



# Grafton Public School

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This month is busy with a Leader in Me Assembly, one more Jimmy Chapman breakdancing day, curling for our older grades and Intermediate Volleyball practices are starting in the gym. Thank-you to our School Council fundraising to cover all fees for Jimmy Chapman Dance and also lowering the curling costs. Our grade 7 & 8s have the opportunity to play at a school hockey tournament on Wed. Jan. 29th at the CCC. Please contact the office if you are interested in coaching and have Coaching Level 1. We may have enough players for a competitive and recreational team this year.

This year Remembrance Day is on a school day. Classes from grade 4/5– Grade 8 will walk to the parade and centotaph at 10:15am. We will go rain or shine or snow! Our younger classes are looking for a guest speaker for their assembly for their ceremony in the gym.

Our Progress Reports will be going home on November 8th. This report provides you information about your child's learning skills. We are the only school in this board that uses The Leader In Me program to teach these learning skills which are reported on in each term. Our teachers are scheduling interviews. Please sign the parent page and return it back to the school to help schedule your interview.

November is Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month. Did you know that every day our morning announcements include a Land Acknowledgement as part of a Calls to Action in the process of Canadian Reconciliation?

*Mrs. Renee Cameron*

## UPCOMING DATES NOVEMBER:

1-Leader in Me Assembly– School Goals & Think Win-Win; Grade 8 Ice Cream Sales  
6-Photo Retake Day; Mrs. Ferguson's Class– CCI Visit  
7-Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Ferguson-CCI Be the Change  
8– Mrs. Ferguson-Curling  
13-School Council 6:00pm (in the library) Everyone welcome!  
14-Mrs. Merson-Curling  
15-Mrs. Kerr-Curling; Grade 8 Ice Cream Sales  
20-Mrs. Wilson-Curling  
22-PA Day  
29-Mrs. Burnham-Curling

## SAVE THE DATE:

Dec. 23nd– Jan. 3rd– Winter Break

Jan. 22, Feb. 12, Feb. 26– Brimacombe Ski/Snowboard Days-Grades 4-8 (Parents welcome)

## THE LEADER IN ME©

Our school is led by our Student Lighthouse team. This year our team is made of a governing body of students in grades 1-8 and action committees. They work with the Staff Lighthouse team to make great things happen here.

This month they are hosting an assembly about the 4th Habit: Think Win-Win and how we can use this every day. Two of our Lighthouse members will be on the stage at the CCI Be the Change Day by sharing with all elementary schools in our area what The Leader in Me program is and how it creates change at a school.

## GRAFTON SKI & SNOWBOARD DAYS

Once again our students in grades 4 to grade 8 will have the opportunity to ski at Brimacombe. This is a great way to learn to ski and enjoy winter. Forms will be going home in early December for our first ski day on Wednesday, January 22nd 2019. All school ski trips start with a lesson to ensure that everyone will have a safe day. Parents are welcome to join us on these days. Parents can take your child and meet us at the hill or join us on a bus. We are also skiing on Wednesday, February 12th and Wednesday, February 26th, 2020. We will ski from 9:30am-3:30pm .



## STUDENT RECOGNITION

Thank-you to Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Kerr for coaching all of our Rugby Teams this year. Our students had a lot of fun . Both junior teams and our Int. Girls teams competed at KPREEA!

Jr. Girls Flag Rugby: Natalie B, Audrey C, Anne C, Maryn F, Amy H, Brylee M, Madelyn S, Emma T, Madison T, Paisley, Anna V

Jr. Boys Flag Rugby: Sam C, Shaan H, Lawson M, Ryerson M, Luke N, Riley P, Josh S, Jacob T, Ryder W, Kennen W

Int. Girls Flag Rugby: Kaylee B, Megan B, Devon F, Simran H, Payton H, Aly I, Alisha J, MJ, Keir, Rebecca M, Kiera M, Julia N, Genaih, T, Mya W

Int. Boys Flag Rugby: Jonathan A, Branden B, Sawyer B, Emmett C, Jackson D, Jacob H, Owen H, Klayton J, Noah K, Cooper M, Tucker M, Brock S, Gylend T, Luke T, Isaac W

## CUSTODY: Parents as Partners

If you have custody agreements for your child(ren), please send a copy to the school. This will help guide us with who has access and rights to make educational decisions for your children.

