

## GRANDVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #5

January 29, 2010



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

### THANK-YOU TO A WONDERFUL SCHOOL COUNCIL

On behalf of the students and staff at Grandview, I would like to extend a special thank-you to our incredible School Council. I have been at this school for close to three years and am always very impressed with the professionalism and attention to detail of the persons who represent you. The decisions made by the council have always been in the best interest of all the children in our school. I would like to extend a special thank-you to Sharon Boyle, your School Council Chair. As Chair of the Council, Sharon can be seen in our school two to three days a week, volunteering her time to make this school a better place. This dedication is rare and we at Grandview are extremely grateful.

Peggy Brain

### DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

Just a little reminder, if you are dropping off students in the morning please make sure that they wait at the office until the buses begin unloading. Students should not be in their classrooms before the arrival of buses. Students arriving late should be signed-in at the office. We also would like to remind all visitors to the school, including parents picking up their children to report to the office so that we know who is in the school at all times.

Kindergarten registration took place at Grandview the week of January 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. To be eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten, students must be 4 years of age by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Students who are not currently in our JK program but who will be attending school as Senior Kindergarten students in September should register as well. Please contact the school at 277-2322 to set up an appointment.

You will be asked to bring with you to the registration:

- Proof of Age
- Ontario Health Card Number
- Child's Immunization Record
- Name of Family Doctor & Telephone Number
- Road Name and 911 Address
- Lot and Concession Number
- Tax Roll Number

### LIBRARY

Thought for today: Books Fall Open  
You Fall In



A reminder to Parents:

Our Parent's Library is located in a bookcase just outside of the library. We have books about everything from "A Guide to a Baby's First Year" to Barbara Coloroso's "The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander". These books are for you to check out. Please fill in the information that is requested in the booklet on top of the bookcase. We hope you find them helpful.



## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Cold, snowy outside time can be fun if the children are dressed properly for it. Daily wear should include a hat (30% of body heat is lost through an uncovered head), scarf, mittens or gloves, snow pants and appropriate footwear for walking in snowy fields. Extra dry mittens can always come in handy on these days.



## SNOW DAY CANCELLATIONS

The following radio stations for Snow Day Cancellations will be notified:

- ❑ **BOB FM - 91.9 FM**
- ❑ **CBC - 98.7 FM**
- ❑ **Country 105 - 105.1 FM**
- ❑ **EZ Rock - 105.9 FM**
- ❑ **The Wolf - 101.5 FM**

Every attempt will be made to have the decision made by 6:15 a.m.

In the event of school bus service cancellation, notification is posted and parents can access the Boards website for the information:

**[www.tlidsb.on.ca/index.cfm](http://www.tlidsb.on.ca/index.cfm)**.

1. If the buses are cancelled in the morning due to inclement weather, they will not do their run in the afternoon. If you bring a child to school on a day when buses are cancelled, you must make arrangements to have the child picked up at the end of the day. We ask that you be at the school on these days by 3:15 p.m.

2. If buses are cancelled, the Hot Lunch program will be cancelled on that day as well. Arrangements will be made to serve the hot lunch on another day.
4. Finally, it is very helpful if parents know and learn the number of the bus on which their children travel. Communication is easier if you can identify this number quickly.



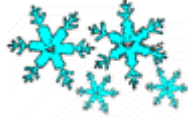
## SKATING

Skating at Manvers arena has been arranged during February/March. Each grade team has developed lesson plans and addressed how best to serve the beginner, intermediate and expert skater at the rink. The schedule is as follows:

- ❑ Grade 4's (1:00 – 2:00 pm)  
Monday, February 1, 8, 22 & March 1
- ❑ Grade 2's (1:00 – 2:00 pm)  
Tuesday, February 2, 9, 16 & 23
- ❑ JK/SK (1:00 – 2:00 pm)  
Wednesday, February 10, 17, 24 & Tuesday, March 2
- ❑ Grade 1's (1:00 – 2:00 pm)  
Thursday, February 4, 11, 18 & 25
- ❑ Grade 3's (1:00 – 2:00 pm)  
Friday, February 5, 12, 19 & 26

Parents with students in kindergarten are invited to join the alternate day classes at the arena during their skating time if you wish your child to participate for four weeks.

**Please remember that in order to volunteer with skating; you must have a completed criminal reference check on file at the school.**



## SNOWFEST 2010

What a great day! Our annual snowfest took place on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon. It involved all students from Grade One to Grade Four. Students were very happy and positive with comments about their experiences.

We extend our thanks to:

- Parents who helped in various ways, especially with the “Hot Chocolate”.
- Rolling Hills Staff for providing such a responsible group of assistants.
- Rolling Hills students for their display of thoughtfulness and encouragement towards our younger students and their all round leadership.
- Grandview Staff – on the scene and behind it. Special thanks to Mrs. Appleby, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Jones and Ms. Windsor who co-ordinated this fun-filled event.
- Mother Nature for co-operating.
- And of course the participants and anyone else we might have missed that helped make this day so successful.

Without everyone’s co-operation, flexibility and enthusiasm, we couldn’t have done it. Thanks to everyone!



