



Grand Bay Primary School December 2023 Newsletter

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Upcoming Important Dates:

December	4	Report Cards go home
	7	Popcorn Day (order online Nov 29-Dec 5)
	7	Parent-Teacher – 3:30 – 6:00pm
	8	NO SCHOOL for students. ½ day Parent Teachers meetings 9:00-11:00am ½ day Staff Professional Learning – PM
	14	Movie Night, 6pm – more info to follow
	19	Christmas Concert 10:45am at the Grand Bay Baptist Church (all welcome) (donations for the book bank would be welcomed)
	20	STORM DATE for Christmas Concert
	21	Popcorn Day (order online Dec 13-19)
	22	Last Day for Christmas Break (11:30am dismissal)
January 3 – 10 2023	Hot Lunch can be purchased online for January 15 - Feb 2	
	8	FIRST day back to school

PARENT – TEACHER:

IN PERSON Parent-Teacher - Please use the link sent via TEAMS to register for an appointment:



Thursday, Dec 7th 3:30-6:00pm

Friday, Dec 8th 9:00-11:00am

Appointments are 10 minutes in duration.

If you wish to have a virtual appointment, please contact your child's teacher.



HOT LUNCH:

Hot Lunch can be purchased online during January 3rd – 10th for January 15 - Feb 2.

Reminder: When ordering a hot lunch, a milk and fruit are part of the complete lunch. If you order a lunch, please do not order milk separately on the same day.

HOT LUNCH will resume on January 15th. Please send your child a lunch our first week back to school in January.

FOOD BANK

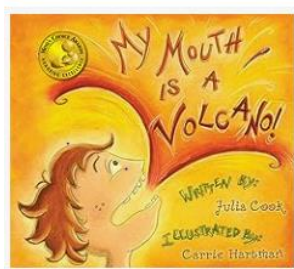
We would like to collect non-perishable food items for the Grand Bay-Westfield Food Bank for the month of December and will be delivering these to the food bank on TUESDAY Dec. 19th. If any student would like to bring in a non-perishable food item they can be placed under our Christmas tree in the main hallway up until TUESDAY, December 19th. Thank you in advance for any donations that will help our neighbours in need!

Christmas Bazaar:

We will be having a Christmas Bazaar on December 13th so that students can buy Christmas gifts for members of their household for \$2 (total). Once your child has chosen their gifts, they will wrap them in their own classroom. Please send a reusable bag with your child to carry their gifts home.

We need donations of new or gently used items you have around your home and gift bags or wrapping paper. Donations can be brought to Grand Bay Primary December 6, 7, 11 and 12th between the hours of 8am and 3pm.

This is a fun event that the children enjoy – to be able to pick out, buy and wrap presents for their family on their own 😊



GUIDANCE NEWS

This past month the students focused on how to manage their thoughts and words without interrupting. The book, *My Mouth is a Volcano* by Julia Cook, illustrated by Carrie Hartman was read aloud. Classes discussed strategies for self-control. When we have something to say we can hold on to our words – breath them out through our nose and when it is our turn again, we can take a deep breath and breath the words back into our mouth. December's focus is Youth Mental Health and wellness. - Mrs. Kelly, Guidance Teacher

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WE'VE HAD GUESTS:

Earth Rangers



In November, we welcomed Earth Rangers to GBP. *Through the power of live animal demonstrations and positive, science-based information, the Earth Rangers program educates students about the threats facing animals and the environment, highlights real conservation initiatives across Canada, and motivates them to want to get involved.* Our students were fortunate to experience an immersive HD multimedia experience including live animals demonstrating their amazing natural behaviours. The presentation included interactive components, including a trivia game that got students involved. Thank you to **New Brunswick Environmental Trust Fund** for sponsoring this event at Grand Bay Primary. www.earthrangers.com



Knowledge Keeper Greg Mansfield (Mi'kmaq)

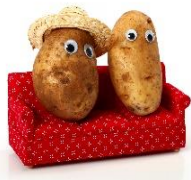
November at GBP also included a visit from Knowledge Keeper Greg Mansfield (Mi'kmaq). Greg happily shared his teachings about Wabanaki culture and drumming. Greg brought along some plants and medicines for students to see and he facilitated a smudging ceremony. He also brought along 34 mother drums for student use during the presentation. Wow! What a morning!!



GRAND BAY PRIMARY

“THE TWO BEST SEATS AT THE CONCERT”

Dear Parents & Guardians,



Grand Bay Primary is selling tickets for a draw for the two best seats at our Christmas Concert. The tickets will be for two front row seats reserved as “The Two Best Seats at The Concert” which is being held on Tuesday, December 19th, at 10:45 am at the Grand Bay Baptist Church. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The draw will be held on Friday, Dec. 15th.
GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISER!!



Treat-tastic times at Grand Bay Primary

Our countdown to the holidays is under way so let the good times roll!...

All afternoon snacks are free for students. Please call the school or send a note if there are any snack items your child cannot eat due to allergies. Thank you.

Friday, December 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Jersey Day-wear your favourite team shirt or your own club shirt➤ Afternoon snack: hot chocolate dip (Cool Whip/hot choc. powder) with pretzels
Thursday, December 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Ugly/Crazy Christmas Sweater Day or wear red and green➤ Afternoon snack: Meringue Christmas trees
Friday, December 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Crazy Hair/Hat Day (get creative)!➤ Afternoon snack: 2-bite brownie with whipped cream and sprinkles
Thursday, December 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Pajama Day for a toonie to support Hestia House. Please leave blankies at home.➤ Afternoon snack: hot chocolate with marshmallows and mini nut-free cookies



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