## HOT LUNCH & MILK PROGRAM

You can purchase a \$10 milk card any day during 2<sup>nd</sup> recess. This card is for 10 milks.

The hot lunch program is every Tuesday and Friday. Please return the form that goes home even if you are paying online so that our school council can get your order. If your child is absent, the food will be kept in the kitchen for them to pick-up the next day. ***On snow days, hot lunches will not be available. Please try to check for classroom trips before filling out hot lunch forms.***

## NUT SAFE SCHOOL

Please check ingredients labels to make sure that there are no nut products sent to school. We have students that are anaphylactic for even trace amounts. It is the law that food labels will show if nuts are in the ingredients. Thank-you for your help.

## PEDICULOSIS-HEAD LICE

Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice. Head lice does not carry a disease. They are a nuisance but not a health hazard. Anyone can get lice, regardless of their hair length. Head lice are tiny, flat insects with no wings, They are just 1-2mm long and grayish brown in colour. If you discover head lice or nits (eggs), it is important to treat and remove all head lice or nits to prevent transmission. Treatment products will kill the lice but not all the nits(eggs). Hair will need to be retreated or your child will be re-infested. The nits are small white oval shaped and will be stuck to the shaft of the hair. We appreciate your help with preventing this from spreading. For more information: [HPKPRD Health Unit HEAD LICE PDF](http://www.hkpr.on.ca/Health_Unit%20HEAD_LICE_PDF) <http://www.hkpr.on.ca/>

## BUS DELAYS/CANCELLATIONS

**Bus Cancellations:** In the event of the need for a regional or board-wide service cancellation due to inclement weather and in consideration of the early morning weather conditions and the day's forecast, decisions are made in consultation with area bus companies between the 5 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Once a cancellation decision is reached, our goal is to have it posted on STSCO's website ([www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca)) by 6:15 a.m. Radio stations are notified at the same time as the message is posted on the website. Those families and members of the public who have signed up to have the information sent out to them directly by STSCO (by email, Twitter, RSS feed or Facebook post) receive notice as well. Please follow the STSCO Winter Newsletter that is posted on our Website and a copy is coming home this week.



**Bus Delays:** Route delays caused by weather (or any other reason throughout the year) are also posted directly on the STSCO website by individual bus companies and, once that is done, those who have signed up for notice and whose route is affected will receive the same by email or RSS feed and radio stations will monitor the same and broadcast any significant delays as well.

## SNOW DAYS

The school remains open even if all buses are cancelled. If you transport your child(ren) to school when the bus is cancelled then you are responsible to drop them off at 9:20am and pick them up at the end of the day by 3:40pm. Please send a lunch and snacks as the breakfast and hot lunch programs are cancelled on these days.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ONTARIO GRADE 4 & 5 SNOWPASS™

The Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass™ lets you ski and snowboard three times at EACH participating ski area for \$29.95. That's a lot of skiing and snowboarding right across Canada! To join in, you need to be in grade 4 or 5 (or 9 or 10 years old) and live in Canada. Every skier and snowboarder is welcome, especially if you're a beginner. You only need to apply once for the SnowPass™ and it is valid until the end of grade 5. This means if you apply in grade 4 the pass is valid for two years. It is \$29.95 to ski/snowboard 3 times at each participating area. Apply at: <https://www.skicanada.org/grade-4-5-snowpass/>



## KIDS HAVE STRESS TOO! PARENT WORKSHOPS

Registration opens November 8 for the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board's Parent Workshops on Kids Have Stress Too! Developed by The Psychology Foundation of Canada, the Kids Have Stress Too! program helps parents, caregivers and educators understand childhood stress and how to provide children with the tools to deal with stress effectively. It is a broad-based prevention program which provides parents, caregivers, and communities with the knowledge, awareness and skills to help young people become healthier and more resilient through learning how to manage their stress.

The workshops will run from 10-11:30 a.m. at three locations:

Friday, November 29 at the Education Centre in Peterborough

Tuesday, December 10 at KPR's Kirby Professional Learning Centre in Clarington

Tuesday, March 31 at Port Hope High School

Visit [kprschools.ca](http://kprschools.ca) after November 8 for details and to register for one of these workshops!