



Grand Bay Primary School January 2025 Newsletter

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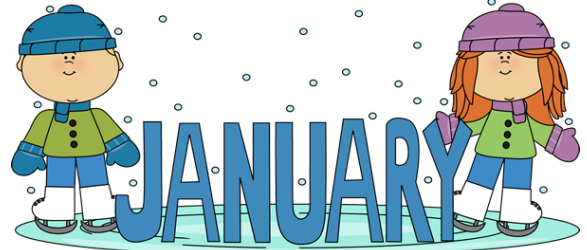


SCHOOL MOTO: Be Safe, Be Tidy, Be Kind

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Upcoming Important Dates:

January	6	First Day Back to School
	8	Home & School Meeting, 5:30pm, GBP
	8	Last day to order lunch for January
	13	Hot lunch program resumes
	14	Kindness Award recipients for December "Picnic with the Principal"
	15	Early French Immersion information night, 6:30pm (virtual) (for our K parents)
	27	Family Literacy Day
	28	"Make your own Sub Sandwich Day" Free Home & School sponsored luncheon



DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER:

Please ensure your child is dressed for this chilly weather as they will be going outside to play on most days (hat, mittens & snow pants). Please label outdoor clothing (especially the snow pants). ☺ If you are in need of any warmer clothing please contact our school office (in confidence) at 738-6504.

School closures due to inclement weather:

Please read the policy regarding school closures due to inclement weather on our school website. If the weather is questionable, you can gain information on school closures through various methods:

- the local radio stations prior to 6:30 a.m.
- the District website (www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca)



STUDENT DROP OFF - NO STOPPING – NO PARKING ZONE

Parents are asked to park in the Grand Bay Baptist Church parking lot when dropping off their child as Woolastook Drive (in front of the school) is a NO STOPPING-NO PARKING ZONE. We also ask that you **do not** use the school parking lot for dropping off or picking up children as there is limited parking for staff and very limited visibility. Some exceptions may apply. Students who are being dropped off can enter the building between 8:00-8:10am.

Please note that there will only be outside supervision from 8:00am - 8:10am.

Staff Changes:

We would like to welcome Ms. Susan McAuliffe to our staff as our new Administrative Assistant. Ms. McAuliffe comes with many years of experience and we are happy to have her as a new addition to our GBP family. We wish Mrs. Rowell all the best on her retirement after 41 years as an Admin. Assistant. ☺ She will be dearly missed!

Mrs. Rowell's retirement week:



Turn it up Tuesdays:

It's time to celebrate our incredible staff! Every Tuesday, Mrs. Nickerson will be playing some party music on the morning announcements and will announce the 2 "Star Staffers" for the day. She will point out some of the great qualities the 2 selected staff possess, and they will be awarded a prize, along with a take home star and an awesome gold badge to wear ALL DAY so that everyone remembers who our "Star Staffers" are that day. Below are the recipients of our first 3 weeks of winners! Congrats to Mrs. Rowell, Ms. Feicht, Mrs. Tippett, Mr. Sweet, Mrs. Branscombe and Mme. Jeanne.



Eaglet Mascot writing contest:

During the month of December, our students were challenged with a "writing contest". Every student was asked to write and/or illustrate and label a story about their classroom mascot. Wow!! Mrs. Nickerson was blown away by the incredible writing coming from our Eaglets. Bravo to each and every one of them! The students' writing pieces served as their entry into the random draw for a Teddy Bear. We drew 1 student's name from each grade level and the winners were: Roman (Kindergarten, his teacher accepted on his behalf), Brayden (grade 1) and Larry (grade 2). Congrats!!!



December Kindness Award Recipients:
Grade 1: Eleanor (1B)
Felix (1A)
Josie (1F)

VIRTUAL PROGRAM INFORMATION MEETING:

FRENCH SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

An information session regarding program selection for September 2025 will be held virtually via TEAMS for the Saint John Education Centre (greater Saint John area schools) on Wednesday, January 15th, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Information will be provided on all language program options for the 2025-2026 school year:

- English Prime Program
- Early French Immersion Program (Gr. 1 entry)
- Late French Immersion Program (Gr. 6 entry)

Please note, you may be prompted to download the free app to access the meeting. A copy of the presentation will be available on the ASD-S website.

Microsoft Teams meeting (can type this in): <https://bit.ly/49CdUk9>

Jersey Day '24



Literacy News:

January 27th is Family Literacy Day across Canada! Enjoy a storybook together, play word games, sing songs, write a note, make a list, or use a recipe. The theme for this years' FLD 2025 is "Learn to be Green Together".

For more ideas, please see: <https://ideaexchange.org>
(also available in French).

CELEBRATE

1. The students and staff donated many non-perishable items that were brought in and placed under our Christmas tree for the River Valley Food Bank! Well done Grand Bay Primary!
2. Our staff collected laundry soap to donate to the River Valley Food Bank as well. Together, we collected enough soap for over 500 loads of laundry! We also donated our very well used deep freeze to the RVFB as we have been fortunate to be able to purchase a new upright freezer for our lunch program.
3. Profits from the Best Seats in the House draw totaled \$155 (donated to the River Valley Food Bank).
4. Our Pajama Day, Holiday Bazaar and calendar sale profits totaled \$503 which was donated to the Harbour Lights Campaign this year. Thanks to all!!
5. And finally, staff collected \$160 from Friday "dress down" and donated those funds to the SPCA.

Kudos to our Grand Bay Primary COMMUNITY!! Thank you to all who donated and gave to these important causes.

