

GRANDVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #2

October 31, 2011



PICTURE RETAKES

Our picture retakes for Grades JK-4 have been scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd 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.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

On Thursday, November 24th, 2011 from 3:45 to 7:45 p.m., teachers at Grandview will be conducting parent-teacher conferences for Grades 1-4 students. The conferences will be scheduled in 15 minute time blocks. If your family has more than one child in Grades 1-4 attending Grandview, we will attempt to coordinate the appointments.

To accommodate families and to assist us with scheduling, please indicate whether you would prefer an interview during this allotted time or if you would like to schedule an interview at another time. As in the past, we will attempt to accommodate your request. Please return the form by Monday, November 7th, 2011.

Specific conferences times will be indicated on your child's progress report.

There will be no conferences scheduled for Junior or Senior Kindergarten students at this time. An observation hour followed by a discussion has been arranged for parents by the Kindergarten teachers.



CROSS COUNTRY

On October 5th, Grandview's Cross Country team competed in the Cross County Meet at Ken Reid Conservation Area. Grandview entered a team of 36 runners and each student gave it their all. The team worked hard, cheered each other on and were great ambassadors for our school.

Although everyone ran extremely well, we did have some particularly high finishes – Charlotte P. finished 17th in the primary girls run, while Carter Y. finished 25th in the primary boys run. Each race featured over 120 competitors and were very tough!

Mr. Carruth, Mrs. Dyck and everyone at Grandview is extremely proud of the entire team.

A special thank you goes out to Mr. Carruth and Mrs. Dyck for their dedication and commitment to the

team and to all of the parents who volunteered at the meet. Without your help great days like this would not be possible.

JUNIOR MIXED SOCCER

The Junior Mixed Soccer team traveled to Little Britain on Tuesday, October 18th to compete at the zone tournament. The team fought hard in all three games and played extremely well. Gavin Winsor was able to score the lone goal for the Gators in a 3-1 defeat to Mariposa. It was an amazing way to finish our season!

Once again, Mr. Carruth received several compliments from opposing coaches, teachers and parents about how polite, hardworking, sportsmanlike and talented his team was. Grandview is extremely proud of each of you. Congratulations!

CHARACTER TRAITS

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

Joey A., Evan B., Megan B., Paige B., Emma C., Kole C., Chloe C., Tyler C., Alice G., Aaron G., Natalie H., Jack L., Lucas M., Owen M., Joseph M., Lily P., Owen P., Ian P., Taylor P., Justin R., Joshua S., Reeghan S., Brock T., Adam W., Kayden W., Jordan W., Mackenzie W., Tarah Z.

Congratulations!

TERRY FOX RUN

On Wednesday, September 28th everyone at Grandview participated in our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. Kindergarten Group "B" classes did their run/walk on Thursday, September 29th.

This fundraiser was a huge success, thanks to your support, and the work of our students. Students were given a challenge to raise \$2,000.00 and once again Grandview succeeded. \$2,113.13 was raised for this worthy cause.

On Friday, October 28th at our "Be Proud Assembly", Mr. Carruth, as a result of this challenge, looked spectacular with his pink hair and accessories. He was assisted up on stage by Mrs. Dyck, Miss Fisher, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Webster and Ms. Windsor as they sang "Price Tag" by Jessie J.

Congratulations Grandview!

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT - "LINKING HOME & SCHOOL THROUGH COMPUTERS"

Thank you to all families who attended our Literacy Night held on Tuesday, October 18th. This major undertaking was made obtainable and deemed a successful evening, thanks in part to your support. Thank you also to our School Council, Grandview teachers and Board personnel for their contribution of knowledge, leadership and commitment of time.

An enjoyable and informative evening for all.



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 \$19,000.00 worth of subscriptions, 1/3 of which we keep for our school fund, less the cost of the prizes.

On Wednesday, October 19th an Ice Cream Party was awarded to Room 4B (\$2,027.00), Room 5 (\$1,465.00), and Room 14 (\$2,191.84) for being the top sales class in each grade level. Madeline P. was the lucky winner of the "Bear" (each student

who sold a subscription was eligible to win in this draw). The "Time to be Amazing" prizes have been ordered and should arrive within the next couple of weeks.



Dental Staff from the Health Unit will visit your child's school on November 9th & 10th, 2011.

Dental screening assessments will be provided for

- All students in JK, SK, grade 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 financial assistance through the Children In Need of Treatment Program (CINOT)
- Helps in planning and development of community dental programs.

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



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.

PARENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

The Community Planning Table for Children and Youth for the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton parenting committees are looking for feedback from parents, grandparents, foster parents, and guardians. We want to know what parenting information you would like to see available in our community. Copies of the survey are available in the school office or you can complete the survey online at:

<http://app.fluidsurveys.com/surveys/parentingsurvey/parenting-needs-survey/>.

The online survey will be open until Friday, December 16, 2011. Paper copies of the survey must be returned to the school by Friday, December 2, 2011.

Thank you for assisting us in better meeting the needs of our community.

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, between 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

Mrs. Paul took four Earthsavers to Kinark Outdoor Ed. Centre on Tuesday, October 11th. Every school had representatives there. We learned about what other schools are doing to have a “green” school. We did some activities to learn about nature and we brainstormed ideas we could do at Grandview.



NUTRITIONAL SNACK PROGRAM

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

Students, as always who are hungry are encouraged to come to the office 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 will be notified for Snow Days as well as Breakfast Television:

- **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.tlgsb.on.ca.

Parents may also look on the website www.mybustoschool.ca to see if your child's bus is late or cancelled.



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.



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

SCHOOL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

SAMKO/MIKO SALE

**October 26th – 30th, 2011
and
November 2nd – 6th, 2011**

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. Our fundraising weeks are October 26th-30th and November 2nd – 6th.

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 original receipts must then be submitted to the school office no later than, **Wednesday, November 9th** 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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BASKETS

Our Christmas Raffle Basket fundraiser is in full swing. Again this year, we have received a huge

response from parents and local businesses supporting this fundraiser. Due to this response, we once again have 20 wonderful baskets filled with GREAT items. The baskets will be on display during our parent/teacher interviews on November 24th and will remain on display until the draw date. Please drop by and take a look!

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported our request for donations. Your generous support has helped make this fundraiser a success.

Tickets should be ready for sale the week ending November 11th, 2011. Tickets are selling for \$1.00 each and will be sent home in two booklets of 10 to each student. The draw for these baskets will be held during the Grade 2 Christmas Concert on December 15th, 2011.

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. The due date for these orders was October 28th. Orders are expected to be completed by the printer by mid-November.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will

go towards our fundraising goals to be determined. We will bring you up to date on our fundraising goals in our next newsletter.

PRO (Parents Reaching Out) GRANT

Our Parents Reaching Out Night was held on Tuesday, October 18 and was a huge success. We had a huge turn out this year and would like to thank all the families that made it out to attend our workshop. Our topic this year was "Linking School and Home through Technology". All families that attended received a goody bag to take home with the programs we were discussing and 8 door prizes pertaining to Internet Safety were awarded.

VOLUNTEERING

We will be contacting parents to volunteer primarily by email to arrange for your help with the exception of those volunteers who did not provide their email address or would prefer not to be contacted by that method (we will continue to contact those volunteers by phone).

We are hoping that this method of communication will make it less time consuming for everyone involved. It lends a level of flexibility in that you can check your email and respond to us at any time. In these emails requesting your help, we will provide details of what we require volunteers for, the time, and the number of people that we need. Once we have

enough volunteers for a given event, we will let you know. This email will be checked regularly, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office or Sharon at grandviewcouncil@yahoo.ca

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 any time 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 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 2011-2012. These meetings are held in Room 1. All parents are encouraged and welcome to attend! Pre-schoolers are welcome!

- **Wednesday, November 9th, 2011**
- Wednesday, December 14th, 2011
- Wednesday, January 11th, 2012
(Annual Evening Meeting)
- Wednesday, February 8th, 2012
- Wednesday, April 11th, 2012
- Wednesday, May 9th, 2012
- Wednesday, June 13th, 2012

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pancake Breakfast with Santa

When: Sunday December 4th
2011

Time: 9am-1pm

Where: The Blackstock Rec
Centre

3440 Church St Blackstock, Ont

Serving: Pancakes, Sausage,
Ham, Eggs, Coffee/Tea and
Juice

Elf Plate \$3, Mrs. Clause plate
\$5 & Santa Plate \$7

***Pictures with Santa \$5—Kids
Activities—Silent Auction—Bake
Sale***

Donations for Operation Scugog
Food Bank will be gratefully
accepted.

For more info please call Nicole
or Gaby at 905-986-4585

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Pontypool & District Lion's Club Eyeglass Campaign

Grandview P.S. has teamed up with the Pontypool & District Lion's Club to recycle old eyewear. All eyewear donations can be sent to the school. Children's glasses and sunglasses are especially needed. Help someone see better today and tomorrow.

Thank you from the Lion's Club.