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*****Starry Starry Night of Celebration*****

In partnership with our Home & School, the entire learning community of Gretna Green would like to invite all parents, students, teachers and Gretna Green Alumni to a night of celebration on May 27th. The evening celebration will begin with a Bar-B-Q from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at Gretna Green. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will all be available for one dollar each in support of our Home & School. This will be followed by a formal address by Mr. Buggie and Mr. Comeau to help celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Gretna Green Elementary and our progress on our Outdoor Classroom Project. A movie will then be held in the school gymnasium from 7:00-8:30 pm for all those in attendance. The evening will then culminate by an evening session of star gazing led by the Star Troopers of Miramichi Rural and Mr. Adam Hayward. During this session all community members will be given the opportunity take part in an evening of star gazing with state of the art telescopes provided by our Star Trooper group from Miramichi Rural. Please visit our school homepage and respond to the online poll if you plan on attending.

We have a lot to celebrate at Gretna Green. We hope to share with you how much we appreciate how your support has impacted the overall student learning environment of our students. Please stay tuned to our website for further updates and the opportunity to RSVP your attendance to this highly anticipated evening on our online poll. Check out the following link for some more information on the Star Troopers program, <http://miramichirural.nbed.nb.ca/other/video/star-troopers-presentation>

Detach and return to the school. ☺

Please fill out the number of people who will be attending in your family so we can be prepared for the BBQ! We look forward to seeing everyone!

Family Name: _____ # of people attending _____

Please state quantity: _____ Hamburger _____ Hot Dog _____ Drinks



Provincial & District Assessments

Our provincial assessments 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 assessment period. Here are the dates:

Grade 2 Provincial Literacy Assessment - May 26-June 2

Grade 3 Provincial Math Assessment - May 26-June 2

Grade 4 District Science Assessment - May 16-May 20

Grade 4 Provincial Literacy Assessment - May 26 - June 2

Grade 4 District Math Assessment - June 6 - June 10

Grade 5 Provincial Math Assessment - May 26 - June 2



Bullying-It Hurts Presentation at JMH

On Monday, May 9th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the James M. Hill Theatre, parents are invited to listen to Reverend Dale Lang. Rev. Lang's 17 year old son, Jason, was shot to death at WR Myers High School in Taber, Alberta by an angry, bullied 14 year old boy on April 28, 1999. Everyone is invited to hear his story about the profound effects of bullying and having compassion and empathy in the face of tragedy.

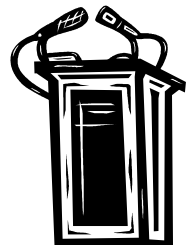
Rotary Club Turnaround Achievement Award.



This year's Rotary Club Turnaround Achievement Awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Rodd. Gretna Green's recipient will be announced within the coming days.

Lions Club Speak Out/School Oratory

The Lions Club Speak Out Oratory Contest will take place on Wednesday, May 4th starting at 8:30 a.m. Sixteen students will advance to the finals—three from each class in grades 3-4 and 4 from grade 5. Good luck to all participants. Check our websites for updates!



Kin Film Festival



The Miramichi Kinsmen and School District 16 are pleased to accept film entries for the first annual Kin Film Festival. All School District 16 students are invited to participate. Films can be submitted in one of two categories: Open and The Kinsmen Category. The top 10 films in each category will be screened on May 7th, 2011 at Miramichi Empire Studio 5. Cash prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$100 will be awarded for the winners in each category.

Relay For Life - Hunting for a Cure

The Gretna Green Relay For Life "Hunting for a Cure" team is still working hard raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society. Last month, a ticket was sent home for a draw on a handcrafted Breast Cancer Awareness watch made by Gretna Green's very own Mrs. Arbeau. The draw will be held on Wednesday, May 4th. Please send your tickets back to school by then. We thank everyone for their support.

Lets Zumba - Tuesday, May 31st from 6:00-7:00 pm. in the Gym!

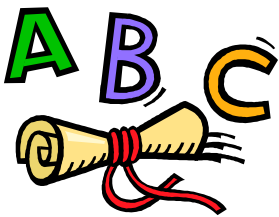
Come out and join us for a night of dance! We will be putting on a fundraiser to help support Gretna Green's Relay For Life team. Admission will be \$5 per person at the door. All proceeds will go towards Gretna Green's team goal! This will be a full hour of a fitness cardio dance workout! Come and find out what everyone is talking about! Move, dance, ZUMBA!

Drama

District 16 is hosting a Drama Festival again this year on Tuesday, May 17th at one of our local high schools. We will send more information home for parents as soon as we can. Ms. Sheasgreen and our drama students are busy getting ready for this festival.

They will be performing "E-I-E-I Ooops". We wish them well! There will be a school performance so watch our website for dates.

Home & School Spell-A-Thon



The Annual Home & School Spell-A-Thon was successful again this year. To date we have raised over \$6000.00. Paige Trevors (4H) won 1st prize for top fundraiser, Kevin Walsh (1Mu) won 2nd prize and Tyrel O'Hearn (4H) won 3rd prize. Miss Hitchman's class won the classroom prize—a KOBO E-Reader. Congratulations to all students for working so hard on your spelling words and making the Spell-A-Thon such a big success again this year.

Home & School Meeting

The Home & School will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, May 11th at 6:15 p.m. in the Media Room. **Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.**

PSSC

The PSSC will be having a meeting on Tuesday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 5th - NO SCHOOL - NBTA AGM & PD

Friday, May 6th - NO SCHOOL - Subject Council

Saturday, May 7th - Kin Film Festival

Sunday, May 8th - Mother's Day ☺

Wednesday, May 11th - Home & School Meeting 6:15 pm

Thursday, May 19th - Rotary Turnaround Achievement Awards at the Rodd 6:00 pm

Monday, May 23rd - NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day

Friday, May 27th - Starry Starry Night Celebration



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

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