



Grafton Public School

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Lates, Absences & Safe**Arrival**

Principal's Message

Thank-you for supporting our School Council Gift Card and Carmichael's Meat Fundraisers as they have raised over \$1000 to support events and activities at our school. Money from last year's fundraisers were recently used to purchase 30 ukuleles for our music classes and performance club. This month we also have classes learning to curl at the Colborne Curling Club and former students are returning with the CCI Band and Guitar group. Some of classes are also attending Northumberland Players performance of A Christmas Carol featuring our student Lillian Jean. On Wed. Dec. 18th, some classes and our choir will be presenting music performances during the day. More details will get sent home with classes and our choir that are participating in our "Winter Showcase".

In the New Year, Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Kerr are starting Grafton's first Gay-straight alliance group (GSA). It is to provide a safe and supportive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) children, teenagers, as well as their friends that may not be LGBT. We are looking forward to this new support at our school.

I hope that you have a wonderful time with your friends & family during the holidays. We will see you in 2020!

Mrs. Renee Cameron

Upcoming Dates:

3rd-Int. Girls Volleyball; Pick-up Fundscrip Gift Cards from the office this week
4th-Mrs. Merson's class curling
5th-Int. Boys Volleyball
6th-A Christmas Carol-Burnham, Wilson, Merson, Clayton
11th- Mrs. Wilson's class curling
12th- Mrs. Clayton's class curling
13th-Mrs. Burnham's class curling, Grafton Giving Tree Items Donations Due; Journey of Hope-Africa Items Due Today
16th -CCI Concert Band & Guitar Ensemble Performance (Gym)
18th-Winter Showcase-Choir & some classes 2pm-3:15pm (Gym)
19th-Mrs. Kerr's class curling; School Council Fundraiser- Movie Day
Dec 23-Jan 3- Winter Break

SAVE THE DATE:

Jan 6-First day of classes after Winter Break
Jan. 22nd Feb. 4th, Feb. 13th- Brimacombe Ski/Snowboard Days-Grades 4-8 (Parents welcome)

Bell Times:

Supervision: 9:05am

Start: 9:20am

Lunch 11:00-11:40am

Recess: 1:40-2:20pm

Dismissal: 3:40pm

THE LEADER IN ME© During the holiday season, many families look for ways to help others in need. If your family's time is limited, consider just one or two projects a year and make them a family tradition (for example, making and donating gift baskets to care facilities for the elderly around the holidays). Whatever community service you choose, your community and your family will benefit. Our Grafton students are always looking for ways to support the community. Please let us know if there is something that our kids can do to help out.

STUDENT RECOGNITION Thank-you to Mrs. Ferguson, Ms. Cook, and Mrs. Burnham for coaching our Int. volleyball teams. Good luck to our team members that are competing this week!

INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

Schools normally stay open even when buses are cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning then they won't run in the afternoon. If your child rides a bus and it's cancelled, you don't need to call the school to report the absence. If your **child is a walker** who does not ride the school bus, you **still need to report the absence if he/she is absent**, even on an inclement weather day.

Visit the Student Transportation Services of Ontario website for cancellations and delays. You can use your child's OEN number on their report card to subscribe to updates from STSCO about your child's bus: <https://www.stsco.ca/>

CANCELLATIONS &
DELAYS

[View all Cancellations and Delays](#)

LOST AND FOUND

Please come and look at our Lost and Found before the holidays. Items that have labels are returned to your child. The Lost and Found is in the library hallway so that students can see the items each day. If we cannot locate a name then Lost and Found items are the property of the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board until such time that they are claimed by their owner. Items that are not claimed will be donated to local organizations.

**LOST &
FOUND**

SCHOOL COUNCIL SOCIAL

Our next School Council meeting is December 11th at 6:00pm (CJs restaurant). Come and hear from staff updates about the school and get to know our committee members. Please contact the office to RSVP or contact Chair Pam Dahliwal. Thank-you to Kim Blair and Alicia Desroches for all of her work with the Fundscrip Gift Card Fundraiser this month! We appreciate the generosity of businesses and families that are buying gift cards & supporting our students.

COMMUNITY NEWS

VOTE ONLINE: 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR by Dec. 6th

Have your vote for the school calendar : <http://kprsurveys.kprdsb.ca/SchoolYearCalendar2020-21/>

Option A: School year for students starts Tuesday, September 1, 2020 (before Labour Day) and ends Thursday, June 24, 2021. The Friday before March Break is a

school day. For staff, there is a PA Day on August 31, 2020, and one on June 25, 2021, plus five PA days throughout the school year.

Option B: School year for students starts Tuesday, September 8, 2020 (after Labour Day) and ends Tuesday, June 29, 2021. The Friday before March Break is a

school day. For staff, there are two PA Days the week before school starts and one on June 30, 2021, plus four PA Days throughout the school year.

Option C: School year for students starts Wednesday, September 2, 2020 (before Labour Day) and ends Tuesday, June 29, 2021. The Friday before March Break and Friday

before Thanksgiving Weekend are holidays. For staff, there is a PA Day on Tuesday September 1 and one on June 30, 2021, plus five PA Days throughout the school year.

Winter Break for all 3 options: Monday, December 21, 2020, to Friday, January 1, 2021