



# GPS Grizzly Gazette-March Edition

**The Best School in Town!**

## Principal's Message

Wow, March Break has arrived! And, with it, the sunshine seems to have arrived! It has been lovely to see both staff and students getting outside and enjoying the warmer weather.

Our Vice-Principal Mrs. Morrison has temporarily been transferred to another school. In the interim, our very own Mrs. Hills will be joining me as my administrative partner in the main office. Mrs. Hills will help with all aspects of special education, as well as student discipline, attendance, and school organization.

Simultaneously, we welcome Mrs. LaHay to the Gr. 4/5 classroom. Mrs. LaHay is already very familiar with our students and is very happy to become a member of the Junior teaching team. Mrs. Hills will continue to be a support and mentor to her Gr. 4/5 students.

We have had so much fun these past few weeks. A few happenings at GPS include: Winter electives, battle of the books, March Mathness, skating, snowshoeing and trips to our town library. All of these events have been highlighted on Twitter so please follow us! Many of our classroom teachers have created Twitter accounts. Twitter provides you a beautiful window into your child's learning and allows you to feel a part of our wonderfully active and academic school community.

Please check us out:

Mrs. Orchard - @lascavalier

Mme. Dash - @Mme\_Dash

Mrs. Hills- @HillsErin

Mrs. Bonden - @DBonden

Mrs. Coutts - @Kait\_Coutts

Mrs. Gefucia - @GGefucia

Mr. Schofield- @derekschofield4

Mrs. Golden - @kindergps1

Mr. DeRose - @MrDsGrizzlies

Mrs. Ratcliffe - @ratcliffefour

Mrs. Bound - @BBound1978

Mrs. Sickenger - @suzanneSickenge

Mrs. Wright - @mrswrightgps

And as always on our School Account  
@GravenhurstPS

I wish you all a safe and happy March Break. There are lots of great, free events happening at the Gravenhurst YMCA and town library. Enjoy!

Take care,

Tanya Fraser, Proud Principal of GPS

## Important Dates to Remember

March 24	Gr. 7/8 OYAP
March 26	SK and Gr.8 Grad Photos
March 26	Macaulay Music Presentations
March 31	School Council 6-7pm
March 31	Final Junior Battle of the Books

## Rock On! We won \$10,000

It is with great excitement that we announce that GPS was selected as one of 69 schools across Canada to receive a \$10,000 grant for the purchase of musical instruments, courtesy of the MusiCounts BandAid Grant. This organization is run by CARAS (The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences) who also run the JUNOs. We have ordered our instruments, and they should be arriving in the coming weeks. This is a huge honour and a huge opportunity for our school to move forward in providing a quality music program to all of our students. The bulk of our instruments ordered are teacher and student friendly. Thank you Mr. De Rose for completing the application and winning \$10,000 for our school. YOU ROCK!!!

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Europe as a universally accepted way of describing one's ability in a language. The CEFR

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## Character Trait of the Month

FAIRNESS is solving problems so that everyone wins and that you don't prejudice.

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## Battle of the Books

March 31<sup>st</sup>: Final junior battle of the books at the Rene Casse theatre.

April 1<sup>st</sup>: Final battle of the books for intermediates-same location.  
Excellent effort by all readers!

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## Special Assemblies

On March 13, the gr. 7/8 students will attend a MADD assembly. Parents of intermediate students are encouraged to talk with your kids about the serious content and message of this assembly.

We welcome Macaulay ensemble on March 26 for a school performance and music workshops for select students.

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## French Corner: Bonjour!

We have made it out of the cold and (hopefully) on to warmer and more beautiful weather!

The CEFR

A big part of what is happening in French classrooms in Ontario today is influenced by the CEFR, or the Common European Framework of Reference. This framework was designed in

describes what a person can do in listening, speaking, reading

and writing, and provides levels that are recognized and accepted around the world. In

our class we see these as "je peux" statements (I can). For example, in our food and restaurant units in the fall, one goal was "je peux commander au restaurant" (I can order at a restaurant). For more information on the CEFR, as well as ways you can support your child's French language studies, log on to the Canadian Parents for French Ontario Branch website at [on.cpf.ca](http://on.cpf.ca).

## Follow French class on Twitter!

In order to help share what amazing things our students are up to in French class, I have set up a Twitter account to share the great things happening *en français* at G.P.S. Please follow me @Mme\_Dash. My goal is to eventually be tweeting at least one thing from each class every week!

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns about your child's French program.

Merci, Mme.Dash  
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