



Great Village Elementary School

October Newsletter



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SAFETY FIRST

Students have been establishing and practicing safety routines. Each year we welcome the annual visit from members of the Great Village & District Fire Brigade who help with a fire drill and review fire safety rules. Students get to see a firefighter dressed in full gear and to hear the noisy breathing apparatus. Exploring the fire trucks is always a highlight. At home, students are reminded to plan and practice safe escape routes. Six evacuation fire drills are practiced each year at school. In addition to fire safety, students have practiced safe bus evacuation with Kathy Blair, and a Code Blue Drill (school lockdown) with our RCMP Liaison Officer, Constable Lori Morash.

SAFE ARRIVAL: Parents are reminded to contact the school by 8:00 am each day when their child is going to be absent. The answering machine is available 24 hours/day so messages can be left at any time. If a student is absent without the school being notified, a call will be made according to the contact information provided on the registration form.

PEBS (Positive Effective BehaviourS): All schools in Nova Scotia have established expectations for behaviour in the school setting. These behaviours are taught, practiced and reinforced throughout the school year. The expectations are posted in a chart in each classroom and around the school. A copy of this chart is on our school website (<http://www.gve.ccrsb.ca>) for parents to be aware of, and to support expected school behaviours.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

There was a terrific response to the request for volunteers to help with school events throughout the year. We recently had several parents join us on our first school trip of the year. Each Tuesday there is a regular rotation of parents to provide the Fluoride Program. Members of the Home & School Executive regularly work behind the scenes to support school events. We are appreciative of all volunteers at our school. Your contributions make a difference for all students.

VERY POPULAR CAFE

Students are enjoying the opportunity to have a hot lunch through our Classroom Café. At our first Home & School meeting this year, it was agreed by those in attendance to use a grant received by the school from President's Choice Children's Charity to cover the cost of the lunch program. We appreciate **Mandi MacRae** for coordinating and cooking these monthly lunches, as well as the other parent volunteers who help with the preparation, serving, and cleaning up. At our school, there is always room for more cooks in the kitchen, so just let us know if you are interested in lending a helping hand.

A thank you is extended to **Ella Lomond's family** for a large supply of bananas through Sobeys Warehouse. There weren't many bananas left at the end of the week, and those were frozen to be used in smoothies.

PUPPET SHOWS

Students enjoyed a lively and comical First Nations puppet presentation by Rabbit & Bear Paws called "The Way". While explaining the creation of North America the puppets also included an anti-bullying message. Students especially enjoyed being able to interact with the puppets. Next month, students can look forward to another puppet, Eddie, bringing his "Litterless Road Show" to the school.

ROAD TRIP

A trip to the bowling alley followed by an afternoon at Victoria Park was a perfect way to enjoy another mild fall day. Students got lots of physical activity and fresh air. On November 10, students will once again load the bus for a school trip to West Colchester Consolidated School in Bass River where our school will participate in a Remembrance Day service. We are fortunate to have funds through the provincial Student Support Grant to cover the cost of these outings.

REPORT CARDS

First term report cards will be sent home on November 28 with parent-teacher meetings on November 29 & December 1.