## CHARACTER TRAITS

Our character trait for the month of February is fairness. As with all our designated character traits, teachers will be helping students learn about fairness in their daily lives. We would encourage you to take a few moments to discuss with your child what fairness means at home.

Grandview is proud to recognize the following students who made a definite difference in the day to day life at Grandview by consistently demonstrating “SELF CONTROL”, our January Character Trait.

- Travis A., Austin B., Josh C., Marissa C., Austin E., Ashton F., Hannah G., Garrett G., Brittany G., Miranda H., Curtis H., Dakota K., Adrienne K., Michael L., Christopher L., Maranda L., Seb M., Deborah M., Bruce P., Caylee P., Gillian P., Tyler R., Brynn S., Jade S., Victor W., Jordan W., Katie W.



## SEASONAL FLU CLINICS

As you know, the seasonal flu clinics that were planned for elementary schools in the fall were postponed in order to offer the H1N1 vaccine clinics. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is now prepared to offer the seasonal flu vaccine in all elementary schools beginning the week of January 11, 2010.

Grandview’s clinics were scheduled for Monday, January 18th for Kindergarten “A” group students only and on Friday, January 29th for Kindergarten “B” group students and students in grades 1-4.

Students brought home consent forms and fact sheets explaining the importance of getting the flu vaccine. In order to be vaccinated at the school-based clinics, students would have needed a consent form signed.

Seasonal flu vaccine does not protect against H1N1 influenza, and the H1N1 vaccine does not protect against seasonal influenza. You need both vaccines to protect you from both types of influenza.

For more information, contact your local Health Unit office, call toll-free at 1-866-888-4577, or visit [www.hkpr.on.ca](http://www.hkpr.on.ca).

## WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME



Here are some guidelines to help you decide when it is necessary to keep your child out of school.

1. If your child is diagnosed with, or you suspect the following:
  - Head lice
  - Worms
  - Unidentified skin rash
  - Contagious disease
2. If your child has a fever, nausea, diarrhea, or is vomiting.
3. If your child is coughing, sneezing, or has a runny nose. A cold is most contagious in the first 48 hours.

## WHY WASHING IS IMPORTANT DURING FLU SEASON

Handwashing, when done correctly, is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

Follow these four simple steps to keep hands clean:

- Wet your hands with warm running water.
- Add soap, and rub your hands together, making a soapy lather. Do this away from the running water for at least 15 seconds, and do not wash the lather away. Wash the front and back of your hands, as well as between your fingers and under your nails.
- Rinse your hands well under warm running water. Let the water run back into the sink, not down your elbows. Turn off the water with a paper towel and place it in the garbage.
- Wash your hands as described above at least 5 times a day.

There is more to handwashing than you think. By rubbing your hands vigorously with soapy water, you pull the dirt and the oily soils free from your skin. The soap lather suspends both the dirt and germs trapped inside then gets quickly washed away.

Here are some common mistakes to avoid when handwashing:

- DON'T use a single damp cloth to wash a group of children's hands.
- DON'T use a standing basin of water to rinse hands.
- DON'T use a common hand towel. Always use disposable towels in daycare or food preparation settings.
- DON'T use sponges or non-disposable cleaning cloths unless you launder them using detergent on a regular basis. Remember that germs thrive on moist surfaces.

Supervision is an essential element in forming good handwashing habits in children.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MAGAZINE FUNDRAISING!

Thank you for supporting our Magazine fund raising drive! If you would still like to order or have forgotten to order a magazine, it's still not too late; our on-line program runs until the end of June. Simply go to [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca), enter our school group **#9908** and our school will continue to receive the profits.

Magazines make great gifts and can be delivered anywhere in Canada.

Most of your magazines should be received by now. If you have not received a magazine or have any questions, please call 1-800-667-2536 and QSP customer service will be happy to assist you.

## PEDICULOSIS ALERT

This is the time of year to be extra vigilant with respect to head lice. Parents are asked to check at home on a regular basis and to report any cases of head lice to the school.

Parent volunteers meet at the school once a month to do head checks for the students. If you are interested in volunteering or want more information, contact Ms. Dart in the office.

The continued support and co-operation of our parents will ensure fewer incidents now and in the future. Thank you.



Making dinner is a great way to connect with your child. Have him or her plan and prepare the meal within a certain budget. Teachable moments are everywhere. Be There.

OR

Start the new year off by connecting with your child in meaningful ways during the everyday moments of life. Turn the ordinary into extraordinary.

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## PROPOSED 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Board is required to submit next year's school year calendar to the Ministry of Education very soon. Planning around the

calendar has begun, and administrators would like your input by **February 5<sup>th</sup>**. The Proposed School Year Calendar for 2010-2011 is posted on the TLDSB website [www.tldsb.on.ca](http://www.tldsb.on.ca). Please email your comments to [linda.evans@tldsb.on.ca](mailto:linda.evans@tldsb.on.ca). Thank you.

## VOLUNTARY, CONFIDENTIAL SELF-IDENTIFICATION FOR FIRST NATION, METIS AND INUIT STUDENTS



School boards across the province of Ontario are working on ways to support the achievement of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit students.

