

GVS Social Justice News

GVS is once again assisting the Grunthal Community Christmas Hampers, but running a coin drive in November to raise money to purchase toys for our local Christmas hampers. Coins will be collected by grade level, so we can see which grade can make the most "change" in some children's Christmas. GVS students will get the opportunity to purchase and wrap the toys with the money raised.

Drama News

Congratulations to Madisen Hiebert who was chosen to take part in the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre's (RMTC) Backstage Pass program. As a result, Madi will have the opportunity to attend a variety of theatre workshops (directing, special effects, play-writing, etc...) led by working professionals from the Winnipeg theatre community as well as take in all five of RMTC's mainstage shows. Way to go Madi!

Chocolate Sales

Chocolate Sales have finished and over \$25 000 of product was sold. The school's total final hasn't been calculated but we will have roughly \$10 000 profit. Money raised from the sales will go to support recess equipment, special days at GVS, field trips, and other special events. A big thank-you to all the students who sold and the many parents, friends, relatives, and neighbours who supported the school by buying the chocolates.

GVS Music

Choral Fest

Our grade 9 -12 choirs will be participating in this year's Choral Fest which takes place on November 16th. Our students will be performing to an audience of peers and adjudicators. This is followed by a teaching session with choral experts.

The Month that was:

Choral Workshop

We had a total of 40 students participating in this year's Eastman Choral Workshop. Students were engaged all day in an intense learning environment. In the short matter of 1 day each group learned and rehearsed up to 3 songs and presented them (memorized) at an evening concert. If your child missed this opportunity, be sure to look for it coming up again next October.

Fall Concert

Our fall concert was a spectacular event with a wide range of musical styles and presentations. In an effort to highlight more of the middle years at concert, we included the grade 5 & 6 choirs in the fall concert. There is something very powerful in hearing 100+ children's voices raised in song. Please look for emails and letters coming home informing of more performance opportunities for grade 5 & 6 choirs. If you did not receive emails regarding the concert over the last few weeks, and you would like to be informed via email, please let Mr. Neufeld know.

GVS 2017 Band and Choir Trip

This year the grade 9 - 12 bands and choirs will be going to Edmonton to participate in the Cantando Music Festival. We will be leaving on April 9th and returning on April 13th. We will send more info home with students over the next few weeks.

Fundraising for Band & Choir trip 2017

Our fundraisers are in high gear for the Edmonton trip. At the fall concert we put on a very successful bake sale. We also managed the Canteen at a volleyball tournament at GVS and South Oaks. We are also doing individual fundraisers to help lower the cost of each students trip.

GVS NEWS



Principal Angela Burtack-Schinkel Vice-Principal Marlin Adrian
November 2016

November promises to be a very rewarding and busy month for GVS students, teachers and families. This year our middle years' students (grades 5-8) will be involved in **Student-Led Conferences** on the evening of November 22nd, 2016 starting at 4:30pm. Students will share their progress with their parents during timeslots that will be provided by GVS. At this time further details about their progress will be highlighted. Your partnership with the school is invaluable to your children's academic and social success. We thank you for your efforts to work with your child's teachers to support their development.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will continue in grades 9-12. We highly encourage our senior years' students to attend these conferences with their parents/guardians. The Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Nov.22, 2016. We look forward to seeing our parents and students on that evening.

GVS would like to take this opportunity to thank Access Credit Union and the Grunthal Lions' Club for their unwavering support of the GVS Breakfast Program. This support is greatly appreciated and we are incredibly fortunate to partner with businesses and organizations that value the health, welfare and the well-being of children. As I have commented before...**"It takes a village to raise a child."** We are very grateful and deeply appreciative for the kindness and generosity that the community of Grunthal extends towards GVS.

We would also like to acknowledge the hard work and the countless hours of volunteering that many of our parents and staff members have done over the last two months. Coaching, supervising, driving and organizing all of the extra-curricular programs is extremely time consuming. **THANK-YOU** for your dedication and for your support towards GVS programs. Because of your involvement, you are providing the opportunity for our kids to take part and engage in healthy, active, and creative activities.

Please note that you will find GVS school information on our website: www.gvs.hsd.ca. Daily announcements are also posted on our website. GVS upcoming events are also posted on the R.M. of Hanover electronic sign by the fire hall.

With the arrival of November comes the time that we pay tribute, give thanks and remember the brave hearts of the thousands of men and women that have fought for the peace, equality, and freedoms we live with today.

"I AM A CANADIAN, free to speak without fear, free to worship in my own way, free to stand for what I think right, free to oppose what I believe wrong, or free to choose those who shall govern my country. This heritage of freedom I pledge to uphold for myself and all of mankind."

-JOHN DIEFENBAKER

Yours in Education,

Principal- Angela Burtack-Schinkel

November 2nd

- Take your Kid to Work Day

November 4th

- SY Report Cards Issued

November 10th

- Remembrance Day Service

November 11th

- Remembrance Day No Classes

November 14th

- SY PD Day No Classes
- MY Admin Day No Classes

November 16th

- Picture Retakes

November 18th

- MY Report Cards Issued

November 21st

- Grade 6 & 9 Immunizations

November 22nd

- Volleyball Finals
- MY Student Led Conference
- SY Parent Teacher Interviews

November 25th

- Pirate Pride Day

COMING TO GRADES 5-8 AT GVS ON November 22nd, 2016

Student Led Conferences

A student-led conference is a conference with parents led by the student. The role of the classroom teacher is a facilitator in the conference process. Students lead parents through a discussion of their work and established academic and social goals. The process includes the teacher facilitating several conferences at the same time. The student directs the conversation focused on their work and classroom behavior.

