

GPS Grizzly Gazette-January Edition

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Principal's Message

Happy new year to our GPS community! Please remember to check agendas daily, visit our school website and follow us on Twitter to stay on top of our Grizzly news.

It was great to see so many families in attendance at our Christmas concerts in December. Thank you for coming out to celebrate with us and for supporting our kids. The little kids and big kids, did an amazing job on stage! A huge thank you to all school staff for devoting extra time and energy to make our Christmas concerts a huge success.

We are having a true Muskoka winter! Please ensure that your child is dressed warm enough for recess. Frostbite can happen quickly with extreme temperatures. Remember that on snow days, busses are cancelled, and if your child is a "walker" and stays home, you must call our safe arrival number 687-3361. To keep up-to-date with bus cancellations, please follow: the Board website, www.tldsb.ca or www.mybustoschool.ca, and twitter @gravenhurstPS

Please remember that pizza and subs are not delivered on snow days. It will be delivered the next regular school day. If your child attends school on these no bus days, please ensure they have a full lunch. Thanks for this.

Take care,

, Proud Principal of GPS



Important Dates to Remember

January 6 – Return to school

January 14 – Parent Council, 6pm

January 14 – Grade 8 High School Information night – GHS, 6:30pm

January 17 – Assembly

January 20 – Graduation photo day for Grade 8s and Sr. Kindergarten

January 30 - Assembly

January 31 PA Day – no school



Parent Council Updates

Parent Council is gearing up for our next fundraiser – Kernals Popcorn. Information will be coming home shortly with sales to begin near to the end of January. Stay tuned!!



Parent Council would like to thank everyone for their support with the bake sales that happened in December. Many thanks to the volunteers

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with helped out at the school and to those who donated baked items.

As always, Parent Council is always looking for more volunteers.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 14th, at 6pm, in the GPS library.

Come and see what we have been up to and get involved in the school! Babysitting is available!

Kindergarten Registration

For September, 2020:

We are excited to welcome new students and families to Gravenhurst PS. Kindergarten registration will take place during January and February.

- Junior Kindergarten students must be 4 yrs of age by December 31st, 2020
- Senior Kindergarten students must be 5 yrs of age by December 31st, 2020

Please note** Senior Kindergarten registrations are only for children not currently enrolled in the Junior Kindergarten program.

Registrations can be completed online or at the school. However, when using an online format, supporting documentation must still be brought in to the school for confirmation.

To register your child, please bring the following with you:

1. Proof of age for your child – Birth certificate, passport
2. Road name and 911 address with a corresponding utility bill
3. Ontario Health Card number
4. Child's immunization record and the name and number of your family doctor.

Bus transportation will be provided for students living 1.6km or further from Gravenhurst PS.

Grade 8 High School Information Night

Gravenhurst High School is hosting all Gravenhurst area Grade 8 students and parents/guardians on **Tuesday, January 14th** at **6:30pm**. Come and check out academic pathways and programs and tour the school!



Family Literacy Games Night

Parent Council's math Games Night was a huge success. So many families came out for a great evening. Now, Parent Council is hosting a Family Literacy Games Night on **January 15th**, from **5pm – 7pm**. Come and build your word knowledge and Literacy skills with various games and activities.

Pizza and popcorn will be available.



Grad Photos for Grade 8 and Senior Kindergarten



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January 20th – Come prepared to have your Graduation picture taken. All Senior Kindergarten and Grade 8 students are eligible.



Amazing Grizzlies!

We would like to offer a big "Thank You!" to the following people:

- To Mrs. Wright and her class for organizing and running the Christmas Shop for GPS students. There were so many happy, excited faces, eager to share their gifts with family members.
- To all community members, families and staff who donated items for the Christmas Shop. Thank you for taking the time to find items and bring them in.
- To Mr. Stora, Mr. Williams, the GPS Tech Crew, GPS Staff, participating students and volunteers who helped to organize and create an amazing Christmas Concert! Our students were showcased well through your amazing organization and planning.
- We want to wish Mrs. Smales the best on her year off! Thank you for all of your efforts with your class this fall. They will miss you!
- Community Member, Clark McDaniel at Fabric-care, Gravehurst for your donation to our GPS Breakfast program.

Student Parliament Updates

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