As part of these efforts, Trillium Lakelands, like other boards across the province, has developed a process called **Voluntary, Confidential Self-Identification for First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Students**. We encourage parents of students with Aboriginal heritage to consider participation in this process.

A brochure and form that provide detailed information about the process and how the information will be used and protected are both available on the Trillium Lakelands DSB website ([www.tldsb.on.ca](http://www.tldsb.on.ca)), or can also be requested at the school. Please contact the school if you would like more information.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### DANCE A THON

On Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, we will be hosting a Dance-a-Thon for Kindergarten A Day Students and all Grandview Students. The students in B Day Kindergarten will participate in our Dance-a-Thon on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We will have Rolling Hills Leadership students teach Grandview students popular wedding dances for 1 hour. This will take the place of our QDPA (Quality Daily Physical Activity) in keeping with our

commitment for a healthy school.

We will be teaching our students the songs and moves to the following: Chicken Dance, Macarena, YMCA, Locomotion/Bunny Hop, Hokey Pokey and Cha-Cha Slide. What a fun way for our children to learn to dance to these popular wedding songs!

Prior to our Dance a Thon, students secure pledges (money can be collected from interested donors from now until February 12<sup>th</sup>). Cheques should be made out to Grandview Public School. **All pledges are to be returned to the school on or before February 12<sup>th</sup>.**

All proceeds collected from this fundraiser will go towards the purchase of Document Cameras, Gym Sound Equipment and Playground Equipment.

### HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

We would like to congratulate Ginelle Salem, in Room 11 on winning an iPod in the Holiday Gift Shop draw. Ginelle's name was picked as one of the 10 iPods across Canada in a random draw from all schools who participated in the Holiday Gift Shop.

### COOKBOOKS

We still have copies of our personalized Grandview/Rolling Hills Cookbook 2005 edition left for sale. These cookbooks are a collection of family recipes that are "tried, tested and true".

If you would like to purchase cookbooks, please send a note with your child to the school office. Our promotion on these cookbooks is \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. They are a great addition to any gift basket!

### YEARBOOK

We are currently working on the Grade 4 yearbook. We would like to encourage all parents who do have pictures of the Grade 4 students to please send them in to the school office for consideration for the yearbook. We would appreciate any pictures that you have, but please be reminded that a digital picture would produce a better finished product. This would really help the Yearbook Committee when compiling the yearbook to ensure that all students are included.

### PRINTER CARTRIDGES

We continue to collect recyclable ink cartridges and cell phones at Grandview. These items can be sent to the school at anytime and as we collect throughout the year, we will package and send to Thinkgreen, a recycling company, who in turn will issue Grandview a cheque. This is an easy fundraiser that does not cost anyone a cent.

### EMAIL ADDRESS

We have an email address for Grandview's School Council. Please feel free to contact Sharon with any concerns or questions. We will be happy to help you in any way. Our email address is: **grandviewcouncil@yahoo.ca**. We look forward to hearing from you.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

The following a list of the upcoming council meetings for 2009-2010. These meetings are held in Room 3. All parents are welcome.

- **Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**
- Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**FEBRUARY / MARCH  
HOT LUNCH WINNERS**

- Wren B.
- Marissa C.
- Bailey H.
- Kathryn L.
- Carley P.
- Will R.
- Jasmine W.

***Congratulations!!***

**Chess Club**

Saturdays at 10 am  
February 6, 13, 20, 27

Bethany Library Hours:

*Monday, Wednesday & Friday*

*8:30 am – 4:30 pm*

*Tuesday & Thursday*

*8:30 am – 7:30 pm*

*Saturday*

*10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

For information or to register please call the  
Bethany Library at 277-2321.

Search the Library Catalogue at

[www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/library](http://www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/library).

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Corporation of The City  
Of Kawartha Lakes  
P.O. Box 9000  
LINDSAY, ONTARIO  
K9V 5R8

**City of Kawartha Lakes Public Library  
February Events**

**Bethany Library**

**Preschool Storytime**

Thursdays at 10:30 am  
February 4, 11, 18, 25  
Stories and crafts.

**Valentine Craft and Storytime**

Saturday, February 13 at 11 am

**Wise Guys Homework Club**

Tuesdays at 6 pm  
February 2, 9, 15, 23

**Wise Gals Homework Club**

Thursdays at 6 pm  
February 4, 11, 18, 25

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Lindsay Gymnastics Centre

Daytime Programs for your Kindergarten  
Student

Join a once-a-week daytime program that can  
alternate to fit your child's school schedule  
Come run, jump, swing, bounce, tumble and  
more in our 12,000 square feet of fun!

Class Times:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

For information, please call 705-878-4597

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Cartwright Minor Ball

is holding in-person registrations for  
T-Ball, Softball and Hardball on  
Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 12 pm  
and again on  
Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm - 3 pm  
at Blackstock Arena  
Save \$25 by registering before March 15<sup>th</sup>!!

For further information, please contact Janet  
Van Camp (905) 986-0097 (evenings).

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