

GRANDVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #2

October 29, 2009



P.A. DAYS

Just a reminder that November 6th and 27th are P.A. Days. Students do not attend school on these days.

FLU UPDATE

As you know, the occurrence of flu is increasing as health units warned it would. During this time, we would thank you for being vigilant in keeping sick children at home, and modeling safe and healthy behaviours such as hand-washing and coughing into your sleeve or a tissue.

Your child's school is sharing this direction, and watching all students for signs of flu and calling you for immediate pick-up if your child is ill.

Signs of the flu include:

- respiratory symptoms
- fever
- cough
- sore throat
- muscle aches
- joint pain or weakness.

In children under 5, gastrointestinal symptoms may also be present and fever may not be prominent.

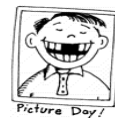
For more information, please visit the Board website, www.tlds.on.ca, for links to the Health Unit resources.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will be scheduled on Thursday, November 26th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, November 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Conferences will be set up based on the information that parents forward to the schools and will be co-ordinated between the two schools (Grandview & Rolling Hills). Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 20th with the conference times clearly noted. If there is a conflict, please notify the school as soon as possible in order to make other arrangements.

Please complete the form and return with your oldest child by Wednesday, November 11th.

Parents of Kindergarten students will choose a class observation time (forms have been sent from your child's kindergarten teacher).



PICTURE RETAKES

Our picture retakes for Grades JK-4 have been scheduled for Thursday, November 5th which is a Kindergarten "A" Group day. Parents are asked to bring students in Kindergarten "B" Group who require

a retake into the school at 9:10 a.m. that morning.



CROSS COUNTRY

On October 16th, Grandview's Cross Country team competed in the Cross Country Meet at Ken Reid Conservation Area. Each race involved over 140 runners and was extremely competitive. In total, 38 boys and girls from Grandview competed, each making their school and coach extremely proud. All of their hard work, spirit and determination propelled them to great individual and team achievement at the meet.

While each athlete deserves mention, the following runners had top 25 finishes: Alex B. finished in **1st place** in the primary girls division, Jesse R. finished 21st in the primary boys division, and Mark B., Dylan R. and Landan M. finished 11th, 12th, and 16th respectively in the junior boys division. The junior runners should feel extremely proud in particular, because they were running against boys and girls one and sometimes two years older than themselves!

A special thank you to the Grandview's Parent Council and the parent volunteers for helping make the day a successful one. Mr. Carruth would also like to thank all of the runners; both the team that ran at County and at the school, for their

commitment and dedication. You were a great bunch to coach.

Grandview sends a special thanks to Mr. Carruth for his dedication and commitment to the team.

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

Several families attended our Family Literacy Night on Tuesday, October 27th after school. They enjoyed refreshments in the gym and then attended workshops for Kindergarten to Grade 2 students and for Grades 3 and 4 students. Our new Home Reading program was introduced and we will be looking forward to more reading happening at home with these great new books arriving regularly with your primary grade child. Parents and their children learned about reading strategies, reading comprehension and questioning techniques that parents can use to encourage higher level thinking. A heartfelt thank you goes to all the staff members, members of our school council and parent volunteers who helped plan and deliver this literacy night. Our Family Literacy Night happened because of the amazing dedication our staff and community has to lifelong literacy learning.

CHARACTER TRAITS

Our character trait for the month of November is citizenship. As with all our designated character traits, teachers will be helping students learn about citizenship in their daily lives. We would encourage you to take a few moments to discuss with

your child what citizenship 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 good PERSONAL GOALS, our September Character Trait and RESPECT, our October Character Trait.

PERSONAL GOALS

Foster A., Hailey B., Alex B., David D., Allison F., Natalie H., Hannah H., Connor H., Mackenzie H., Kathryn L., Kevin L., Andrew M., Jenna M., Justin P., Carter P., Lauren P., Ethan S., Mike S., Aidin S., Lynsey W.

RESPECT

Riley A., Lynecho B., Emma B., James B., Kole C., Georgia C., Dylan C., Jacob D., Grace E., Madison F., Joseph H., Rowan K., Maddy L., Damian M., Alydia N., Owen P., Taylor P., Harvey P., Will R., Natasha S., Cole S., Ethan S., Jaeden S., Ethan T., Amber T., Katelyn T., Jasmine W., Liam W.

Congratulations!



MAGAZINE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Our magazine campaign was a huge success, thanks to your support, the work of our students and our parent volunteers.

