



# Grand Bay Primary School

## Newsletter

### October 2024

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#### OCTOBER:

- 7-11 Fire Prevention Week
- 11 Fire Safety with Grand Bay-Westfield Fire Department
- 14 NO School – Thanksgiving Day
- 15-18 Kindergarten Registration week for September 2025 enrollment
- 16 Dieleman Fundraiser Orders DUE
- 17 Home & School Halloween Dance @ River Valley Middle School. Cost is \$5 per family (6-8pm)
- 24 PSSC meeting at 6pm @ GBP
- 31 Happy Halloween! Dress in black, orange and sparkles (face painting permitted)



Oct 21 – Nov 4 - Home & School YETI Fundraiser (draw Nov 8<sup>th</sup>)

Looking ahead – Nov 6<sup>th</sup>– Home & School meeting @ Inglewood, 5:30pm

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#### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM:**

Our Breakfast Program has begun! The universal breakfast program that was announced by the province of New Brunswick last year has arrived at Grand Bay Primary! We are thrilled to be able to offer a "grab and go" food service for students to access in the mornings should they have the need. Food Depot Alimentaire is the provider for this free food service. We will have items such as fruit, cheese, cereal, bagels and granola bars. Great news for Grand Bay Primary!

#### **DIELEMAN CATALOGUE FUNDRAISER:**

Last week, your child brought home the 2024 catalogue from Dieleman (DFS).

We anticipate this will be a large fundraising event for our school however, you are under no obligation to participate. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help us purchase playground toys and equipment and fund special programs and functions.

Your families' participation in this fundraiser is very, very much appreciated! Orders are due Oct 16<sup>th</sup>

It is recommended you register and purchase online for a larger selection of items not shown in the catalogue.

Visit: [www.shopdfscanada.com](http://www.shopdfscanada.com) Please use our organization ID #7073.

Please remember that door to door sales are not permitted. All purchases should be delivered to the school (unless you opt for shipping to your home for a

fee) by early November, which is in plenty of time for Christmas and the Holidays!

**CELEBRATE:**

Let's take a moment to celebrate our new kindergarten students, new grade 1 and 2 students and all our returning students! The staff at GBP could not be prouder of this fantastic group!

We had fire drills on September 5th and October 4th and they went very well!

On September 27th, we had our first assembly of the year to acknowledge Truth and Reconciliation Day and you could have heard a pin drop! What an incredible, respectful bunch of Eaglets!



**KINDNESS AWARD:**

We have launched our yearly "Kindness Award" initiative at Grand Bay Primary. One student from each class who has demonstrated regular acts of kindness towards classmates, teachers and staff will be selected to receive this award. These caring and compassionate students have not gone unnoticed, and we want to celebrate them with a "#ChooseKindness" t-shirt, certificate and a free picnic with the principal. Information notices will be sent home if your child has been selected.

Congratulations Eaglets!

The #ChooseKindness recipients for the month of **September** are:

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| K Jordan:   | Graison | 2 Janice:   | Simon  |
| K Thompson: | Hayley  | 2 Benjamin: | Jaelyn |

The recipients for the month **October** will be selected from our three, Grade one classes!

**TERRY FOX WALK:**

We are so proud to tell you that our Grand Bay Primary community surpassed our goal of raising \$400 for The Terry Fox Foundation! Together we collected \$502. Way to go Eaglets 😊 Thank you everyone!!

On September 13th, we were fortunate to have Jackson Charron-Okerlund visit our school. He is the Terry Fox Foundation's school run ambassador for New Brunswick. He's widely known across Canada as CrossCountryJax and has raised over \$100 000.00 for the TFF. His cross-country running stories (all for Terry) were incredibly inspiring, and we were so lucky to have him visit.



### ***Safe Arrival & Attendance***

Please register at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> to report your child's absence. Thank you.

Morning arrival time for walkers and students being dropped off is 8:00am.

### **WEBSITE:**

If you are ever wondering about upcoming events and activities happening at Grand Bay Primary, you can always go onto our website and access our school's monthly calendar under the heading "calendar". This calendar is kept current and is one of the many ways we communicate with families. WEBSITE [gbp.nbed.nb.ca](http://gbp.nbed.nb.ca)

### **SCHOOL BUSES:**

We had school bus safety for K-2 on October 1<sup>st</sup> and it was a huge success!

If your child is riding on the school bus, please be at bus stops early and stay back from the side of the road. Review safety tips with your child and please:



- Make sure your child does not assume other drivers will stop for buses.
- Look both ways if you have to cross in front of a school bus and remember NEVER cross behind a bus.
- Do not walk alongside the bus to reach the door. No one can see you.
- Stay in your seat on the bus.  
Listen to the radio in the mornings for late bus announcements or visit the ASD-S website or follow ASD-S on Twitter.



### **EAGLET EXTRAS/AIGLON ADMIRABLE:**

We will be continuing our incentive program here at Grand Bay Primary! If a student is "caught" doing something nice and thinking of others, staff will give them an Eaglet Extra/Aiglon Admirable. This ballot will have the student's name, date, staff member who filled in the ballot and of course, what great thing the student did! These ballots have a carbon copy so one copy (yellow) will be sent home and one copy will be placed in their grade level ballot box kept in the office. We read ballots each day on our morning announcements and all ballots will be included for monthly prize draws at our assemblies. So exciting!

### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:**

Oct 7-11 – This year's theme is Smoke Alarms!

Fire Safety gazettes will be sent home with your child and they can enter a ballot for a chance to win a prize or become this year's Fire Chief for a Day!

### **HOT LUNCH:**

We provide healthy lunches that you may purchase for your child through School Cash Online (<https://schoolcashonline.com/>) You will have one weeks' notice to purchase orders for the month. Ordering is set up to be available from Wednesday to Wednesday for the upcoming month.

Hot Lunch for October 21<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> will be available for purchase from Wednesday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> to Oct 16<sup>th</sup>.

From Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup> you will be able to purchase lunch for Nov 4<sup>th</sup> to Nov 28<sup>th</sup>. We cannot accept cash orders. Thank You.



**NO NUTS PLEASE!!! And Reduced Scents Please**

This is a friendly reminder to parents and students that we are a nut free and scent reduced school. We are asking for the continued support from all our families. Peanut butter sandwiches or foods which might contain nuts as a hidden ingredient, must be enjoyed at home and not at school. Thank you.



**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2025:** Registration for children that will be starting Kindergarten for September 2025 (born in 2020) will be the week of October 15-18<sup>th</sup>. At that time you will be able to register your child for Kindergarten online at: [asd-s.nbed.nb.ca](http://asd-s.nbed.nb.ca)

Someone will be in touch with you regarding an EYE-DA testing (Early Years Evaluation - Direct Assessment) appointment.

If you have neighbours or friends that have a pre-schooler ready to start next September, please pass this information along. Thank you.

**WE WANT YOUR RECYCLABLES!**

Donating your refundable cans and bottles is an easy way to support the schools. We have an account set up at the **Grand Bay-Westfield Redemption Centre** so it's simple to donate: just mention that it goes to the **Grand Bay Home & School**. Thanks for your support!



Images from students honouring the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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