

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE A BEAR, BE A GRIZZLY!



News From The Den

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ADMINISTRATION'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! It has been an exciting start to the year! Ms. Richter and myself have been busy hiring new staff, scheduling and getting to know the fantastic Gravenhurst community, students, families and staff at Gravenhurst Public School!

The school looks great with a lot of work was done over the summer with several classrooms getting painted and the library getting some new carpet and renovations.

Please remember GPS is a peanut and nut free school. Please check labels to make sure lunches and snacks are free from peanut and nut products.

We welcome and value the incredible role of volunteers—they are so important to our school community. If you are a volunteer at Gravenhurst Public School, a current police check is required. Volunteers that have a police check on file need to come in to the office to sign an updated offence declaration.

GPS uses Twitter and will soon have a new Facebook account to send reminders and updates about special things happening at GPS. Just connect to: <http://twitter.com/>

PARENT COUNCIL

Our Parent Council will meet each month. Our first meeting is on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 in the library.

Meetings cover a range of topics and often provide parents with an insight into the

@GPS or like us on Facebook. We will also be using School Messenger to send out important messages and reminders to our families. Thank you for ensuring we have a current email and/or cell phone number.

This is our daily schedule, with supervision beginning at 8:20 a.m.

Entry: 8:45 a.m.
O Canada & Announcements: 8:55 a.m.
Nutrition Break 1: 10:30—11:10 a.m.
Nutrition Break 2: 1:10—1:50 p.m.
Dismissal: 3:10 p.m.

Thank you for ensuring students go directly to the yard upon arrival, no earlier than 8:20 with their backpacks. Backpacks stay with students until the entry bell.

Please don't hesitate to drop by the office and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Our future Newsletters will be emailed out and will be on Facebook. Please make sure we have your email address on file.

Paul Goldring & Jenn Richter

inner workings of the school.

We are always looking for new parents to attend these meetings.

Babysitting is provided.

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Dates to Remember:

Sept 11 6:00 pm

Parent Council meeting in the library

Sept 12 5:30-7pm

Meet the Staff & Book Fair

Sept. 21

Terry Fox Walk

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SAFE ARRIVAL



The **Safe Arrival Program** is designed for the safety of your children. This means that if your child does not show up at school and you have not contacted us to inform us they will be away, we will call home to ensure they are safe. Please call Safe Arrival and let us know if your child is going to be late or absent and for what reason. **The Safe Arrival number is 705-687-3361**



MORNING ARRIVAL & STUDENT PICKUP

Teacher supervision of the yard and bus arrival area begins at 8:20 am. Students are not to be on school property before 8:20 am. All students are expected to stay outside where there is supervision until the bell rings at 8:45 am.

If students are late for school they need to come to the office for a late slip before going to class.

If you are waiting for your child at the end of the day please wait outside the front doors.

Please note that classes are in session until 3:10 and your cooperation in leaving the hallways clear and "voice-free" is appreciated.

UPDATE STUDENT INFORMATION

Please be sure that your child's contact information and medical information are up to date. Call or stop in at the office anytime to review your child's file.

PIZZA SALES



Pizza will be sold on Wednesdays for \$2.00 a slice. Both Pepperoni and Cheese pizza will be available to order. Students are asked to place their order through their classroom teacher on a weekly basis. In the event that the student is absent pizza will not be held or refunded. We will not be accepting orders paid in advance at this time but may revisit this in the future once our online payment system - School Cash is available. Late orders will not be accepted.

MILK SALES



Chocolate milk and white milk are available for sale at 2nd nutrition breaks at a cost of \$1.00.

CHARACTER EDUCATION THEME FOR SEPTEMBER

Goal-setting

Goal-setting is knowing precisely what you want to achieve and where you have to concentrate your efforts.

BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING



GPS has a unique Breakfast program run by our students and staff of our PALS class. Each classroom receives a breakfast tray every morning full of fruits, vegetables and other healthy snacks for all students to enjoy. Studies have shown that students who eat a good breakfast are much more focused and ready for learning. Parent volunteers are welcome for this program, please consider donating your time.

VOLUNTEERING



We are always in need of volunteers at GPS. If you are interested please be sure to fill in and return the volunteer form your child will bring home this week. We are always looking for volunteers to do head lice check and help with the Breakfast program. Just remember that all volunteers need an authorized police check. If you have any questions, please call the school office.



SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT

Just a reminder that we are a scent free environment at GPS. We have several staff and students that are allergic to scents. Students, Parents and Staff are asked to refrain from wearing heavily scented products (perfumes, deodorants, shampoos, etc.) when in the school.

TRANSPORTATION



Information on eligibility for a bus, eligibility to attend a school and recent changes to transportation can be accessed at the following website: www.mybustoschool.ca

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STAFF 2018/2019

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| <i>JK/SK</i> | <i>Mrs. Ferrari & Mrs. McKeag</i> |
| | <i>Mrs. Golden & Mrs. Ashworth</i> |
| <i>SK/1</i> | <i>Ms. Smales</i> |
| <i>GR 1</i> | <i>Mrs. Atkin</i> |
| <i>GR 1/2</i> | <i>Mrs. Charbonneau</i> |
| <i>GR 2/3</i> | <i>Mrs. vanKooten</i> |
| <i>GR 3</i> | <i>Mrs. Orchard</i> |
| <i>GR 4</i> | <i>Mrs. Wright</i> |
| <i>GR 4/5</i> | <i>Mrs. Nevison</i> |
| <i>GR 5/6</i> | <i>Mrs. Billingsley</i> |
| <i>GR 6</i> | <i>Mr. Bouchard</i> |
| <i>GR 7</i> | <i>Mrs. Beamish</i> |
| <i>GR 8</i> | <i>Mrs. Metclafe</i> |
| <i>Pals</i> | <i>Mr. DeRose</i> |
| <i>BRI</i> | <i>Mrs. Crowther</i> |

French

Mr. Stora

Phys. Ed.

Ms. McLeod

Resource Staff

Ms. Smith

Educational Assistants

Mrs. Bartusevicius, Mrs. Bewick, Ms. Burnett, Mrs. Diemert, Ms. Emsley, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. McAulay, Mrs. Pallister, Ms. Ryan, Ms. Schofield, Mrs. Irons-McLaughlin

Librarian / Library Clerk

Ms. McLeod & Ms. Fantuz

Music

Mr. Williams

Head Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Ms. Tomkinson & Ms. Fantuz

Custodians

Mrs. Loshaw, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. LaValle

ANAPHYLAXIS



Parents should be aware that there are several children and staff in our school with a severe life-threatening food allergy called anaphylaxis (ana-fill-axis). This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods or other materials, and can result in death within minutes. Although peanuts and peanut products are the most common foods to cause anaphylaxis, shellfish, fish, eggs, sulphites, milk, cheese, sesame seeds, tree nuts, soy or any other foods can cause this dangerous condition. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students.

Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, please send foods to school with your child that are free from peanuts and products containing nuts.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has procedures for the prevention and management of anaphylactic reactions. If you are interested, contact the school office for further information. Additional information is also available through the Anaphylaxis Network of Canada, (416) 785-5666, www.anaphylaxis.org.

If your child has health problems of any kind, please inform your child's teacher or office staff immediately so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken.

MEET THE TEACHER

On September 12th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. parents and students are welcome to come out and meet the teachers and staff at Gravenhurst Public School! Enjoy a free burger and drinks while you mingle and get to know the other parents and children. Scholastic Book Fair will be set up in the library, this is a great fundraiser for our school. We look forward to seeing you all!

HUNTSVILLE HOYA X-COUNTRY RUN

On Sept. 27th Grade three to eight students will be taking part in the Hoya X-Country Run at Arrowhead Park in Huntsville. Information and Permission forms will be sent home in advance.

TERRY FOX

On Sept. 21th at 1:50 p.m. the Grade1—8 students will walk the town loop as usual and the JK/SK students will walk around the school! Supporting the Terry Fox Run has always been a tradition here at GPS and we have raised a substantial amount of money over the years. Sponsor forms will be sent home with the students in advance of the walk! We thank everyone for their continued support!

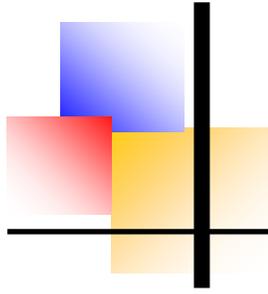
STUDENT PICKUP

We try to keep students focused on learning to the end of the day. We also work to teach students independence so they can unpack in the morning and pack up at the end of the day by themselves. When picking students up please wait in the front foyer until the bell rings at 3:10 before going down to your child's class to pick them up. Even better set a meeting spot for them to meet you outside at the end of the day.

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Character Education Theme GOAL-SETTING

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Picture Day October 19th



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