



Grand Bay Primary School

November 2023 Newsletter

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Upcoming Important Dates:

November:

- 1 Home & School Meeting – GBP @ 6pm
- 2 School Swag orders due
- 3 Class Remembrance Day banners will be displayed in the community
- 14 School Clubs start
- 10, 23 Popcorn Days
- 10 PALS in the Park trip, 1Roy
- 13 No School – Remembrance Day observance
- 24 No School for students – Professional Learning Day and report card preparation

Looking Ahead:

December 8 – NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher (AM), School Improvement Planning (PM)
December 19 – Christmas / Holiday Concert 10:45 am at the Grand Bay Baptist Church (snow day – 20th)
December 22 – Last day of classes (half day for students)

JANUARY 8th – Classes resume

Safe Arrival &Attendance	Picking Up Your Child Before Dismissal
<p>This is a reminder to please report your child’s absence either in advance or by 9am on the day they are absent by using the Safe Arrival Website: https://go.schoolmessenger.ca</p> <p>This option is available 24/ 7.</p> <p>Alternatively, you may call the school office at 738-6504.</p>	<p>If you need to pick your child up during school hours for an appointment, please indicate this in School Messenger before 9am, or email your child’s teacher the day prior.</p> <p>If this is a last-minute pickup, please call the school.</p>

Allergy and Anaphylaxis Training: In Partnership with the Sweet Caroline Foundation, ASD-S and the Medicine Shoppe, all Grand Bay Primary students have been trained in severe allergic reactions, and what we can do to help protect others who live with allergies. Students also learned what an EpiPen is and when and how to use one. *Blue to the sky, orange to the thigh!*

Dieleman Catalogue Fundraiser: Thank you to students and families for your participation in the DSL fundraiser. Together, we made a profit of over \$1600. from DSL. All profits will be used to fund student enrichment activities.

Winter weather is here! The cold weather is upon us! Please be sure your child has a warm coat, mittens and hat for school as we do go outside for play. If you could also send in an extra set of clothes to your child’s teacher to have on hand in case they do get wet and please put your child’s name on all clothing.

If you are in need of any of these winter clothing items, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Nickerson 😊 @ 738-6504.

CLUBS

Grand Bay Primary is thrilled to announce the start-up of CLUBS on Nov. 14th.

Clubs run every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for 4 weeks, from 12:15-12:35pm. Clubs will be facilitated by teachers and EAs. Students may only select 1 club per round, and they must commit to that club for the entire 4-weeks.

Due to limited enrollment in each club, students may have to wait until round 2 for the club they would like to try. After the 4 weeks, we will begin a new round of clubs with new students. Clubs are optional and not required. Clubs we are currently offering in Round 1 are:

- Building Club for Grade 1’s (Lego, Kinex etc.)
- Coding Club for Grade 2’s (Learning to code, Go robots)
- Puzzle Club for Kindergarten (large floor puzzles)
- Arts and Crafts clubs (grade level TBD)

We are confident that we will be able to offer clubs to additional grade levels as the year progresses as we know that ALL K-2’s would enjoy ALL clubs. A note will be sent home if your child will be participating in this round of clubs.

PSSC

Grand Bay Primary's PSSC (Parent School Support Committee) has their first meeting October 25th. We welcome and thank all those stepping forward as members. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Mrs. Nickerson. The PSSC reviews the School Improvement Plan and helps to set strategic direction for the school among several additional duties.

Member: Jill Layton

Member: Andrea Connolly

Member: Kendra Hobart

Chair: Jeff Watson

District Education Council Rep: Amanda Hamm



Mme Shannon Alves our French Language

Assistant from France

(purchasing her first Canadian poppy)

School Culture

This will be a new addition to our schools' monthly newsletter. Each month there will be a few reminders for you to review with your children. The first item at hand is our 3 Key School Rules:

1. Be Safe (What does it mean to be safe?)
2. Be Tidy (What does it mean to be tidy?)
3. Be Kind (What does it mean to be kind?)

Lest We Forget



The students and staff at Grand Bay Primary will be paying respect and remembering our military veterans and those Grand Bay residents continuing to serve in the Canadian Forces.

Each class will be creating a banner to place in some of our local businesses. We hope you are able to see a few of them over the next week. There are 7 altogether. Our classes will also be writing thank you notes to 20+ veterans and those currently serving who are from our very own community. Please ask your child about this initiative.

We are asking for families to send in the name of a family member, friend or neighbour who is currently serving or has served in the Canadian Military so we can honour them by adding their name to a coloured poppy to decorate our gym.

We will also have a small service for students (facilitated by some Grade 2 leaders) the week of November 11th. Poppies are available by donation in our school office. Lest We Forget.



IN FLANDERS FIELDS

John McCrae, 1872 – 1918

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead; short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields

LEST WE FORGET

