



GRANDVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER #4

December 21, 2011

On behalf of all of us at Grandview, I wanted to take a moment to wish you a wonderful holiday. We have had a very busy and productive fall at Grandview and we're looking forward to an equally exciting start to the New Year.

Peggy Brain

THANK YOU

We have wonderful volunteers who give of their time in order to benefit all our students.

- ❑ Thank you to Sharon Boyle, our School Council Chair for her guidance.
- ❑ Thank you to Christina Salem who tirelessly phone to arrange for our many parent volunteers.
- ❑ Thank you to Angela Roberts and council members for organizing our Christmas basket raffles.
- ❑ Thank you to Nelly Thiele, and the many volunteers who make our hot lunch program possible.
- ❑ Thanks to the many others who take time from busy schedules to help with the shopping and preparation of nutritional snacks, counting money, pediculosis

checks, all star reading and working with our students.

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

On December 1st and 2nd students at Grandview could buy things for their family, like a ring for Mom, chocolate for Dad, a stuffy for brother or sister. There were some other neat things to buy too, like a picture frame, a crab shell, a mood ring, a pen for Dad and a fortune telling ball. We raised money for our school.

By Jade S. and Ginelle S. of the Grandview Media Club

KINDERGARTEN CONCERT

The Kindergarten concert was in the gym on December 12th and 13th. Some sisters and brothers were there to watch them. The kindergarten students sang, "Suzy Snowflake", "We wish you a Merry Christmas" and lots more. They stood up very nice and tall. They sang 5 songs, Wow! That's a lot of singing!

By Kayla C. and Jade S. of the Grandview Media Club



GR. 2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The grade 2 Christmas concert was great! Mr. Carruth's class and Mrs. Jones' class were singing Christmas songs and they did a little skit to a song about the birth of Jesus. Some students said little speeches about

different ways people celebrate this time of year.

By Cheyenne A. of the Grandview Media Club

ROLLING HILLS PERFORMANCE

On December 15th, Grandview students went to Rolling Hill to watch their Christmas concert. When the classes came into the gym, the Rolling Hills students were practicing. They were wearing Santa hats and elf hats. The Rolling Hills kids sang lots of songs like “Jingle Bells”, “Jingle Bell Rock” and “The Temple of Darkness” and other good songs. The concert had an orchestra. The orchestra had very shiny instruments. They played lots of songs, like Jingle Bells.

By Amanda S. and Savannah F. of the Grandview Media Club

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Students from JK to Grade 4 met in the gym every morning during this last week of school for Christmas caroling. The school echoed of our student voices as they sang many of their favourite Christmas songs. What a joyous sound to be heard. Thank you to Mrs. O'Neill and Mr. Rickey for organizing this festive activity for our students.

GR. 3 SWIM TO SURVIVE PROGRAM

The grade 3 classes went swimming, once a week for three weeks. There were three different groups, level 2, 3

and 4. Students in level 2 swam with life jackets because they are just learning to swim. The other groups worked on treading water. Here are some other things we did, somersaults, rolls into the water, swimming to the end of the pool (now that was hard). It was fun swimming.

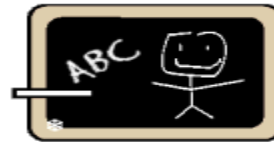
By Lauren P. and Madeline P. of the Grandview Media Club

TERRI & RICK PERFORMANCE

Local entertainers, Terri & Rick will be performing at Grandview for our students on the afternoon of December 23rd. We welcome Terri & Rick back to our school and know the students will enjoy their performance. What a nice way to begin our Christmas holidays!

