



# October Newsletter

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**Thank you for keeping  
G M P Nut Free!**

## Mrs. Ramsay's Remarks

We have had a positive start to the school year! Our students are settling into routines and developing friendships at school. September was a busy month with learning expectations, the Terry Fox Walk, the Respect Assembly, the BBQ, and the Open House. Our school wide theme for the month of October is **gratitude**. We are working with our students to strengthen this positive mindset.

Thank you for supporting your child as they adjust to a new school year. If you have any questions or concerns during the school year, please call, email, or come in to speak with me – my door is open!  
[kim.ramsay@gov.yk.ca](mailto:kim.ramsay@gov.yk.ca)

## Goal Setting Conferences: October 18-19th

Information about the upcoming Goal Setting Conferences was sent home in envelopes with each student on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. In the envelope, there was:

- An information letter about the Goal Setting Conference
- The goals that have been set by the students (with teacher support)
- A conference meeting time for your child

A reminder that there is **no school for students on Friday, October 19** due to the goal setting conferences.



## 2 Professional Development Days – Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup>

On Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, the staff will take part in professional development. There will be **no school for students on these Fridays**. On Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, there is no school as Remembrance Day is observed on this day.

## Back By Popular Demand –TOY DAY!

Once again, we are going to have TOY DAY. Every Thursday, students can bring ONE toy from home to play with at recess time. Toys must be appropriate (no computer or electronic games; no toys with violent themes– guns, swords, etc.) and they must be small enough to fit in a backpack.

## NEW - Activity Afternoons in October

Students have been engaged in a variety of activities for an hour on Wednesday afternoons! Students have selected an area of interest, and multi-age groups of students are exploring their interests together. So far, we have had 2 sessions (October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>) and we have 2 more sessions coming up (October 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>). Some of the areas of interest include sports, music, baking, art, outdoor gardening, stop motion, and Pokemon! Ask your child to tell you about their chosen activity.

## Bedtime Books Bonanza!

Please join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grey Mountain Primary Bedtime Books Bonanza and PJ Party! Fun, Fun, Fun!

**When:** Thursday, October 25

**Time:** 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Wear pyjamas and come for stories and bedtime snacks!



## Reading Buddies

Every Thursday, from 8:35 – 9:00am, students will be reading with buddies. The kindergarten class is paired with the grade 2 class, and the grade 1 class is paired with the grade 3 class. This is a great opportunity for students to share books and their love of reading together with a partner!

## Welcome

Our French Monitor for this school year is Anne-Sofie Berthelot and she comes to us from Quebec. Anne-Sofie will be assisting Mme. Ott in French class Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Welcome to GMP, Anne-Sofie.

*Develop an Attitude of Gratitude*

### **Terry Fox Walk**

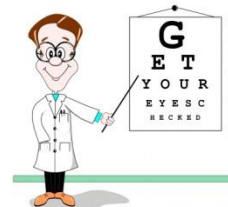
Thank you to all who participated in GMP's Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Hats off to our little school, as we were able to donate \$130.00 to the Terry Fox Foundation. Way to go GMP!!

### **Arctic Sports Club is beginning!**

Students in grades 1-3 are meeting once a week to learn the Arctic Sports with Madame Ott and Mrs. Bennett. Occasionally a special coach comes to demonstrate these events. There will be a tournament on November 28<sup>th</sup> at Porter Creek Secondary School. Students must come regularly to the club in order to participate in this special inter-school event. All grade 1-3 students are welcome! Please encourage your child to participate!

### **Vision Testing**

Vision screening for all students occurred on September 25<sup>th</sup> at our school. A letter home was provided to students who require further assessment. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who helped us with this!



### **From the Ground Up: GMP Fundraising**



Our "From the Ground Up" vegetable fundraiser was a great success this year! We sold 95 boxes of veggies, 12 of which were donated to the food bank. Our school will receive approximately \$1300 of this money. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser. Veggies will be available for pick up from 3:00-6:00pm on Monday, October 15.

### **Independent Grocery Store till receipts**

Keep your till receipts from Independent Grocery Store and turn them into the office. For every \$5000 worth of till receipts that we receive (they do add up fast), the school will receive a \$20.00 grocery voucher.

