

Grand Valley & District Public School

JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

Classroom Organizations and Student Placement for September 2016

The following is a *tentative* list of classes for the 2015-2016 school year. Please note that staffing changes may continue to occur throughout June and therefore teaching assignments are not yet finalized. The proposed structure is as follows:

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| JK/SK | Grade 3/4 |
| JK/SK | Grade 4/5 |
| Grade 1/2 | Grade 5/ 6 |
| Grade 1/2 | Grade 5/6 |
| Grade2/3 | Grade 7/8 |
| | Grade 7/8 |

Please keep in mind that the class your child is assigned to is tentative as class structures are subject to change at any time, up to and including the second week of school in September.

Many variables are considered in deciding class placements for students. Programming needs are always a priority, along with balancing students who can work independently with those who require additional supports. The social and emotional needs of students are also important to consider. If your child requires special consideration, please provide a note outlining your request to Mr. Pink by June 2nd. Any note should be about your child's specific needs and not about requesting a particular teacher. While we will do our best to accommodate your requests, there is no guarantee that they can be met and we ask for your understanding in advance.

Changes to Daily School Schedule for September 2016

There will be a slight change in the time slots on our Daily Schedule for next September

8:30- 8:40 Supervisors on Duty
8:40 Entry Bell
8:40-10:20 First Learning Block
10:20-11:00 First Nutrition Break and recess
11:00-12:40 Second Learning Block
12:40 1:20 Second Nutrition Break and recess
1:20- 3:00 Third Learning Block

Important Dates – June

Please note that the last day of school for students is Wednesday, June 29th, 2016. Report cards will go home on Tuesday, June 28th, 2016. Parents are reminded to please return the last page of the report card before the last day of school.

Thank you to School Council !

A very special thank you goes out to our School Council who helped fund our many year-end trips. School Council provided each class with funding to help cover the costs for these trips. In turn, this helped to lower the costs for students to attend the year end trip.

Graduation

This year's Grade 8 graduation will take place on **Monday, June 27th, 2016**. The event will take place at the Grand Valley Community Centre beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Library Circulation

June 2nd is the last date for students to check books out of the library. Books need to be returned during the first week of June. After that, reminder notices will be sent home so that you can help your child(ren) locate missing books. If you are unable to find a book, please pay for the missing item so that we can continue to replenish our library. In June, students will be taking a trip to the Grand Valley Public Library to learn about the upcoming summer programs there and to take out books. In our school library, students will have the opportunity to explore "library centers" such as literacy games, puppets, puzzles, and more. ~ Mrs. Kocher

Breakfast Club

A special thank you goes out to our team of volunteers who help out each and every morning in the Breakfast Club, and to Michele Chessell who is our Breakfast Club Coordinator. Without Michele and this group of volunteers, our Breakfast Program would not be as successful as it is. Grand Valley and District Public School, with the help from Government Grants – Food and Friends, The Children's Foundation, Breakfast for Learning, Live Free and local businesses and families, is able to provide breakfast and snacks to our students in need. With a good breakfast, students are able to achieve great things throughout the day!

Wellington – Dufferin Student Transportation Services

If you would like information about our Student Transportation Services to see if your child is eligible for transportation or to find out about the Annual JK & Kindergarten ride on Tuesday, August 30th, 2016 please check out the transportation website under the parent tab at <http://www.stwdsts.ca/home>.

Moving

If you are planning to move out of the Grand Valley area over the summer, please stop by or call to notify the school office as soon as possible. This will help us with our class placements of students for September.

Summer Day Camp

Summer Day Camp will be held at the Grand Valley Arena. Price: \$20.00 per day plus HST. For more information please call Tammy at the Grand Valley Community Centre – 519-928-2830 or visit the website at <http://www.grandvalleycommunitycentre.ca>

Seniors Luncheon Choir Sing

Our Skipper Storm team will be performing and Mrs. VanderPloeg's class will be singing at the Celebrate Seniors Event on Wednesday, June 8th at the Grand Valley Community Centre. We are looking forward to celebrating the Seniors in our community.

Lost and Found

Please remember to have one final look through our Lost and Found items before June 17th, 2016. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

Jump Rope for Heart - Pie Throw

The entire school community will take to the field on Thursday, June 2nd at 1:30pm for the final event of our Jump Rope for Heart campaign. As promised, the top fundraisers each receive the opportunity to throw a whipped cream pie at a teacher! It is a wonderful way to celebrate our hard work in raising over \$4,000 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation! Thank you to all the teachers for being good sports and taking part in this fun activity.

School Council

Next School Council Meeting will take place on Monday, June 6th at 6:30pm

Hot Lunch Program

The last pizza day for this term will be on Thursday, June 9th, 2016. There will be a pizza day on Thursday June 16th as a make-up day for the March 24th inclement weather day. Only students who were to receive pizza on March 24th will receive pizza on June 16th. Dilly Bar days are June 6th and June 24th. We would like to express our gratitude to all families for their continued support of our successful hot lunch program! Our fundraising dollars help pay for student out-of-class trips, new outside play equipment and presentations held within the classrooms & school. Every dollar is spent on the students to enhance the school environment and to improve the academic success of all students! Many thanks to Angela, Heather & Denise for volunteering their time every week to feed hungry students! Great job! If you are interested in coordinating our hot lunch program next year please contact the school office.

Milk Program

The milk program is now complete for the school year! Many thanks to the families who supported this valuable program. It is wonderful to know that more than half of the students are choosing to drinking milk every day! Many thanks to Mrs. Lyons for organizing the orders, Mr. Pink & Mrs. Sevenco for assisting every day and most-importantly the Student Milk Helpers for ensuring that milk is delivered to classrooms daily! Great job everyone!

Yearbook

The Yearbook work has now been completed and is currently being printed! The memories and highlights from this school year have been compiled into this year's edition of the yearbook. Orders have been placed and books will be distributed later in June- before the year ends. Thanks to staff for taking & sharing photos of all the great things students have accomplished this year. A big thank-you to Mme. Bryan for taking the time to photograph all of the groups, clubs and teams that have taken place in our terrific school over the past year! Go Gators!!

Grand Valley Skate Park

The Grand Valley Skate Park Committee is very happy to announce the arrival of Phase One of the new skate park at the end of May. A Grand Opening is planned for June 25th. Watch for signs around town giving details closer to the time. Plan to be part of this exciting event.