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December 2022



Grosvenor School Newsletter

Administrative Message

Greeting Grosvenor families and Happy December to EVERYONE!

December is one of my favorite months of the year. Our children are settled into their classroom communities and routines, there is a gentle “hum” throughout the school, we engage in the spirit of giving, and holidays are right around the corner. The staff have planned school wide “joyful” activities in

December. Throughout the month of December, we will enter the school each morning to holiday songs being played over the PA, our grade 6 student announcers will tell funny holiday jokes, we’ll play whole school holiday bingo during our holiday spirit week and we are thrilled to bring back our annual TIS THE SEASON. For our new families, TIS THE SEASON is where students will be in mixed circulate through a variety of in and outdoor holiday activities.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our new Educational Assistant and crossing guard, Ralna Forbes. Ralna has volunteered in our school for years, as well as working in our lunch program.

It has been so delightful seeing parents in the school volunteering again! If you’re interested, please see Robyn in the office to get the paperwork required to volunteer.

It has been an absolute pleasure meeting with this year’s student council. They have been busy planning our holiday spirit week, surveying their class on ideas to further school spirit and planning 2 service projects.

It was decided that they wanted to do a clothing drive for Coats for Kids (see inside newsletter for further details) and they also wanted to help Izzy and Halina with their compassion project for The Children’s hospital. Student Council will be holding a “Holiday Bazaar” (aka garage sale) in mid December with all proceeds going to the Children’s Hospital Fundraiser. A student council rep is currently writing the email to go home- more info to follow!

As in previous years, we have a small favor to ask... **PLEASE SAVE YOUR REAL CHRISTMAS TREES.** We would like to create an “enchanted” forested area in our playground once again. When you are done with your Christmas tree please drop it off inside our playground up against the Wilton fence.

On behalf of the entire staff at Grosvenor School, we wish you the very best for the holiday season. It is a privilege to work with your children each day, and we thank you for your ongoing engagement in the learning of your children. Here’s to much good health and happiness in 2023.

We hope you see you on December 19th @ St. George’s Church for an evening of music and holiday spirit.

Warm Regards,
Camie

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Last Day of Classes
before Holiday Break
is Wednesday,
December 21st!



A Look Ahead to January 2023



January 5th	Classes Resume
January 16th	SCHOOL PD—NO CLASSES

News from the Grosvenor School Association

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Wow! Holiday season is here! It's fun and it's a lot. We hope you're staying steady. Here's what your GSA has been working on:



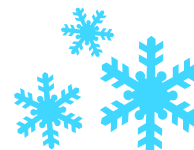
New date! Holiday Carol Sing on Monday, December 19 at 6:30pm: This lovely event is held at St. George's Anglican Church. Parents and students come together (with Ms. Hanton's support) to sing carols for and with each other. Thank you so much to all who are contributing their musical talents and suggested songs. This year we have a special ensemble of WSO musicians, along with other special musical guests. And that's not even including the kids! (Have your children been singing *Carol of the Bells*, or *Oh the Weather Outside is Frightful* a lot, too?) The GSA will host a reception of cookies and hot drinks after. Please come!

If possible, please bring a donation for Winnipeg Harvest. Also, if you have bells and battery-operated candles, please bring them. But don't go back if you forget them—we'll have extras at the door

P.S.: Extended family are welcome.

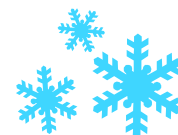
GSA Meeting on Thursday, December 1 at 6:30pm: This month the GSA Meeting is/was Thursday Dec 1. Remember, the GSA Meeting is always the first Thursday of the month. It's casual, fun, and there's free babysitting in the gym. All are very welcome.

Fun Lunch on Friday, December 16: Stay tuned for more details. Thanks for organizing, Kaitlin!



Classroom Reps: Thank you to all our classroom reps! Please make sure you submit the yellow form so they can add your family to the contact lists for each classroom. And thanks to the classroom reps for continuing a Grosvenor tradition—providing family with the option to contribute money to a group teacher gift.

Fun en Française: It's running and it's working! We're going into the third week and while the children still really enjoy asking "Est-ce que je peux aller à la toilette?" (rather genius, M. Mont!), they have also expanded their French vocabulary.



Kinder/Nursery Holiday Hamper Morning: Nursery and Kinder families are going to pack holiday hampers. Stay tuned for details.

Jingle, Dreidel, Silent, Joy,
Your GSA



GSA Meeting TODAY:
Thursday, Dec 1st at
6:30p.m.
Free Babysitting is
provided!

