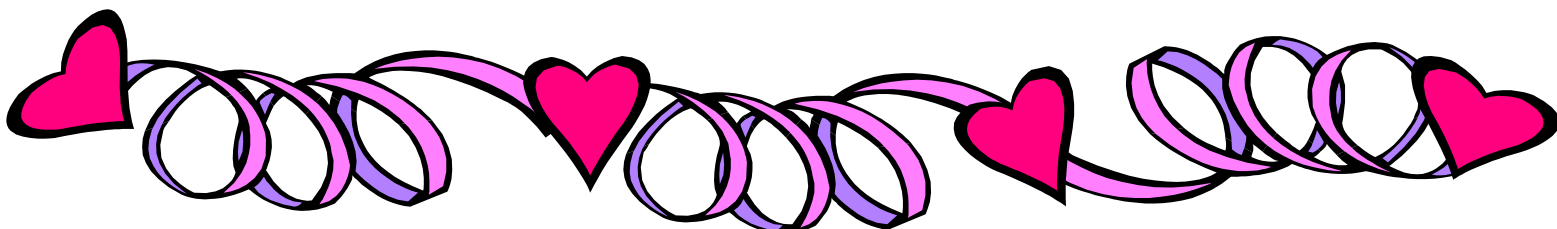


Remarkable Donation

The entire learning community of Gretna Green is extremely pleased to announce a wonderful new partnership between our school and Tim Horton's. This partnership will provide a unique learning opportunity for our students and engage our school teachers. Our plan is to refurbish our existing Story Land Park so that it is a multipurpose space that will be used during all seasons for all subject areas. We plan to redo the trail system, plant native trees and plants, and create a biking trail. The learning opportunities that will be created with this funding are endless!

We will be purchasing snow shoes, cross-country skis, mountain bikes, archery equipment, and we plan to build an outdoor rink. This funding will surely unify our learning community of parents, students and teachers into a community based goal of improving the overall quality of learning of our students at Gretna Green. We are looking forward to the involvement from all of you during the planning, construction and maintenance of this green space.

Tim Horton's has graciously donated \$15,000.00 for this year and \$10,000.00 per year for the next four years. That is a grand total of \$55,000.00! Again, the entire learning community of Gretna Green would like to thank Julie, Wade and the Humphrey family for their generosity. Such acts of kindness will definitely nurture an aura of positive energy that will be nurtured by our students for many years to come. The Humphrey family have made this possible and for this we thank you!



Basketball

Our children have had lots of fun and the gym has been busy since mid- November. A special thank you to parents for allowing their children to play. We have been very fortunate to have dedicated people who are willing to volunteer their time after school. Thank you to Mr. Ryan, Miss. Matheson, Mrs. Gardiner, Kim Mah, Mrs. Moody and Miss Hitchman for coaching our teams.

Grade 4/5 boys will finish playing after an away game against Croft on Monday, February 7th and the 4/5 girls finish after an away game against Croft on Tuesday, February 8th.

Grade 2/3 girls' basketball will finish on February 9th and the 2/3 boys' will finish on February 10th.

Home & School P.J. Literacy Night

The P.J. Literacy Night that was scheduled for the end of January has been rescheduled due to a snow storm and will now be held on Thursday, February 3 at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Field Trips

On Friday, February 4th, our grade 3 students will be traveling to the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club from 8:50-11:30 am. Mrs. Arbeau's Kindergarten class will take its annual trip to the hospital on Wednesday, February 4th. Mrs. Girouard's Kindergarten class will be taking their trip to the hospital on Wednesday, February 9th. We hope everyone has a great time during their field trips.

Home & School



There will be a Home and School meeting on Wednesday, February 2nd at 6:00 in the library. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

PSSC



There will be a PSSC meeting in the library on Tuesday, February 1st at 6:00 pm in the library.

Interim Reports



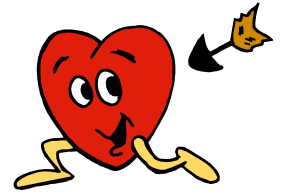
A short interim report will be sent home on Friday, February 11th. The intention is to give you a brief update on your child's progress. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher between 2:30-3:30 p.m. Our second term report cards will be sent home at the end of March and Parent/Teacher interviews will be held during the evening of March 31st and the morning of April 1st. More information will be sent home in March's newsletter

Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week

We will celebrate Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week during the week of February 14-18th. See Home and School Newsletter for more information on how you can help with this week.

Valentine's Day

On Monday, February 14th, students and staff are asked to wear pink, red and/or white to celebrate Valentine's Day.



Mad Science



The new session of Mad Science is starting on Wednesday, February 2th from 2:30-3:30 pm. Parents are responsible for picking their children up at this time. If a storm day falls on any Wednesday when Mad Science is scheduled, an extra week will be added at the end of the program. Please call the school if you have any questions.

Student Appreciation Week

We will celebrate Student Appreciation Week during the week of February 28th-March 4th. We will have our annual Survivor Challenge, students v. staff. We will also have theme days for all students. The Student Council has decided on the following:



- ♥ The week is HOMEWORK FREE - ALL WEEK!!!!
- ♥ Monday is Extra Long Recess Day - 10 minutes extra for both recesses!
- ♥ Tuesday is P.J. Day. Wear your comfy pajamas to school.
- ♥ Wednesday is Twin/Triplet/Quadruplet Day - pick a friend or two and dress alike.
- ♥ Thursday is School Spirit Day - wear your green and gold.
- ♥ Friday - Old Fashioned Winter Carnival - more information to follow in March's newsletter.

March Break

Our March Break will be held from March 7-11. Enjoy the break!

100th Day

If there are no further storm days, the 100th day of school will be Thursday, February 24th. There will be celebrations taking place in the K-2 classes.

Shining Stars



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

- Shaylin McFarlane (4H) - was sent to the office by her teacher on because she has been so helpful in the classroom, works hard and uses her time wisely. She is also considerate and kind to others.
- Paige Trevors (4H) - was sent to the office to present a project she did on the dangers of drinking and driving.
- Samantha Savoie (2M) - was sent to the office to read to Mr. Buggie.

Excellent Work Girls!!!

School Hours

Please find below Gretna Green's K-2 and 3-5 school hours. You will notice that drop off times are different for the grade levels. No supervision is available for students that arrive before these times. Your cooperation with these matters is greatly appreciated.

<i>Grades K-2</i>				<i>Grades 3-5</i>					
9:00	-	10:30	-	Instruction	8:10	-	9:45	-	Instruction
10:30	-	10:45	-	Recess	9:45	-	10:00	-	Recess
10:45	-	12:15	-	Instruction	10:00	-	11:40	-	Instruction
12:15	-	1:00	-	Lunch	11:40	-	12:25	-	Lunch
1:00	-	2:20	-	Instruction	12:25	-	2:25	-	Instruction

*Grade 3-5 students should not be dropped off at school before 7:50 am.
There is no teacher on duty until this time.

*K-2 students should not be dropped off before 8:45 am.
The primary teachers have meetings and teach upper elementary students from 8:10 to 8:45 am.