We sold over \$20,000.00 worth of subscriptions, 1/3 of which we keep for our school fund, less the cost of the prizes.

On Wednesday, October 21st at 2:22 p.m. an Ice Cream Party was awarded to Room 6B (\$1,988.60), Room 16 (\$2,062.70), Room 18 (\$1,784.04) and Room 19 (\$1,751.00) for being the top sales class in each grade level. Carter Gabriele was the lucky winner of “the Signing Dog” (each student who sold a subscription was eligible to win in this draw). The “Go for Gold” prizes have been ordered and should arrive within the next couple of weeks.



ALL STAR READING UPDATE

We are still looking for more coaches. Ideally, we would love to have students in each classroom read with a coach at least twice a week. If you are interested in being an All Star Coach, please call the school and let us know. Also encourage any friend, relative or neighbour to call us if you feel they would be interested and available in being a reading coach. We appreciate any amount of time coaches have to donate and will schedule you into whatever time works for you. All that is needed is to attend a one hour training session and to submit a form at the school to

have a criminal reference check completed.

STUDENT SAFETY

In order to keep our students safe, we ask that you remember the following procedures for late arrivals, early dismissals and school visitors.

- All visitors to the school, including parents, must report to the office upon arrival
- Students arriving late or being dismissed early must be signed in/out at the office
- If you know that you will be picking up your child, a letter to the teacher or a call to the office would be appreciated
- Any changes in the schedule for children in daycare must be communicated to the daycare as well as the school office.

With so many young children constantly on the move, we appreciate your help in keeping them all safe.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

The school parking lot is a very busy place both before and after school. If you are dropping off your children in the morning or picking up your child in the afternoon, your safest choice is the parking spaces to the west, in the centre of the two schools. Please make sure that you carefully escort your children across the parking lot to the east end closest to the school. You also have the option of dropping your child off

and an Educational Assistant will direct them into the school.

Thanks for your continued co-operation in keeping Grandview a safe place for all our children.

BUS SAFETY

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board is committed to the continuous improvement of school bus safety. Driving an empty school bus is a challenge with today's traffic and weather conditions, however, when you place 48 plus students behind the driver the difficulty is increased substantially.

In the hopes of assisting drivers with the supervision of students on buses and thereby improving overall bus safety, some buses have been outfitted with a black box at the front of the vehicle to accommodate a camcorder/video camera. The black box has one-way glass to make it impossible for anyone to determine if a camera is present and operational. This allows us to rotate one camera amongst several vehicles. The success experienced by other school boards in improving student behavior and reducing driver stress has prompted us to consider this approach. The videotapes will not replace the current practice of drivers reporting misbehavior.

Pursuant to the municipal freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the authorization for the collection of this video information is in the Education Act. The users of this information will be the Bus Operator, Principal/Vice-Principal of

the school, and/or Manager of Transportation. Videos will be reviewed by the appropriate staff and will be erased on a regular basis.

It is our sincere hope that the camera will verify the students' appropriate conduct and thus improve the safety for all passengers. Your co-operation in encouraging good bus behavior at all times is appreciated and we thank you for your support in helping to make our school buses safe and pleasant.

If you have any questions regarding the use of the video camera, please direct your questions to the Principal, Mrs. Brain or to the Transportation Department at 324-6776 ext. 120.



EARTHSAVERS

This year we are continuing in our efforts to be stewards of our Earth by recycling empty milk boxes, juice boxes, water bottles, cans and plastic containers. Grade four lunch monitors encourage the younger children and also empty out the boxes into the large bin.

We would like to express our thanks to our custodial staff for their help and enthusiasm. We also thank all parents who send "Boomerang" lunches with reuseable containers. You really are Earthsavers!



Dental Staff from the Health Unit will visit your child's school on November 19th & 20th, 2009.

Dental screening assessments will be provided for:

- ❑ All students in JK, SK, Grades 2 and Special Education classes.
- ❑ Students identified last year with urgent treatment needs.
- ❑ Any other child at the request of the child or their parent. *(If you would like your child included, please send a request letter to the school or contact the health unit).*

Parents who do not wish their child to be screened are required to advise the school in writing. (Any child excluded from the screening program will not be eligible to use the CINOT Program).

The screening will be conducted by a Registered Dental Hygienist following strict, approved infection control standards. This screening does not replace your child's regular visit to the dentist. The Health Unit wants to see all children, even if they visit their dentist regularly. You will be advised if any dental care is recommended.