SANTA HAT DAY

“Santa Hat” Day is on December 23rd. Show your school and holiday spirit by wearing your favourite Santa hat.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for 2011/2012 will take place the week of January 23rd – 27th, 2011. To be eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten, students must be 4 years of age by December 31st, 2012. Students who are not currently in our JK program but who

will be attending school as Senior Kindergarten students in September should register during this time as well. Please contact the school mid-January at 705-277-2322 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



SKATING

Skating at Manvers arena has been arranged during the month of February. 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 1's (2:15 – 3:15 pm)
Monday, January 30, February 6, 13 & 27
- ❑ Grade 3's (2:15 – 3:15 pm)
Tuesday, January 31, February 7, 14 & 21
- ❑ JK/SK's (2:15 – 3:15 pm)
Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15 & 22
- ❑ Grade 2's (2:15 – 3:15 pm)
Thursday, February 9, 16, 23 & March 1
- ❑ Grade 4's (2:15 – 3:15 pm)
Friday, February 3, 10, 17 & 24

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.

CHARACTER TRAIT

Grandview is proud to recognize the following students who made a definite difference in the day to day life at Grandview by consistently demonstrating "Compassion", our December Character Trait.

Clayton B., Kyle C., Makayla C., Jacob D., Grady F., Natasha G., Amanda G., Alexis G., Marcus H., Jesse H., Will H., Nathan H., Matthew I., Skyllar K., Marlee M., Alessandra M., Ryerson M., Mason M., Ethan M., Abigail M., Isabella O., Madeline P., Rosa P., Charlotte P., Mya P., Paige S., Rylin S., Jade S., Mackenzie S., Shelby V., Sullivan V., Keira W., Finley W., Eme W.

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

Trustworthiness – Tells the truth; Does the right thing even if it's not popular; Shows commitment, courage and self discipline; Keeps promises; Stands by, supports, and protects family, friends, and

community; Seeks advice and/or assistance of an adult when challenging decisions or in a dangerous or troublesome situation; Returns what was borrowed.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT TIPS

At TLDSB schools we want to help all parents become fully engaged in children's education. Research has proven that having engaged parents, results in students doing much better in school and in life.

January – The Ties That Bind

As kids enter the tween years, they are keen to establish their independence, and friends are becoming increasingly important. That's a good thing; we want our kids to be able to build healthy relationships outside the family. At the same time, we know that strong parent-child bonds are important as kids move into the teen years. Here are some ways to stay connected:

Ask good questions. Closed questions — those that can be answered with a yes or no — get closed answers. Open-ended questions invite conversation. "What did the guys do at the break today?" is more likely to get a response than "Did you eat your lunch?" Asking about other people's experience is another way to draw kids out. "What did Sally think of the movie?"

Schedule time together. Whether it's a weekly breakfast date or movie night, one-on-one time is more important now, especially if there are other siblings in the family. You might also try to find a passion or interest to share. If he loves

basketball, maybe the two of you can attend games together.

Respect the need for privacy. Bedrooms are becoming private domains as kids approach the tween years. Remember to knock on the door and ask for permission to come in, or tidy up.

Find new ways to be affectionate. At this stage kids want the hugs, but they want them on their terms. If you try to hug her in the school hallway, she's likely to resist; instead, ask if she'd like a hug. Remember too that there are all kinds of ways to be affectionate — a high five, a nudge or a wink — can be like a secret code. They're fun, they're not obvious to other people, and they still say I love you.

Over the next few months we will be providing parents with interesting ideas on how to engage with their children about their education and what's happening at school.

THE FOUR HALLMARKS OF BULLYING BEHAVIOUR

Power – Children who bully acquire their power through physical size and strength, by status within the peer group, and by recruiting support of the peer group.

Intent to Harm – Children who bully generally do so with the intent to either physically or emotionally harm the other child.

Distress in the Child Being Bullied – Anticipatory terror develops in the mind of the child being bullied that can be highly detrimental and have

the most debilitating long-term effects.

