

Grand Valley & District Public School

MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

JK/SK Registration

If you have a child who was born in 2012 and would like to register him or her in JK, or a child who was born in 2011 and is age appropriate for Kindergarten, please come into the office and pick up a registration package. Students currently in JK will automatically be registered for Senior Kindergarten. ***We ask that parents who know of families who do not currently have children attending GVDPS, but who will be attending in September 2016, to please contact those families about registration.***

School Climate Survey

During the week of Feb. 29 - March 4, students in grades 4-12 will be completing a School Climate Survey. The purpose of this survey is to determine whether or not our students feel that their school provides a safe and inclusive learning environment. The survey asks general questions about how the student is feeling at school, as well as specific questions about bullying. Staff and parents are also being asked to complete a climate survey about their school. Parents can the following link to access the survey through our school website

Morning Supervision

Parents are reminded that teachers are not on duty until 8:15 a.m. in the morning. **We ask that students not arrive prior to this time as there is no one on the yard to supervise them.** All students are reminded to enter the school through their assigned doors off the playground at bell time.

No Classes

Parents are reminded that March Break this year is from Monday, March 14th to Friday, March 18th, 2015. There are no classes for the students on these days.

No Bus Days

This is just a reminder that if the busses have been cancelled due to inclement weather and your child normally walks to school but decides to stay home, please remember to call the School Attendance Line to report his/her absence.

Lost and Found

Please be sure to check the lost and found boxes before the March Break. Any unclaimed items will be bagged and donated to Charity after the holiday.

Public Speaking

Thank you to all those who participated in our Public Speaking Competition, everyone worked very hard to do their best. The following students participated:

Caiden T., Robin C., Brayden H., Denny G., Damon C., Ty M., Riley M., Olivia K., Skyler D., and Julia M.

From the Junior Division the top two speakers were: Julia M. & Skylar D.

From the Intermediate Division the top two speakers were: Robin C. & Brayden H.

Congratulations to all speakers!

Keeping Our Records Up to Date

This is just a reminder to parents that should any information pertaining to your child(ren) change during the school year, it is important that the office be notified so that we can keep our records up to date. Should we need to reach you during the day, it is imperative that we have up to date telephone numbers, addresses and postal codes.

Eco Team News

The Eco Team is working diligently to divert waste in our school and to conserve energy. We will be celebrating Nutrition Month by participating in a school-wide, synchronized "CRUNCH" on Friday, March 11th. Every student will be provided with an apple from our Breakfast Club program to promote healthy snacking. Our Apple cores will help sustain our composting program. Hopefully apples will have more "a peel" after the Big Crunch! We will be celebrating Earth Hour on Thursday, March 24th by turning off lights in the school between 2 – 3pm.

Waste Free Lunch

Yes Please	No Thanks
REUSABLE lunch container	SINGLE-USE paper or plastic bags
REUSABLE food containers	DISPOSABLE plastic wrap, foil, wax, or styrofoam
REUSABLE drink bottle or thermos	SINGLE USE containers
CLOTH NAPKIN to wash and re-use	PAPER napkins
CUTLERY / SILVERWARE to wash and re-use	PLASTIC forks/spoons
HEALTHY SNACKS	OVER – packaged snacks

A program of Recycling Council of Ontario

School Council News

Please note that our next school council meeting will be on **Monday, March 7th, at 6:30 p.m.**
Hope to see you there!

Bag2School Fundraiser

Back by Popular Demand! We will be hosting a Bag 2 School Used Clothing Drive in the Spring! When cleaning out closets bag up anything that is in good condition and save it for the spring fund raiser. Monday, May 30th – Wednesday, Jun 1st, 2016. Any questions, please contact the school, or Susan Stevenson 519-928-9883. Last year together we brought in 1 ton of used clothing raising \$200. Let's try to beat that number!!

- Help the environment by reducing landfill waste while promoting the 3 R's, especially Re-use
- Support affordable second-hand clothing markets, in both North America and abroad

Community Information

Grand Valley Community Centre March Break Free Skate

- Sponsored by Grand Valley Public Library
- Monday, March 14, 2016
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Grand Valley Public Library March Break Programs

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

"Zoo To You"

An interactive educational presentation and display featuring many types of exotic animals.

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

"Peter Pan"

By Duffle Bag Theatre

Hilarious storytelling theatre at its best! Students are asked to come up on stage and join in the action.

Thursday, March 17, 2016

"Dan the Music Man"

Songwriter and entertainer.

All 3 shows take place at the Grand Valley Community Centre

Admission is \$3.00 / person or \$8.00 for all three shows.

Young children should be accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Please call Grand Valley Public Library at 519 928 5622 for more information.

Monday, March 14, 2016, 2:00pm

Free Puppet Show

At Grand Valley Public Library