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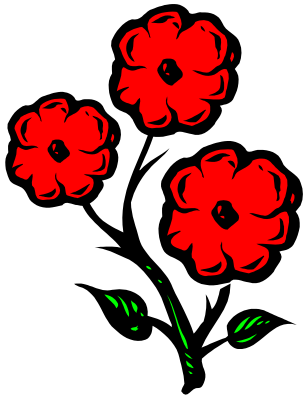
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# November Newsletter 2011

## WOW BUTTER

In recent weeks, the issue of a new product called "**Wow Butter**" has come to the attention of our school district. This product is promoted as a "peanut-free" alternative to peanut butter and is now available in local stores. We are concerned that it will send confusing messages to our young students and someone might inadvertently bring Peanut Butter to school thus putting students and staff with allergies at risk. We are also concerned how teachers would be able to monitor this as the product looks and smells just like Peanut Butter. Until we receive more direction from the Department of Education and the Department of Health, we ask that you **do not send any Wow Butter or any other food containing any sort of nut.** Your cooperation with this extremely important matter is greatly appreciated.

## Fall Fair

Thank you for attending our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Fair on October 1<sup>st</sup>. It was a huge success and lots of fun. We are looking forward to next year and hope to make it an even bigger event for our school community.

## Christmas Craft Sale & Holly Tea

We are pleased to announce that our Christmas Tea & Craft Sale will take place on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00-2:00 p.m. If you are a crafter or organization and are interested in a table, please call Mrs. Diane Arbeau at home at 773-5824 or Mrs. Clark at the school at 778-6099. More information on the sale will follow within the next few weeks.

## **Report Cards**

Report cards go home on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Our parent/teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and during the morning of Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00-12:00 p.m. A form will be sent home in the coming days for you to sign and return for an interview time.

## **Remembrance Day Program**

Our Remembrance Day Service will be held on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration for the 2012-2013 school year is still occurring at your community school. If you have not already done so, please register your child born in 2007 so you do not miss important meetings and updated for your child.

**\*\*\*There will be a Welcome to Kindergarten/Orientation meeting on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the school for parents and children starting Kindergarten in September 2012. \*\*\***

## **Christmas Concert**

Our Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon. More information will be posted on our website in the near future.

## **Breakfast Program**

We are accepting donations for our Breakfast Program in the form of money, bread, jam or Cheese Whiz. The program serves our students daily and is an important part of our school. Your support is always appreciated.

## **Grade 5 Class Trip Fundraising**

Each year our Grade 5 students raise funds throughout the school year in order to take an end of the year trip to the Moncton Zoo and Magic Mountain. As an on going fundraiser, the class has an account set up at Hebert's Bottle Recycling in Chatham and they will accept bottles from parents/friends/family members and credit the refund to the Grade 5 account. If you are interested in helping out the Grade 5 class, please visit Hebert's with your recyclables and tell them to credit the refund to Gretna Green's account. Thank you for your support.

## **Important Reminders**



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

## **Soccer Season**

The Gretna Green soccer team had a great season this year. They finished the season with 6 wins, 1 tie and no losses! The team also finished third in the Soccer Jamboree. We would like to thank Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Gallant and Mr. Cabel for coaching the students this year.

## **Cross Country**

This year we had a very successful season for both our boy and girl teams. There were 5 District races and our Gretna Green Dragons competed very well in each and every race with many of our runners finishing in the top ten each week. We look forward to next year and carrying on the tradition of producing competitive runners from Gretna Green. A very special thank you to Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Hosford for coaching our runners this year.

## **Basketball**

School basketball will be on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and run for 8 weeks. The Grade 2/3 program is an intramural school program. The Grade 4/5 program involves games in other schools in our district. We do not yet have coaches for the Grade 2/3 program; however, we know the students are eager to get started. We ask that parents pick their child up at 3:30 p.m. sharp. Thank you so much for adhering to this:

### **Schedule:**

Monday - 4/5 boys - Mrs. Gallant & Miss Hitchman

Tuesday - 2/3 boys - We need a coach - call if interested

Wednesday - 4/5 girls - Mrs. Gardiner & Ms. Matheson

Thursday - 2/3 girls - We need a coach - call if interested

**\*\*\*If you are interested in coaching the 2/3 boys or 2/3 girls basketball teams, please call Mrs. Simmons at the school at 778-6099\*\*\***

## **November Skating Schedule**

The skating schedule for November is as follows:

Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

Gr. 5 - 9:00-9:45

Gr. 4 - 10:00-10:45

Gr. 3 - 11:00-11:45

Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

Gr. K - 9:30-10:15

Gr. 1 - 10:15-11:00

Gr. 2 - 11:00-11:45

**Students must wear helmets while skating.**

## **Skates & Helmets**

If anyone has any extra skates or helmets that their children have outgrown and would like to donate to a school, please do not hesitate to bring them to Gretna Green. We have a number of children who would benefit from this gesture.

## **Home & School**

There will be a Home & School meeting on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **PSSC**

There will be a PSSC meeting on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

## **Portable**

You may notice the next time you are around the school, that we no longer have a portable classroom at the back end of the school. This was removed on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. This leaves us with a wonderful green space to work with..

## Important Dates to Remember

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> - **NO SCHOOL**, Minister's Exemption Day

Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> - School Remembrance Day Ceremony, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> - **NO SCHOOL**, Remembrance Day

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Home & School Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> - Report Cards

Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> - PSSC Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - Evening Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - **NO SCHOOL**, Morning Parent Teacher Interviews & Teacher Meetings

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Annual Christmas Craft Sale & Holly Tea.



### \*\*\*\*Shining Stars\*\*\*\*

The following students were sent to the office during the month of  
October on Positive Referrals

Desmond Marsland - KM

Kale Power - 5H

Kaitlyn Munroe - 5H

Megan Boudreau - 3G

Alexis Matchett - 5G

Colton Allison - KM

Amber Cook-Weatherbee - KM

Vadin Benoit - 2G

## Way To Go!!!

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

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