Frequency – Bullying is not a random act. Rather, bullying is usually characterized by frequent and repeated attacks. However, in some situations, one severe incident of bullying behaviour can traumatize and create the fearful conditions that a series of less severe bullying incidents might achieve.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NORMAL CONFLICT AND BULLYING

Normal Conflict	Bullying Behaviour
Is an occasional happening	Is a repeated happening
Accidental	Premeditated, on purpose
Genuine upset to both parties	Child being bullied is more upset
Trying to work things out	Trying to gain power or control
Not trying to get something	Trying to gain power or possessions
Both parties admit some responsibility	Blame is laid on the child who is targeted
Effort to solve the problem	No effort to solve the problem

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. The continued support and co-operation of our parents will ensure fewer incidents now and in the future. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office...Thanks.



STUDENT NOURISHMENT PROGRAM

Grandview has received money again this year to continue with the Student Nourishment Program.

The purpose of the Student Nourishment Program is to support communities that want to provide nutritious food to children and youth across Ontario. The central objective of the programs operating throughout the province is to support the healthy development of children and youth arriving at school ready to learn. Government funding operates within a larger group of contributors to deliver the programs including parents, corporate sponsors, local charities and municipalities. This universal program supports initiatives to increase levels of school readiness among young people and provide a healthy nutrition environment in schools.

The Student Nourishment Program, implemented by School Council, will provide a nutritional snack to all students every Wednesday. Snacks to be offered are cheese, crackers, fruits and veggies. The nutritional snacks will be delivered to each classroom for our 1st lunch break.

Any parent wishing to help with this program, please contact Sharon

Boyle at grandviewcouncil@yahoo.ca or contact the school office. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

MAGAZINES



It's not too late to order those magazines. Our school can still earn profits! Order on-line anytime until June!

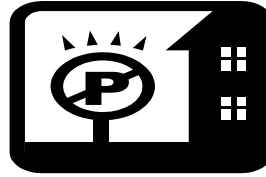
- ⊗ Forgot to Order a Magazine for yourself!
- ⊗ Is Your Favorite Subscription Expiring!

You can still order Magazines, CD ROMS and Books through QSP, and our school will still earn profit! That's right! Order on-line anytime, and our school will continue to benefit from your support in the QSP Magazine Sale Fundraising Program!

It could not be any easier than this:

- ❑ Go to: www.qsp.ca
- ❑ Click "Register Now" and enter our school's account number: **9908**
- ❑ You will now be linked directly to our school account site where anything and everything you purchase will earn our **school** profit!
- ❑ Same Great Selections . . . Same Great Service!

For any questions about your orders, please call QSP Toll-Free at 1-800-667-2536 [Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.]. QSP Customer Service Representatives are always happy to assist you!



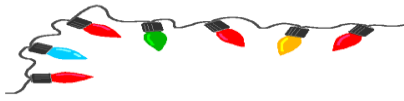
**PARK OUT OF
THE
BUS
LANES...PLEASE!**

Parking at Grandview - The buses are parked single file parallel to the sidewalk. Students walk onto their busses straight from the sidewalk. Although the students should not be walking between the buses, we cannot guarantee this will not happen especially when well over 500 students are dismissed between the two schools. Therefore, we would like your support by not parking or driving on the south side of the parking lot during student drop off or pick up. In the mornings, we have located a staff member south of the dumpster to assist students getting in or out of cars. Please do not park in this area. It is for drop off and pick-up only. If you do happen to be parked on the south side of the driveway during this time, we would appreciate it if you wait until the busses are dismissed. You may have to park a little further from the school, but it will ensure the safety of our students.

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.



SCHOOL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BASKETS

Our Christmas Raffle Basket fundraiser has ended. We had record sales this year, raising over \$7,200 for our school. All proceeds for this fundraiser will go towards our goal of purchasing playground equipment, gym sound system, library computers, books and sporting goods for our students.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported this fundraiser through donations, ticket sales and volunteering their time. Together it was a great success and we are really looking forward to it again next year!