### **Cold Weather Reminders**

As it's starting to get colder in the mornings, children should wear warm clothing – coats, gloves, wind/rain/snow pants so they can enjoy their time outside. Also, students are to go directly home or to their daycare after school, for weather and safety reasons. Please be punctual in picking up your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **School Council**

Thank you to our wonderful school council! They work together with the school for the success of all students! The next school council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GMP School Council</u> Karalee Johnson – 334-3954 Kristi Zychowka – 332-7508 Amanda Ho Email: <a href="mailto:GMPCouncil@mail.com">GMPCouncil@mail.com</a></p>
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### **Carpenter Please!**

Our tiny library had an accident. If there is anyone out there – handy with tools – who would care to donate some time to build a new door, we would be very grateful indeed. Please call the school and ask for Barb Reid if you can help!



### **Families Welcome in the Library!**



PLEASE feel welcome to pop in for a visit at the **GMP library**.

Browse / Read / Chat with the librarian...  
Barb Reid is there most days after school.  
Feel free to borrow a book or two to read with your children – or find something interesting for yourself in our 'A Little Something For The Big Folk' section.  
We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Is this yours?**



This unique dish was left behind at the BBQ/Open House last month. If it is yours, it is in the office waiting for you to claim it.



## **School Website**

Our school website is at: [gmp.yukonschools.ca](https://gmp.yukonschools.ca)

Here, you will find a calendar with school events, and a variety of interesting nuggets of information. We will do our best to keep it updated.

### **Curious about Yukon's New Curriculum?**

We are in the second year of implementing a new curriculum. To learn more about Yukon's curriculum, consider watching this video: <https://youtu.be/YS0GPDldkRU>

The way we report student progress to parents has been changing too. At Grey Mountain Primary, we are in the second year of reporting via 5 informal reporting events and one final summative report card in June. All Yukon schools will be moving towards informal reporting events throughout the year with one final summative report card at the end of a learning cycle. To learn more, consider watching this video: <https://youtu.be/f4zWF-ZkF3Y>

### ***Mrs. Ramsay will be presenting more about this during Goal Setting Conferences:***

→ Thursday, October 18 at 4pm and 6pm

→ Friday, October 19 at 9am and 11am

Feel free to drop by the library for about 20 minutes to learn more. Childcare will be provided.

### **What about Core Competencies?**

The core competencies along with literacy and numeracy foundations and essential content and concepts are at the centre of the redesign of curriculum and assessment. Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. Three core competencies were identified:

- **Communication** -The communication competency encompasses the set of abilities that students use to impart and exchange information, experiences and ideas, to explore the world around them, and to understand and effectively engage in the use of digital media.
- **Thinking** - The thinking competency encompasses the knowledge, skills, and processes we associate with intellectual development. It is through their competency as thinkers that students take subject-specific concepts and content and transform them into a new understanding. Thinking competence includes specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind, and metacognitive awareness.
- **Personal and Social** - Personal and social competency is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society. Personal and social competency encompasses the abilities students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world.

More information is available here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

### **Dates to Remember**

Monday, October 15	Veggie pick up at school 3:00pm – 6:00pm
Thursday, October 18	Goal setting conferences from 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday, October 18	Arctic Sports Club from 12:30-1:00pm
<b>Friday, October 19</b>	Goal setting conferences – <b>no school for students</b>
Wednesday, October 24	Grade 1-3 Field trip to Selkirk School (French event)
Thursday, October 25	Grade 2 & 3 field trip to Old Fire Hall for puppet show
Thursday, October 25	Bedtime Book Bonanza at 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Monday, October 29	Grade 3 field trip to the Beringia Center
Tuesday, October 30	Grade 3 field trip to Heritage Resources
Wednesday, October 31	Costume parade in the gym at 2:30pm
Thursday, November 1	School wide walk at 8:45am (Hallowe'en sugar burn!)
Thursday, November 1	Arctic Sports Club at 12:30-1:00pm
<b>Friday, November 2</b>	<b>PD Day - no school for students</b>
Saturday, November 3	Daylight Savings Time Ends- turn clocks back 1 hour!
Tuesday, November 6	School Council meeting @5:30pm in school library
Thursday, November 8	Grades 2 & 3 Swim in the afternoon
<b>Friday, November 9</b>	<b>PD Day – no school for students</b>
Monday, November 12	Remembrance Day observed – no school
Wednesday, November 15	World Diabetes Day - wear blue to show your support

More dates here: <http://gmp.yukonschools.ca/calendar.html>