



# Grand Bay Primary School

## February 2024 Newsletter

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### **SCHOOL MOTTO: Be Safe, Be Tidy, Be Kind**

#### **DATES:**

|                |       |  |
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| February       | 5-16  | Pizza Delight coupon fundraiser (Home & School)                                  |
|                | 9     | Popcorn Day  |
|                | 13    | Welcome to Kindergarten event – 2:30pm in gym                                    |
|                | 14    | Valentine's Day Celebrations   |
|                | 16    | 100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School ( <i>if no more snow days</i> )                  |
|                | 16    | Deadline for Grade 1FI online registration                                       |
|                | 19    | Family Day – NO SCHOOL   |
|                | 21    | PSSC meeting 5:00pm, GBP   |
|                | 21-28 | Order Hot Lunch for March  |
|                | 23    | Popcorn Day  |
|                | 25    | Family Skate @ TD Station – 3:45-4:45pm, doors open 3:15pm (Home & School event) |
|                | 26    | TNB Performance "Sidewalk Chalk"   |
|                | 28    | Home & School Meeting, 5:45pm @ Inglewood  |
|                | 28    | PINK SHIRT DAY – Wear PINK in support of the anti-bullying movement              |
| Feb 26 – Mar 1 |       | Winter Carnival ( <i>more info. to follow</i> )                                  |



#### **100<sup>th</sup> DAY**

As a lead up to Day 100 we will once again be having a cereal drive. We will attempt to collect 100 boxes of cereal to be donated to the River Valley Food Bank. GBP usually hits this target and we need our Eaglets to start bringing in boxes of cereal on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The drive will continue for 2 weeks. Good luck and thank you!

Students will also be participating in fun, multi-age activities to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. The students will be placed into groups and travel to 4 different classrooms to complete 4 different activities.

#### **HOT LUNCH:**

Hot lunch for March will be available to order online from Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **PLAYGROUND BUDDIES**

We are excited to start a new leadership opportunity for Grade 2 students. Six grade two students have been selected to be our new "Playground Buddies" for the next 3 weeks. Six new Playground Buddies will be selected and trained after the 3 weeks.

Each day, a team of 3 Playground Buddies will be out on the playground assisting their peers, during recess and lunch

The role of a Playground Buddy **IS**:

- a) to be a friend to a student who may be seen playing alone and unhappy.
- b) find an adult if needed
- c) help if a student is hurt or needs assistance (get an adult).
- d) answer questions that students may have.

The role of a Playground Buddy **IS NOT** to discipline other students.

Playground Buddies are also encouraged to play with their peers during their "shift" but be aware of who may need them at any given moment. GO EAGLETS!!



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**GUIDANCE:**

This past month the students began the MindUp Curriculum. It is brain focused strategies for learning and living. It deepens the understanding of mental processes to develop skills such as self-control, self-regulation, and social interactions. Students are getting to know three parts of their brain and their role. Students discussed the difference between mindful and unmindful behaviour. We need to think before we act (use our PFC) and recognize our decisions.

**Prefrontal Cortex (PFC)** – helps to make good decisions or the wise leader.

**Amygdala** – protects us like a security guard.

**Hippocampus** – is the saver of memories.

Denise Kelly, Guidance Teacher

**GRADE 1 FI REGISTRATION:**

To register for Grade 1 Early French Immersion, please complete the following registration form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/dPYsvpjGaf>

If you are unable to complete the form electronically, please call Andrea McCreedy at 643-7682.

This form will accept registrations from January 16th – February 16th.

**DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER:**

Please ensure your child is dressed for this chilly weather as they will be going outside to play on the nice days (hat, mittens & snow pants). Please label outdoor clothing (especially the snow pants). ☺ If you are in need of any warmer clothing please contact our school office (in confidence) at 738-6504.

**School closures due to inclement weather:**

- the local radio stations prior to 6:30 a.m.
- the District website ([www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca))

**STORM DAYS:**

***What learning activities can your child do at home on school cancellation days??***

-Make MOON SAND together and have fun! ½ c baby oil for every 2 c flour or 1/3 c coconut oil for every 2 c flour. Store in air tight container.

-Build a BLANKET FORT! Use lightweight sheets, duct tape and clamps, make it comfy and grab a snack!

-SCAVENGER HUNT-Kids will have a blast hunting for items!

-Make a TOY CAR GARAGE for your Hot Wheels (need a small box, paint, black Sharpie for details and your imagination)

-HOMEMADE BOOKS-Gather items for the bin that will entice your child to make their own books at home.

Item suggestions: small squares of paper, coloured paper, hole punch, ribbons for binding, small stapler/staples, stamp pad and fun stamp shapes, stickers, shape hole punches, coloured pencils, pencils/eraser, sharpener, ruler, markers, crayons, glue and lots of pics from magazines. Make it special and enjoy!

Have a safe & happy March Break!

March 4-8th