The Dental Screening Program

- Provides parents with advice on the dental needs of their children.
- Provides access to the Children In Need of Treatment Program (CINOT).
- Helps in the planning and development of community dental programs.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Health Unit Dental Department at (705)324-3569.



NUTRITIONAL SNACK PROGRAM

Our Nutritional Snack Program continues to operate, thanks to the generous contribution of individuals and organizations within our community.

Our THANKS and APPRECIATION goes out this month to:

- Janetville Pastoral Charge

Students, as always who are hungry are encouraged to come straight to the office from the bus where they will be offered a nutritious snack.

PEDICULOSIS ALERT

This is the time of year to be extra vigilant with respect to head lice. "Head Checks" are conducted at the school through the TLDSB Pediculosis Officer and trained parent volunteers.

How can you help?

- Encourage your child to have his/her own brush.
- Encourage your child to keep their outdoor clothing on their own hooks.
- Put hats/mitts/scarves in their coat sleeves when hanging them up at school.
- "Inspect" your child's hair at home on a regular basis.
- "Treatment", select one of the many products used in the treatment of head lice (consult your pharmacist or physician if in doubt); follow the directions carefully.

Only after treatment and **REMOVAL OF NITS** may the student return to school!

Hopefully, the measures taken to date and the continued support and co-operation of our parents, will ensure fewer incidents now and in the future... **THANKS.**



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.tldsb.on.ca/index.cfm



HEADS-UP FOR SKATING PROGRAM

Once again, we're hoping to have all our students skate four times during the month of February. When buying Christmas/Birthday gifts, please think about the fact that your child will require a helmet for skating sessions. The cost of this program will be covered by profits realized through our magazine sales.

SCHOOL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BASKETS

It's that time of year again when we are preparing for our Christmas Raffle Baskets. With your help, last year we raised over \$5,200 to go towards the purchase of a Home Reading Program and Document Cameras for our classrooms.

We rely heavily on donated items from parents, community members and local businesses. To date, our donations have been lower than in previous years, therefore, **we have extended the date for donations to be submitted at the school office to November 4th** this will allow sufficient time for basket assembly.

Here are some suggestions of possible donations: Books, Puzzles,

Toys, Arts & Crafts, Gardening and Houseware Items, Folk Art, Tools, Musical and Sports Items, Sporting Event Tickets, Candles, Stationary, Ornaments, Gift Certificates, Services, Canadian Tire Money, Golf Items, Scrapbooking Supplies, Gift Wrap Supplies. Any donations are appreciated.

Tickets should be ready for sale by November 16th. Tickets are selling for \$1.00 each and will be sent home in two booklets of 5 to each student. The draw for these baskets will be held during the Grade 3 Christmas Concert on December 15th, 2009.

Please help us make this fundraising event a success! Information will continue to follow on these baskets.

CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER

By now, each family should have received a sample of your child's artwork displayed as a Christmas card. We are selling these Christmas cards as part of our fundraising efforts this year. Each set of cards will include 12 cards, envelopes and matching stickers for sealing your envelope. The first set of cards will sell for \$20 and any additional sets will sell for \$16 each. You also have the option, if you have more than one child, you may split a set of 12 cards into 6 for one student and 6 for the other.

All Christmas card orders should be back to the school no later than **Wednesday, November 11th, 2009**. This will allow time to have the cards printed and returned to you prior to

the mad rush of Christmas! Please note that all cheques should be made payable to Grandview Public School.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the purchase of more Document Cameras for our classrooms, a Sound System for the Gym and Playground Equipment.

What a great way to show off your child's talent!

GRANDVIEW SCHOOL WEAR

Our Grandview School Wear promotion has ended and all orders have been sent for processing. We anticipate 4-6 weeks for delivery and will contact all families who ordered Grandview School Wear to arrange for either pick up or distribution.

We will continue to display our Grandview clothing in the school lobby as we will be offering this opportunity later in the school year. Please inquire at the school office if you have any questions or email grandviewcouncil@yahoo.ca.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

SAMKO/MIKO SALE

October 28 – Nov 1 and Nov 4-8

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that our Miko Sale fundraiser is now in full swing! As previously noted in our newsletter and subsequent mail outs, we have set aside 2 weeks at the Miko Sale as a special time to

shop for Grandview parents, staff and friends. From Wednesday, October 28th to Sunday, November 1st and again Wednesday, November 4th to Sunday, November 8th.

Grandview will receive 10% of all sales (before taxes) when shoppers have their sales receipt stamped at the Miko sale by one of their cashiers and then forwarded on to Grandview for submission. All receipts must then be submitted to the school office no later than, **Friday, November 20th** in order for us to receive our portion.