Our middle school students (like most) struggle between wanting adults to make decisions for them and wanting to gain control from those in charge so they can be responsible for themselves. We want our students to learn to exercise choices, take responsibility for their learning, and do their best work.

Philosophy of Student-Led Conferences

The process of communicating the progress of students to parents must involve students in a meaningful way. For a discussion of student work to be relevant, accurate and complete; students need to be meaningfully engaged in the process. Having students lead a conference with parents is a way to maximize their involvement. The involvement of students in the conferencing process promotes three elements essential to improving student performance in school:

- Relevance; why we are teaching what we are teaching to students
- Responsibility; making the student more responsible for learning
- Reporting to parents how students are progressing in learning

Roles and Responsibilities of Student-Led Conferences

Successful student-lead conferences require changes in the roles that teacher, student and parent have played in traditional parent conferencing. Teachers become facilitators, students become leaders and parents become active listeners and questioners.

Teacher Role: To organize the conference environment and to guarantee success. This includes scheduling, guiding portfolio collection, training students and setting up the conference spaces. The teacher becomes a guide and observer of the conferencing process.

Student Role: Through all stages of the student-led conference process; preparation, implementation and evaluation the student becomes the key participant. The student becomes responsible for working with the teacher to identify strengths, identifying learning needs and collecting evidence to validate learning. The student self-reflection process is missing from traditional conferences. In student-led conferencing as students prepare to conference with their parents they engage in a self-reflection process about their achievement and future goals.

Parent Role: Parents become partners in learning when students lead a conference. The opportunity for parents to have one-to-one time with their child focused on learning and achievement is important to the conferencing process. The parents role is to listen.

Note to parents and students...

Every year at GVS we are required to do 10 Fire Drills, one Hold and Secure Drill and one weather related emergency drill. During the week of November 7th-10th we will be conducting one Hold & Secure drill with our entire school community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact GVS at 204-434-6415

Sports Report SY

We're in the final stretch run for our volleyball season. It will be a busy month for volleyball as our league play wraps up, playoffs begin for a chance to represent our Zone at Provincials.

Our Volleyball teams have had a busy month of league play and tournaments. Currently our Varsity Boys are ranked 10th and Varsity Girls 3rd in the Province. In the JV Category our Boys are ranked 5th and Girls are ranked 2nd. The following are some important dates to keep in mind for the rest of the season in November.

Nov 4 & 5—Varsity Boys and Girls in Brandon at Neelin Tournament

Nov 4 & 5—JV Girls at Killarney Tournament

Nov 9—Varsity Volleyball Zones (South vs. North winner) hosted by the North winner

Nov 10—JV Volleyball Zones (South vs. North winner) hosted by the North winner

Nov 11 & 12—Varsity Boys at Rosenort Tournament

Nov 24, 25 & 26—JV Boys Volleyball Provincials @ Hamiota, JV Girls Volleyball Provincials @ Shoal Lake

Dec 1, 2 & 3—Varsity Boys Volleyball Provincials @ Carman, Varsity Girls Volleyball Provincials @ Morris

October was a successful month for our Cross Country running team as they brought home two Zone banners in JV Girls and Varsity Boys Categories! Congratulations to all of our team members on a successful season.

For all practices and league game info visit gvs.hsd.ca and click on the Pirates calendar.

Sports Report MY

Volleyball season is winding down and play-offs are right around the corner. Most of our teams are doing well with more wins than losses for our grade 7 and 8 teams. The playoffs start the week of November 15th with the HSD finals on November 22nd. A big thank you goes out to our coaching staff for working on developing their skills as well as all the positive values that goes along with team sports.

The grade 7 & 8 Volleyball Intramural League will be starting the first week of November. Intramurals will run on odd days from 12:35 to 1:05. A list of the teams and a schedule will be posted by the gym entrance.

If there are any parents interested in coaching basketball at the grade 7 & 8 level, please contact Mr. Hill at the school. Practices may start as soon as volleyball is over if we have coaches in place.

Student Council News

Pirate Pride Day is November 25th—Show your school Spirit by wearing your GVS clothing or dress in green.

Christmas Banquet (Grade 9-12) December 14th —Tickets are \$15 and go on sale the last week of November. We are looking for some parent volunteers to help with serving at the Christmas Banquet. If you are interested in helping please contact Ms. Katie Martin at kmartin@hsd.ca.

Take Our Kids to Work Day

November 2nd is *Take Our Kids to Work Day*. This day gives all grade 9 students in the province a chance to experience the world of work through job shadowing a parent, relative or friend. All grade 9 students should now be registered with the school and be ready to go to work. If you encounter one of these grade 9 students during this day, please make them feel welcome.

Grad News

All grade 12 students interested in university should consider applying before December 1, 2016. Universities use this date for advanced early admission scholarships. If your grade 11 course average was above 85% on five 30S courses, you could be in line for an entrance scholarship. Talk to Mr. Gerbrandt for more details.