The Raffle Draw took place during our Grade 2 Christmas Concert on December 15th. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

Basket # 1: Kitchen Basket – Sue Carr

Basket # 2: Family Fun Night – Sunday Lek

Basket # 3: Hockey Basket - Laura Gourley

Basket # 4: Children’s Play Basket – J. Begley

Basket # 5: Fisher’s Excavating Basket – Tanya Senis

Basket # 6: Little Girl’s Basket – Melissa Tucker

Basket # 7: Kawartha Chrysler/Dodge – Wendy Sturman

Basket # 8: Boy’s Nerf Basket – Brenda Clark

Basket # 9: Men’s Basket – Denise Ayotte

Basket # 10: Big Kid’s Basket – Darlene Appleby

Basket # 11: Big Girl’s Makeover Basket – Nick Carchidi

Basket # 12: Sports Basket – Iain McLean

Basket # 13: Outdoor Fun Basket – Richard Sparkes

Basket # 14: Women’s Spa Basket – Rocky Ruffolo

Basket # 15: “Christmas Dinner” from Vo’s Independent Grocer – Garrett Rogers

Basket # 16: Pampered Dog Basket – Janet Sutton

Basket # 17: Family Entertainment Basket – Pam McKee

Basket # 18: Boy’s Basket – Janet Moffatt

Basket # 19: Health Smart Basket – Amanda McCortland

Basket # 20: Little Girl’s Basket – Cameron Kerr

We would like to extend a special “Thank You” to Melissa Tucker (winner of Basket # 6) who decided to donate her entire basket to our Christmas Hamper program so that the items would stay within our school community. Your generosity was very much appreciated – Thank you so much!

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

Our Holiday Gift Shop has ended. We raised over \$900.00 on this fundraiser to go towards our goal of purchasing playground equipment, gym sound system, library computers, books and sporting

goods for our students. The Gift Shop was very busy and the students had a lot of fun shopping for family members.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this fundraiser a success!

EVENING MEETING

We have scheduled our January School Council meeting for **Tuesday, January 17, 2012** (Date change) from 6:00-8:00 p.m. – this will allow for parents who are not able to come during the day to join us and see how School Council works and how you can get involved. We look forward to seeing you!

YEARBOOK

We need your help! We are currently working on the Grade 4 yearbook. If any parents have pictures of the Grade 4 students, please send them to the office for the Yearbook committee. We would appreciate any pictures that you have, but please be reminded that a digital picture will produce a better finished product. This would really help when compiling the yearbook to ensure that all students are included.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

We continue to collect recyclable ink cartridges, cell phones and digital cameras 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. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the Eco School Team.

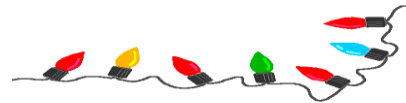
EMAIL ADDRESS

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 2012. These meetings are held in Room 1. All parents are welcome.

- **Wednesday, January 17th, 2012 (Annual Evening Meeting)**
**** Date Change****
- Wednesday, February 8th, 2012
- Wednesday, April 11th, 2012
- Wednesday, May 9th, 2012
- Wednesday, June 13th, 2012



Grandview School Council would like to wish all the teachers, staff and families at Grandview a safe and happy Holiday season!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

City of Kawartha Lakes Public Library January Events

Bethany Library

Preschool Storytime
Thursdays at 11 am
January 5, 12, 19, 26

Craft and Storytime
Saturday, January 21 at 11 am

Wise Guy & Gals Homework Club
Thursdays at 6 pm
January 12, 19, 26

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 705 277-
2321.

Search the Library Catalogue at
www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/library

Computers for Learning Development

Developing Learning Strategies
Through
The Utilization of Assistive
Technology

Reading
Writing
Math
Study Skills
Organizational Skills
Assistive Software Training

Winter tutoring program
January 30 to March 23, 2012
Open to all students
Experiencing learning difficulties
In SK to Grade 10

For more information, locations and
fees, please contact Janice Belfour
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