



GPS Grizzly Gazette-February Edition

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Principal's Message

I'm happy to share, that there will be no such thing as the "February Blahs" at GPS! This month is jam-packed with special events to help us enjoy this winter season. Please remember to check agendas daily, visit our school website and follow us on Twitter to stay on top of our Grizzly news.

Please join us this Wed. Feb. 18 for Family Games Night hosted by School Council and our Scholastic Book Fair. There will be games, pizza and books. Lots of fun to be had for all! This is a great opportunity to visit us and spend quality time with your children. Hope to see you there!

We have lots of clubs and activities happening this month. Please talk to your children about their interests, and encourage them to participate.

Did you know we can communicate important messages to you via text?! If you haven't already, please fill out the SchoolConnects form so we can improve our communication with you via phone, text and email. If you need a new form, please call or visit the main office.

I wish you all an early Valentine's wish for a February filled with time for family and friends.

Take care,

Tanya Fraser, Proud Principal of GPS



Important Dates to Remember

February 9	School Assembly 11:40am
February 11	Mrs. Crowther's class to Sainte Marie for overnight trip
February 16	Family Day – No School
February 17	Stand UP
February 18	Family Games Night & Book Fair
February 20	Report Cards sent home

Clubs

<u>Robotics</u>	Gr. 5-8: Every Thursday 3:10-4pm
<u>Puzzle Club</u>	All grades: Day 4, 1 st Nutrition Break
<u>Yoga Club</u>	All grades: We are excited about our 28 day yoga challenge. Sessions will be held everyday at 10:50 and are open to all students. Bring a mat, towel or just yourself!

Character Trait of the Month

HONESTY is when you are sincere and truthful in your words and actions.

Water Hydration Station

Thank you to Grade 2 student, Stephanie Veitch and friends for raising enough funds to purchase and install a water hydration station at our school. Students are encouraged to bring their reusable water bottles down to the foyer by the gym for a fill-up of fresh water. AMAZING!!!

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Winter Electives

Winter Physical Education Program: Grades 4-8

Winter "Electives" are set to start on February 18th, 25th, and March 4th. We have an inclement weather day of March 11th booked if we run into bus cancellations. Please mark these dates on your calendar and make a special note to remind your child(ren) to dress and pack properly for the day.

Our students will be enjoying curling, skateboard & scootering, dance, tae kwon do, swimming, skating, winter rec - snowshoeing, cross country skiing & survival, and alpine skiing/snowboarding!

If you are able to help out somewhere give us a call.

Special thanks to Curves and Great Moose Adventures for their support of our winter program.



Kinder Thank You

Thank you to our parent cooks for preparing our Kindergarten Holiday Feast before Christmas. A huge thank you as well to Sobey's and Terry's YIG for donating gift cards to help with purchase of the food.

Primary News

The Primary division would like to send a huge thank you to Canadian Tire's Jumpstart for providing a grant to purchase 30 pairs of small snowshoes so that our smallest students can get outside and get active this winter. AWESOME!!!

Junior News

On Monday, January 19th the grade 5/6 class and the grade 4/5 classes set out on an adventure to Sainte Marie Among the Hurons in Midland, ON. There they experienced a bit about life in Ontario's earliest European settlement. The classes were able to learn the history of the area and the connection to the Huron or Wendat Nation, travelling through some of the building that have been reconstructed to be just like those that existed in the 1600s! They also went snowshoeing, learning about what snowshoe shapes were best for what areas and types of snow and watched the Blacksmith at work. They also, played lacrosse, make clay okis, and listened to a storyteller share a legend with us. Do you know how the loon got his blood red eyes? They do!

On Wednesday, January 21st, the grade 4, 5, 6 classes had some special guests from Scientists in the Classroom, an organization that brings science to life. The grade 4s explored light and sound for an entire afternoon. The grade 5s explored Matter and the grade 6s tried their hand at a little circuitry in an afternoon filled with shocking discovery in Electricity! All of them were able to do hands-on experiments, making it a very exciting afternoon indeed.

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Inclement Weather Days

If the busses are cancelled, and your child is staying home, please remember to call safe arrival @ 687-3361

In case of unsafe road conditions, cancellations are reported on the Board website, www.tldsb.ca or www.mybustoschool.ca, and repeated on local radio stations.

Remember to follow us on Twitter for updates @GravenhurstPS

Volunteers Needed

School administration needs parent/community volunteers to help with head lice checks. Please call the school if you available to help us out.

We Won't Rest Food Drive

Please consider donating non-perishable food item for our local Food Bank. During the holidays there are many food drives that happen but often the Food Bank is forgotten about during the rest of the year. WE WON'T REST until will re-stock their shelves again. Please help us!

Students will receive a ballot for each item that they donate and there will be a draw for a prize at the end of the drive.

Battle of the Books

Way to go Junior & Intermediate readers! Our teams are busy reading and battles will begin later in this month. Good Luck Battlers!

News from the Gym

This month in the various gym classes, students will be working on various net/wall games. We remind students to not wear jewellery such as earrings, watches or necklaces to gym class.

Our volleyball team has started their season. Here is a list of our games.

Feb 3 -GPSs Vs. @ Monck

Feb10- @GPS vs. Macaulay

Feb 19-GPS vs. @ Macaulay

Feb 24-BPS vs. @Beechgrove

March 3- @ GPS vs. Glen Orchard

March 9th- Tournament (March 11th snowdate)

Intermediate News

Grade 8's enjoyed Jan. 29th at Gravenhurst High School learning about their amazing optional courses. This month we will learn more about high school courses, apprenticeships and what to expect in grade 9. Parents please talk to your kids about their pathway and help them transition successfully into their new adventure in grade 9!



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