

GPS Grizzly Gazette-November Edition

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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe how fast time is flying! October seemed like a blur and yet so many great accomplishments happened during the month. We started off the month with Fire Safety visits, had several running events to participate in, a soccer tournament, picture day, a PA day, Thanksgiving and Halloween. We raised close to \$3500 for Terry Fox and had an incredible assembly with so many exciting challenge rewards. Gravenhurst Public truly is an incredible place to be.

November is here and the calendar continues to fill up with exciting opportunities for students, staff and families. Parent Council will be hosting a Family Math Night on November 13th and dinner will be provided. We hope that you come out and enjoy an evening of games and take-aways to support your child at home. Please make sure you check out the GPS calendar for more events this month.

As the snow starts to fall, please remind your child to dress appropriately for whatever the weather is and a reminder to check onto the TLDSB website for any cancellations with the messy weather.

One more exciting item will be that we are in the process of having our announcements upload to our Facebook page (please be patient with us) in hopes to keep you updated on anything going on at school that you might want to be aware of, so please

follow us on Facebook, Twitter and our website.

Dianna Petrie and Allison Ebbs



Important Dates to Remember

November 1	Photo Retakes
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 12	Parent Council 6:00pm
November 13	Family Math Games Night 5pm – 7pm
November 18	Sub and Pizza order forms go home
November 20	Progress Reports home
November 22	Sub and Pizza orders returned
November 23	Xmas Bazaar 9am – 3pm

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November 27	Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:30-8:30pm	Please ensure used item are laundered, and sizes are labelled.
November 28	PD Day – no school	
November 29	Board Holiday – no school	

Recess Reminders

GPS Students are reminded that recess is meant to be a fun, engaging time of the day where physical activity, peer interaction through play, and exploration are encouraged. Every student has a right to play in an environment that is safe and respectful. At any time, there are numerous adults on the playground and in the school to ensure the GPS environment stays safe and respectful. Students can also do their part by:

- Ensuring sticks and logs remain on the ground at all times
- Keeping snow on the ground! Throwing snowballs is not permitted at any time.
- Games such as Four-Square, Gaga Ball, Basketball, football and other related games such as tag are played observing rules that are fair and respected by each player.
- Swearing and strong language are not respectful and therefore, not used.
- All games and activities remain hands-free; pushing, hitting, tackling, grabbing, kicking, etc, are never permitted.
- When the bell goes, all students stop play immediately and head inside.
- Students respond to adults and peers using respectful behavior, tone, and words. Directions from adults are followed by student action.

Parent Council Updates

Parent Council has been busy! Fundraising continues with proceeds going towards playground equipment.

On November 13, from 5 – 7pm, come and join Parent Council for a fun Math night! Come and learn new math games to play at home to help boost your child's confidence and skills with math. A great family evening out with a free goodie bag to take home with you!

Next Parent Council meeting: November 12, 6pm, Library.

All Parents are welcome! (babysitting is available!)

Coat Drive

Colder weather is upon us! To ensure that all GPS students have warm, winter, outdoor clothing, GPS is asking for new or gently used coats, snowpants, hats, mitts, and boots. We will be accepting items throughout the month for trade or pick up during Parent Council's Family Math Games Night on November 13th, and during the Christmas Bazaar on November 23rd.

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Following these expectations ensures that everyone can enjoy their time outside, and conflicts are kept to a minimum.

Always remember: There are adults on duty to assist at any time! Look for the Yellow and Orange vests!



Student Shout-outs!!

Congratulations to Jaiden Wilkinson for being the proud recipient of a brand new bike! Huge thanks to Manager, Dan Lensen from Food Basics in Bracebridge for donating the bike!

Congratulations to Cameron Dunk for being the soccer challenge winner!

October's running challenge winner will be announced soon! Basketball is November's challenge. Stay tuned for more information.

Parent/Visitor Reminders

It is important that all adults entering the school report to the office. Parents are not permitted to wander or wait in the upstairs or downstairs hallways or stairwells. We ask that if a student(s) is being dropped off and/or picked up at the end of the day, that adults wait outside of the main school entry doors, unless a student is being signed out from the office.

If an adult or visitor requires the use of a washroom, please use the one in the office. Student washrooms are off limits to all adults and visitors.

Snow Day Reminders

TLDSB generally has many snow days through the winter months meaning that many students stay home on these days.

Parents are reminded to **please call Safe Arrival** in the event of a snow day and your child is not attending. It alleviates the demand on the office to call home to see about your child's whereabouts.

Cell Phone Policy in effect

The Ministry of Education requires all school boards to update their Code of Conduct to specifically address restrictions around the use of personal mobile devices during instructional time. Please note that the TLDSB Code of Conduct now includes the following:

"The use of personal mobile devices during instructional time is not permitted *unless* under the following circumstances:

- for educational purposes, as directed by an educator;
- for health and medical purposes;
- to support special education needs"

Please ensure that all GPS students are aware of and respect the restrictions on the use of personal mobile devices during instructional time.



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Student Parliament Update

There are lots of exciting days approaching fast to ramp up our school spirit! Here is a quick update as to what is planned until the new year!

- November 22 Crazy Hair Day

December

- Food Drive to begin at the beginning of the month.
- Candygrams will be for sale (dates and what \$ is being raised for TBA)

Spirit Week

- Christmas hat day – Dec 16
- Christmas Sweater day – Dec 17
- Red and Green day - Dec 18
- Christmas Character day – Dec 19
- PJ day – Dec 20



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