

GPS Grizzly Gazette-October Edition

The Best School in Town!

TLDSB Character Trait of the Month

Compassion “Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud” *Maya Angelou*

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING GPS families! I hope everyone is enjoying our extended summer weather! At GPS, we have been very active with running club and soccer, and all students have settled nicely into our school routines. Thank you for coming out to our meet the staff BBQ. It was a super fun and warm evening! We look forward to more family events!

Our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk was a huge success this year! We did some great learning about Terry Fox and his mission to raise funds to fight Cancer. Our students embraced some personal goals and ran many laps in Terry’s honour. GPS is proud to announce we raised \$600 for the Terry Fox Foundation!!!

Volunteers are welcome at GPS. We are always in need of parents, grandparents and/or community partners to help us out with breakfast/lunch program, math and reading, and lice checks. Please call the office if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

Do you want to see French Immersion in Gravenhurst? TLDSB needs you to register your child before Nov. 30. More information to follow!

REMINDERS from the Office

- **Safe arrival - Please call 705-687-3361, if your child (ren) will be away from or late for school. This is a 24 hour number and your message ensures that all of our students are safe.**
- **Pizza – Cheese pizza is sold each Wednesday for \$2.00 a slice, it is ordered through the students’ teacher and delivered on Thursday.**
- **Update phone #s and addresses – Please keep us informed, if numbers or contacts have changed please notify us as soon as possible.**
- **Allergies/medical alerts – please advise the office if your child has any medical issues we should know about.**

Academic Theme of the Month

This school year we are excited to unite our school from K-8 by featuring an academic theme of the month. In September, we learned about Growth Mindset, and in October, we are focused on Reading. These academic themes are featured daily on announcements, weekly at assembly, and explored and discussed in our classrooms. Ask your child what it means to have a growth mindset or ask them to share their favorite reading strategy.

A Message from Our Library

Thank you to all the families that supported our recent Book Fair, we made \$842 in book profits for the library. Our school library is officially open and classes visit weekly. Please ensure that if your child brings a library book home that is cared for with pride and they return it in time for library each week. Students will be asked to replace any lost or damaged books throughout the year.

It is so exciting to see our library GROW with new books and the excitement in our students when they enjoy a book from our library.

Students and parents can also access over 2,500 FREE ebooks and audiobooks through our TLDSB Overdrive account - Check out: tldsb.ca/ereads

If you wish to visit your child's classroom/teacher, please call or go directly to the main office to make arrangements for a visit.

Upcoming Events



- Oct. 20 - Picture Day
- Oct. 30 – French Immersion Open House 6:30pm
- Oct. 17 – Progress Reports Home
- Nov. 14 – Family Math Night
- Nov. 16 – Parent Teacher Interviews
- Nov. 21 – School council meeting
- Nov. 30 – French Immersion Registrations Due

Halloween is coming! On October 31, please keep face paint, masks and weapons at home.

Primary End of Day Reminder: When picking up your child at the end of the day, **please wait outside.** To keep everyone safe at dismissal time, we only dismiss children when contact has been made with a parent/guardian. Please pick up your kinder child at their designated outside door.

And The Last Word Goes To? School Council!

School Council is pleased to support many special events and fundraising initiatives this school year.

October 18th & 19th - First Nations Workshop with Esther Osche for grades 5-8

October 27th - Ancient Civilizations Workshop for grades 4's & 5's

School Council will be meeting next on November 21st at 6:30pm. Child care is available and light refreshments are served. Please email gps-schoolcouncil@live.com to get on our mailing list to stay up to date with fundraisers, current events, meeting dates, meeting minutes and agenda, and to volunteer.

Did you know, if you dine at Boston Pizza in Gravenhurst 10% of sales goes back to our school? Next time you are at Boston Pizza just write GPS on your receipt and give to your server. This is an ongoing fundraiser and all proceeds raised goes towards our Instrumental Music program and our school library!

Thank you for supporting our Farm to Food fundraiser. MacMillan Foods coming up next!

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