2022-2023 GSA Officers

Co-Chairs: Laura Matlaschewski and Kaleigh Rosenblat
Vice-Chair: Greg Grahn
Treasurer: Heather McLeod/Leslie Roy
Secretary: Christina Penner
Lunch Program Coordinator: Kaitlin Rhoden

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STUDENT LED HOLIDAY COMPASSION PROJECTS

1.) The Children's Hospital Foundation Fund Raiser

Dear Families of Grosvenor School,

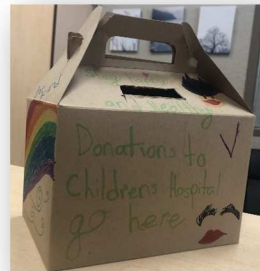
Hello, this is Halina and Izzy from Room 12, Grade 4. We are doing a special fundraiser to help the Children's Hospital raise money for kids medical needs and toys. Imagine being in the hospital over the holiday season, while your family is at home relaxing and waiting for a Christmas miracle. We want to help make all the sick children happy over the holidays so we are doing a fundraiser to help.

We are taking change, dollars and cheques (made out to **The Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba**). Robyn will have a collection box in the office.

If you can, please donate by **Friday, December 9th**.

Thank you so much.

Halina and Izzy



2.) KOATS for Kids Donations wanted! By Grosvenor Student Council

In the spirit of giving (something close to our hearts) the student council is doing a winter gear drive for Koats for Kids!

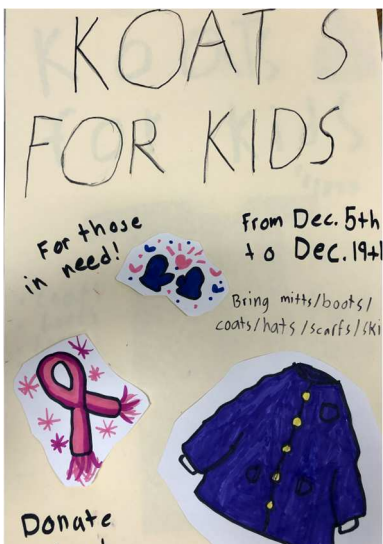
Please drop off your CLEAN, gently used or new winter clothes at Grosvenor School from December 5th to the 19th.

Koats for Kids is collecting:

- coats
- Hats
- mitts
- scarves
- ski pants
- boots

Please ensure that all items are clean and in good condition before donating them.

Thank you!
Grosvenor Student Council



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News from the Gym by Lisa Squair

It has been a busy November of both individual and group activities for all grades.

Kindergartens to grades 2 have been introduced to striking activities such as t-ball, badminton and paddle tennis. Invasion games, parachute games, dodgeball-type games and stations have also been offered.

In December, weather permitting, the students will be offered quinzee building, snow soccer and snow people building, as well as indoor holiday themed activities (chase the flake, snowball dodgeball, Santa's sleigh building).

In grades 3-5, the striking activities have included bopper hockey, scooter hockey and badminton. They have also participated in invasion games, station work and cooperative games.

In addition to the above activities, grade 6's have participated in a volleyball unit.

In December, a unit in basketball and ringette will be offered to grades 4-6, in addition to holiday themed activities. Weather permitting, we may be able to snowshoe, as well as build quinzees.

All of these activities support the fundamental movement skills, build cardiovascular endurance, and support lifetime pursuits.

News from the Music Room by Ms. Hanton

Students are enjoying singing all of our favourite holiday songs and accompanying themselves with boomwhackers, tone chimes, xylophones, and the occasional ukulele! While they playing the instruments, they are developing their ensemble skills which involve listening to each other, finding a common beat, playing rhythms accurately, and creating harmony. While they are singing they are developing breath control, pitch matching, diction, enunciation and of course personal expression through music.

On a personal note, I wish all of you peace and happiness in the upcoming holiday season. We have much to celebrate and much to reflect upon as we finish 2022! I hope you spend time with your favourite people and that 2023 is filled with joy.

News from French & Stem by Mr. Mont

STEM

STEM challenges have made an appearance in the science lab! Over the next couple of months, students will be challenged to grow and test their problem solving skills against activities carefully designed to develop the 'zero cluster' skills. Specifically, those skills are the ability to properly form a scientific inquiry string that will lead to a conclusion and to become more comfortable with the very important failures associated with the design process. Please ask your children about a recent activity where they had to design a solution to make dominoes fall up a set of 'stairs'. All Grosvenor students are scientists!

Français

L'amélioration des conversations en français se continuent dans l'atelier de français. Les étudiants continuent d'agrandir leurs capacités de communiquer avec les autres, complètement en français! Récemment, les sixièmes à étaient charger de créer une phrase nouvelle qui explique comment une journée peut être froide et chaude à la même temps, par utiliser le vocabulaire et la conjugaison des verbes qu'ils ont appris en classe. Les 3/4/5ièmes ont appris le vocabulaire des objets de salle de classe et pratiquent à demander s'ils peuvent emprunter les objets des autres. Les 1/2ièmes continuent de s'amuser aux jeux en français et d'explorer à écouter et à répondre aux questions et salutations simple. Tous les enfants continuent de sauter par-dessus les barres qui devient toujours plus hautes. Nous sommes étonnés toujours à ce qu'ils peuvent accomplir quand ils ont l'occasion de briller.

