

GROSVENOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Administrative Message

Welcome Back! I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all new and returning families to the Grosvenor School community. I hope the summer was a good one and you're ready to get back into the school routine. I know we are! The staff have been eagerly awaiting the return of students as they're the reason why we are here!

As I step into my 5th year as Principal of Grosvenor School, I just have to say how honored and privileged it is to be serving your community. It's true what they say...small school- BIG family! As each child walks through the doors of Grosvenor School, we honor their individuality, strengths, passions and gifts they bring to the world. We strive to create independent, confident, compassionate learners and provide countless opportunities to GROW!

Staffing news:

I'd like to welcome back Ms. Jasmine Madill who will be filling the TERM N/K position this year. Ms. Madill has worked in N- 6 classrooms as an EA, as well as teaching Grade 5 at Grosvenor in 2020/21. Coming off maternity leave, Ms. Madill is thrilled to be working and learning with the Grosvenor staff and families.

Ms. McMurtry is .50 Resource. As part of her portfolio, she will be serving as library manager. We are so excited to have our library back up and running and having students participate in our book exchange program.

Our EA, Janet Siemens will be our new Crossing Guard this year. Ms. Sobral, Ms. Anderson and Ms. McMurtry will be the sharing the job of patrol supervisor. Patrols will start asap.

Ms. Amber (Early Years Support Teacher) will be supporting Grosvenor staff and students again this year. Her time is approx. .33 as she is shared between 3 schools.

Mr. Karl Woods, who has been an EA here for the last 2 years, has decided to leave education to be a tattoo apprentice. We wish him well.

WE ARE TURNING 100 YEARS OLD! We have a working committee of staff who have started to brainstorm ideas for our 100th birthday in the spring. I would like to extend an invite to any community member/parent/grandparent who would like to be on the committee to plan a celebration that won't be forgotten! Please call the office or email me directly if you'd like to volunteer. The first meeting will be in mid- October.

The staff is looking forward to starting up clubs again, book/learning buddies, village groups etc. We will let families know what and when these clubs are happening throughout the year so you can talk to your children about joining when the time comes. This information will be sent home in the beginning of October.

Munroe Education Center, (Before and After Care Daycare at Grosvenor) is looking for more children to attend the before and after school program. We have families who are on a waitlist who desperately need childcare. The only way for this to happen is for 10 (give or take) students to enroll, which in turn, would give them the number they need to allow them to hire another ECE worker. If you know anyone who may be interested, PLEASE have them contact melanie.munroe@gmail.com for more information.

Here are our over- arching school priorities (I will speak to these in further detail at GSA meetings): Our school priorities for the upcoming school year are

- Literacy: creating Reading and Writing Workshops using the Units of Study by Lucy Calkins (all grades). Using the Phonetics Unit of Study kits (K-2)
- Numeracy: creating a belief on how we teach Mathematics at Grosvenor, a focus on mental math drills (Gr. 4-6) & Problem solving (Using Thinking Classrooms- Peter Liljedahl)
- Multi-age Education
- Indigenous Education: Language and Culture.

We believe that you are your children's first and most important teacher. We want to work with you and keep you abreast of what is happening at school. The connection between home and school is a critical one and we value your ideas, questions, thoughts, and concerns. Please don't hesitate to call or email your child's teacher and I am always available to chat. There will be opportunities throughout the year for you to get involved in the school. We ask that you give us the month of September, to get routines established before we invite volunteers into the school. There are also new processes in place for school volunteers- more information will follow. Here's to the 2022-23 school year!

We look forward to seeing you all at our **Meet the Teacher Potluck on September 22nd**. More info about this GSA/school event will go home shortly

Best Regards,
Camie

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Picture Day
Thursday, Sept. 22nd



Upcoming No Class Days:

September 19th

September 30th

October 10th:
Thanksgiving Day

October 21st

November 11th:
Remembrance Day

November 18th



News from the Grosvenor School Association

The Grosvenor School Association (GSA) welcomes you back to school!

Welcome Grosvenor Families!

We are excited to be kicking off a new school year! The schoolyard and hallways are buzzing with excitement - what a great feeling after the past few years!

There are many new members joining the Grosvenor School Association (GSA) this year. Welcome to the 2022/23 council:

- Co-Chairs are Kaleigh Rosenblat and Laura Matlashewski
- Vice Chair is Greg Grahn
- Co-Treasurers are Heather McLeod and Leslie Roy
- Secretary is Christina Penner
- Lunch Program Coordinator is Kaitlin Rhoden

Special Events Coordinator is Marla Cameron

We want to extend our gratitude and appreciation to the past members of the GSA, many of whom volunteered their time and efforts for several years. Thank you!!!

As always, we welcome all families to join our monthly meetings - our first will be held in early October. More information to be shared soon. A few upcoming dates the mark in your calendar:

September 22nd is the Meet the Teacher

potluck: the GSA helps to host this event and it's a great opportunity to connect with new and returning Grosvenor families.

September 27th is the deadline to order veggie bundles through Peak of the Market's "Farm to School" fundraiser: check for an email from Robyn containing information and order forms.

Finally, a reminder to families that any child(ren) staying at school for lunch must be enrolled in the lunch program and fees can be paid in full or in two installments.

