

Grand Valley & District Public School

JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

Staff Changes for September

There are a number of staff changes that are happening for September. I am retiring at the end of June. Please welcome Wendy Clarke who will be the Principal at Grand Valley. I've thoroughly enjoyed the past seven years at the school, getting to know and work with the community, and being a part of our students' lives as they grow and learn. Thanks for all of your support.

We have a number of other staff members who will be moving on at the end of June as well: Kim Thompson is retiring after 31 years of teaching. We appreciate her ongoing dedication to student learning, as well as to community and staff support. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Nadia Corcho (Grade 7/8 Teacher), Emily Togeretz (Grade 3/4 Teacher), Lauren Smith (Planning Time Teacher) and Nancy Gellatly (Grade 2/3 Teacher) are finishing Long Term Occasional placements here in June. Karen Robson will be on leave for the year. Jennifer Little has accepted a teaching position at Primrose Elementary School. We thank them for all of their work with students and parents and wish them continued success.

Terry-Lynn O'Gorman is scheduled to return from leave in September. There will be a number of new staff members coming to Grand Valley who will be introduced once we are finished the staffing process that is currently happening.

With Respect and Gratitude,
Andy Pink
Principal

Classroom Organizations and Student Placement for September 2018

The following is a *tentative* list of classes for the 2018-2019 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:

JK/SK	Grade 3/4
JK/SK	Grade 4/5
Grade 1/2	Grade 5/6
Grade 1/2	Grade 6/7
Grade 2/3	Grade 7/8
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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 8th. 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.

Important Dates – June

Friday, June 8th is P.A. Day, and there is no school for students. Report cards will go home on **Wednesday, June 27th, 2018**. Parents are reminded to please return the last page of the report card before the last day of school. The last day of school for students is **Thursday, June 28th, 2018**.

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 helps 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 25th, 2018**. The event will take place in our Gymnasium starting at 7:30pm.

Library

June 1st is the last date for students to check books out of the library. Books need to be returned by June 8th. 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, many of our 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 continue to enjoy MakerSpace time, including some new technology.~ Mrs. Kocher

Mrs. Kocher wishes to extend a HUGE thank you to Coles Book Store in Orangeville for awarding the \$2,500 For the Love of Reading prize to our school library. We will be enjoying lots of amazing new titles in the fall.

The Grand Valley Lions Club has continued to support our library again this year with another \$150 worth of new books for our young readers. We are so thankful for these kind donations.

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 Saturday, August 25th, 2018, please check out the transportation website under the parent tab at <http://www.stwdsts.ca/home>.

Eco Team Earns Gold!!

We have had another great environmentally friendly year here at Grand Valley. Thank you to all of you who have made a greater effort to reduce the amount of waste that goes into your garbage and recycling bins each day. The Eco Team will continue to encourage our Litterless and Lights Out Lunches, Terra Cycle, ColourCycle and composting initiatives.

Our goal this year was to "Go For Gold!" We have taken on more initiatives including raising money for the adoption of a crocodile from WWF (World Wildlife Fund).

The Eco Team is happy to announce that we have met our goal and have earned GOLD status this year. Congratulations to everyone for working very diligently to be an environmentally conscious school.

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.

Lost and Found

Please remember to have one final look through our Lost and Found items before June 15th, 2018. 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 Wednesday, June 6th at 2:15 pm for the final event of our Jump Rope for Heart campaign. As promised, the top fundraisers 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.

Hot Lunch Program

The last pizza day for this term will be on Thursday, June 21st, 2018. Dilly Bar days are June 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th, 2018. 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, Ruth-Ann and Alison for volunteering their time every week to feed hungry students! Great job! If you are interested in helping to coordinate our hot lunch program next year please contact the school office.

Milk Program

The milk program is now complete for the school year! 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 and the student milk helpers for ensuring that milk is delivered to classrooms daily! Great job everyone!

Summer Day Camp in Grand Valley

Summer Day Camp will be held at the Grand Valley Arena. For more information please call the Grand Valley Community Centre – 519-928-2830 or visit the website at <http://www.grandvalleycommunitycentre.ca>

Grand Valley Minor Hockey

Thinking of playing hockey next season? Registration is now open for Grand Valley Minor Hockey! Now accepting registrations for pre-school (ages 3-4) up to bantam (ages 13-14). Focus on skill development and fun while playing hockey in a competitive local league; new players welcome, payment options available. Don't miss the early bird registration deadline – fees increase after June 15th! Contact Michelle at grandvalleyymh@gmail.com for information or visit our website: <https://gvmh.ca>