French conversation continues to improve in the French workshop. Students continue to learn and grow their abilities to communicate with others, completely in French! Recently, the grade 6s were tasked with using learned vocabulary and verb conjugation to write completely novel sentences to describe how a day can be both cold and hot at the same time. The 3/4/5s have been learning vocabulary about classroom objects and how to ask to borrow them from someone. The 1/2s continue to have fun using French in exciting games and learning to listen to and respond to basic greetings and questions. The kids continue to jump over ever-ascending bars and we are all always amazed at what they can do when given a chance to shine.

A 6x5 grid of 30 photographs documenting a field study at a nature center. The images show children and adults engaged in various activities: observing wildlife (a chipmunk, a turtle, a snake, an owl, and a deer), playing in a stream, building a den, and posing for group photos in a wooded area. The photos are arranged in a grid, with each image showing a different scene from the field study.

Cold? Who said it was cold??

The image consists of two side-by-side photographs of a large group of children, likely a school group, dressed in winter clothing. The left photograph shows the children posing in a wooded area with bare trees in the background. The right photograph shows the same group of children standing in front of a small, rustic wooden cabin or log house. The children are wearing various winter coats, hats, and gloves, and some are holding sticks or poles. The ground is covered with fallen leaves, suggesting an autumn or early winter setting.



A herd of bison and a pack of Prairie Chickens!

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RISE OF THE GUARDIANS

Go Guardians, Go!!



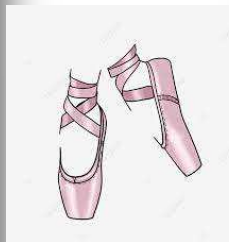
The Grosvenor Grade 6 Guardians participated in a volleyball tournament on November 30th. They were excellent ambassadors for our school, demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship and amazing skill. Their coach is extremely proud of them!! Way to go, Guardians!!!



Grosvenor School



A Special
Performance
from the Royal
Winnipeg Ballet
at Grosvenor
School.



News from Grosvenor



Patrols:

With the cold weather here, patrols need to be dressed properly for the elements. Toques, mitts, face masks, parkas, ski pants, boots and scarves are essential.

Patrols will go out on regular shifts, if the temperature is -24 or warmer (with windchill). Patrols will go out on a shortened shift if the temperature is -25 to -29 with the wind windchill. Patrols will not go out if the temperature is -30 or colder with the windchill. Morning patrols are encouraged to come to school prepared for their shift and the weather will be checked before they go outside.

WSD Cold Weather Guidelines for Schools



Student Arrival at School

- When the cold weather has truly arrived, we remind parents, guardians and students that they should arrive at school **NO EARLIER** than 8:45 am. If it is -28 degrees with windchill or colder, students will see a green card on the doors. This will signal them to come in the building through their cohort doors and go to their classroom.

Indoor Recess Policy: During the winter months, the wind chill is checked before morning recess, lunch time and afternoon recess. (The website used to confirm weather is:

https://www.weather.gc.ca/city/pages/mb-36_metric_e.html

- Students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather at all times. As per WSD policy, students will be kept indoors only on inclement days when the wind chill reaches -28° Celsius. When the wind chill is between -25° to -27° , students may go out for a shortened 10 minute recess.
- At times, parents and guardians have requested by a note to the classroom teacher or a phone call to the school, to have their child remain indoors at recess time. It is our school's belief that if a student is too sick to go outdoors at recess, then he or she is too sick to be at school.



December 2022



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
 HAPPY HANUKKAH			Day 6 1	Day 1 2
Day 2 5	Day 3 6 • Running Club	Day 4 7 • Drama Club	Day 5 8 • Running Club	9
Day 1 12 Festive Hat Day! Wear holiday hat attire! 	Day 2 13 • Running Club Holiday Sweater 	Day 3 14 Assembly AM Room 8 Hosting! • Drama Club Any kind of Sparkle or holiday anything Whole school Holiday/ Winter Bingo with prizes	Day 4 15 • Running Club Are you "RED"-y for Winter Break? Dress in Candy Cane Colours: Wear Red, Green, White or all 3! Holiday Bizzarre!	Day 5 16 P.J. Day
HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK!				
Day 6 19 	20 • NO Running Club 'Tis The Season Activities All Day!	21 • NO Drama Club Last Day of School Before Break BONUS PJ DAY! 	22 	23
W I N T E R B R E A K				
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W I N T E R B R E A K RETURN TO SCHOOL ON JANUARY 5th, 2023				
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