You can use the [new online enrollment form](#). Payment can be made through e-transfer to grosvenortreasurer@gmail.com. Email grosvenorlunchprogram@gmail.com with any questions.

~ From the GSA :)

2022-2023 GSA Officers

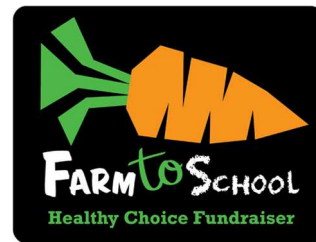
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We are so excited to bring back our "Farm to School" fundraiser! This fundraiser is in partnership with peak of the market. Peak of the market offers us veggie bundles for purchase and 50% of the proceeds go to the school. There are 4 bundle types to choose from, and 2 sizes. An email was sent home, so please check your in box!

Deadline to order is September 27th!

Orders will be ready for pick up on October 6th, please stay tuned for directions on how to pick up your orders from Grosvenor School on that day!

Orders must be submitted ONLINE!!

Thanks for your support!

A Classroom Representative Contact List will be sent home next week with your child. Please take the time to fill it out so your child's Classroom Parent Representative can send you information and/or request your help with any upcoming volunteer requirements within the classroom/school this year.

Policies and Procedures

Student Accident Insurance

The 2022-2023 enrollment form for Student Accident Insurance, (through the Reliable Life Insurance Company) has not arrived at our school yet. Forms will go out once we receive them. The enrollment form and the required premium are to be placed in the envelopes provided and **MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE RELIABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. Please do NOT return the forms to the school.**

The Insurance Plan is **COMPULSORY for those students who are enrolled in the LUNCH PROGRAM** It is available to all other students as well.

Medication for Students

This is to remind parents that when the school is asked to administer any medication to a child, a series of forms must be completed by the physician and the parent.

The medication must be brought from the home by the parent, guardian or other reliable adult. The medication container must have the dispensing instructions noted on it and must have the official label of the druggist. The container should be one for school use - a separate container should be kept at home. Students with asthma who bring inhalers to school will be allowed to carry them with them at all times.

“NUT” Free School

We may have students with life threatening allergies to nuts. Parents **do not send food with peanut butter or any other nut product.** Peanut butter residue is easily spread to door handles, water fountains, furniture, etc. If a child with a peanut allergy touches the residue, a severe allergic reaction may occur.

Runners at School

Parents, we ask that all students leave a pair of indoor shoes at school that they can change into everyday. Students are expected to wear running shoes in gym class.



Electronic Devices

We ask that students not bring cell phones or electronic devices to school, as we cannot be responsible for any damage or loss.

Traffic Safety and the Handicap Loading Zone:

Please **DO NOT** stop or park in the Handicap Loading Zone at any time in front of the main doors on Grosvenor, unless you have a handicap parking permit. We have several families who rely on this space.

Volunteering at Grosvenor

Volunteers are a valuable part of our school program. Our community and school prides itself on our fabulous volunteer base. There are many opportunities for you to volunteer here at Grosvenor School.

We would like for all parents to complete volunteer forms this year for our volunteer database. This way if you choose to join a field trip or classroom event, we have your volunteer form on file. Volunteer forms will be available at our “Meet the Staff” evening, September 22nd, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Party Invitations:

We discourage students from handing out invitations during school time. Difficult situations arise when one or more students from a class are not invited to a party, and we ask that teachers not be requested to hand out invitations.

Bicycles/Scooters/Skateboards at School:

If you are bringing any of the above to school we ask you to please dismount before entering the playground and lock up at the bicycle stand. Please note that the school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged bicycles/scooter/skateboards that are brought to school. School grounds are often targets for professional bicycle thieves. Even when bicycles are locked to a stand, they can be stolen. Please do not ride your bicycles, skateboards or scooters on school property between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. *please note bikes/scooters/skateboards are not allowed to be brought in the school for storage.

Toys from Home:

Exercise is important for children’s health and learning. Comprehensive School Health is a school priority and we want children to be actively playing during their recess breaks. Toys can foster sedentary activity and can create conflicts arising from issues around sharing, trading and losing them. (This includes Pokeman and other Trading Cards)

After discussions with Grosvenor staff and the G.S.A., we will continue to not allow toys from home during school hours (9:00-3:30). This also applies to recesses and lunch time.

Grosvenor School provides students with recreational equipment that promotes active living and playground games are taught in their physical education program. When surveyed, all staff on lunch and recess duty reported that they observed more active children and less conflict since we have become “Toy Free”.

Grosvenor School September 2022



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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5 Labour Day	6 Day 1 Admin Day No Classes	7 Day 2 First Day of classes! Grade 1-6	8 Day 3	9 Day 4 First Day of classes! Nursery/Kindergarten
12 Day 5	13 Day 6	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16 Day 3
19 Day 4 School Inservice Day NO CLASSES	20 Day 5	21 Day 6	22 Day 1 School Picture Day! Meet the Teacher Potluck!	23 Day 2
	Kindergarten Hearing Screening →			
26 Day 3	27 Day 4 Peak of the Market Orders are Due!	28 Day 5	29 Day 6	30 Day 1 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation NO CLASSES