Please be reminded that you do not have to be a parent or staff member to go, anyone can go – just remember to tell your cashier you are with Grandview and have your receipt stamped.

YEARBOOK

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. If you are planning on attending any field trips or Special Events for the Grade 4 students, we would really appreciate you taking pictures and sending them to the school. 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 when compiling the yearbook to ensure that all students are included.

COOKBOOKS

We have a limited number of 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. Our promotion is \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. These cookbooks are available at the office.

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 School Council. Our email address is: grandviewcouncil@yahoo.ca.

This email account is checked daily even throughout the summer. We look forward to hearing from you. If you would like to be put on our mailing list, please email Sharon and let us know.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The following a list of tentative dates for our council meetings for 2009-2010. These meetings are held in Room 1. All parents are encouraged and welcomed to attend!

- **Wednesday, November 11th, 2009**
- Wednesday, December 9th, 2009
- Wednesday, January 13th, 2010 (Evening Meeting)
- Wednesday, February 10th, 2010
- Wednesday, April 14th, 2010
- Wednesday, May 12th, 2010
- Wednesday, June 9th, 2010

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH WINNERS

- **Keegan K.**
- **Sebastian M.**
- **Amanda M.**
- **Dylan R.**
- **Krystal T.**
- **Chris T.**

Congratulations!!



**PACK IT LIGHT
WEAR IT RIGHT**

Hey! You're not leaving home. Why break your back with your pack?

Lighten it up. You'll be glad you did and your back will thank you.

Check out just how much all that stuff you haul around every day actually weights.

- Shoes 2 lbs
- 6 Text Books 6 lbs
- 2 Binders 3 lbs
- Water Bottle .5 lbs
- Lunch/Snacks 2 lbs
- Sports Gear 10 lbs

Get Smart! Check the Chart:

If you're hauling more than 15% of your body weight (10% for younger kids), lighten up. Now!

If you weigh.....only carry

23 kg/50 lbs	2.2 kg/5 lbs
32 kg/70 lbs	3 kg/7 lbs
40 kg/90 lbs	6 kg/14 lbs
50 kg/110 lbs	7 kg/16 lbs
59 kg/130 lbs	9 kg/19 lbs
68 kg/150 lbs	10 kg/22 lbs
77 kg/170 lbs	11 kg/25 lbs
86 kg/190 lbs	13 kg/28 lbs

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Bethany Library

One Book, One Community
City of Kawartha Lakes Reads!

One Book, One Community invites everyone to "get on the same page" and read Kenneth Oppel's book "Silverwing". This program will run until November 30. Everyone is encouraged to read "Silverwing" and take part in the many activities planned at library branches throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes. When you have read "Silverwing" be sure to let the Library know so your name will be included in the weekly draw. Brochures outlining all events are available at your local branch library.



Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 am
November 5, 12, 19, 26

Stories and crafts:

Parent & Baby Storytime
Saturday, Nov. 7 at 10:30 am

Kraft Club
Saturday, Nov. 7, 14 & 21 at 11 am

Wise Guys Homework Club
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 pm

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

Manvers Skating Club Registration

Remember the skating recital last year across the road? Your child could be skating in that this year...The Manvers Skating Club is still accepting registrations for the 2009-10 season. We have introduced new times this year for greater convenience at our Monday and Thursday sessions.

- Beginner Learn-To-Skate
With coaching \$120
- Can-Skate Programs
24 weeks - 1 day / week \$215
- 2 days / week \$305
- Private Coaching Available

- Flexible Payment Schedules

For more information contact Gayle
@277-1629 or manversskating.com.

Blackstock Co-op Nursery School
presents our Annual Pancake
Breakfast with Santa

When: Sunday December 6, 2009
9:00am – 1:00pm

(Santa arrives at 10:00am)

Where: Blackstock Recreation Hall,
3440 Church St.

Blackstock

Serving lots of ham, sausage,
pancakes, eggs, coffee & juice.

Large plates \$5 / Small plates \$3

****Pictures with Santa****

Kids activities – Silent Auction

Bake Sale

Donations for Operation Scugog
gratefully accepted.

For more information, call Karen at
905-655-5812.

Ball Hockey
Rolling Hills School

- Ages 4-8 from 6-7pm
- Ages 9-14 from 7-8pm
- Cost \$35 for 6 week or \$6.00
per night

If more information, please call the
Boys and Girls Clubs at 324-4493
ext . 227.