

# GEARY GAZETTE



At Geary Elementary Community School:  
"We C.A.R.E."



March 19, 2015

<http://geary.nbed.nb.ca>

## **FRED PENNER WILL PERFORM AT GECS on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>!!**

Fred Penner brings 25 years of commitment to music and children's entertainment to our school! The first children's entertainer to headline at the Los Angeles Amphitheater, this four time recipient of the Parents' Choice Award and the man Los Angeles Parent called the "Canadian Minister of Positivity" has successfully transformed children's entertainment into a family affair. Offering his broad talents to speak to the family unit and express his feelings about where the world is going and what children are learning.

We thank the Home and School for graciously funding this event for our students! This will be a day, we won't soon forget! The Home and School want our students to have a Grand Opening like no other. Other events are planned for our students on this date of fun and celebration!

## **Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>)**

Volunteer Appreciation Week is fast approaching and Geary Elementary Community School has so many wonderful volunteers to thank! We cannot offer the programming we do without your continuous help. Many, many thanks from all of us at GECS.

## **Staffing Change**

Mrs. Arnott will be returning to teach Kindergarten after the Easter break. She is excited about her new assignment and will do a wonderful job. Miss Doherty will be the grade one teacher for the remainder of the school year. This was just confirmed recently. As well, Brad Walsh has been assigned as the new custodian at G.E.C.S.

## **Home and School**

The next meeting of the Home and School Association will be held in the school library on **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** The Home and School has been very busy planning for the Spring Bazaar. This is the major fund raiser for the Home and School. The **Spring Bazaar** is being held on **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at Geary Elementary Community School.** Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. This is a family oriented event! Come and enjoy the fun and the friendship! **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** has been set aside for the **Spring Bazaar Children's Bingo** at the school cafeteria from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Keep **April 11<sup>th</sup>** free on your calendar as well as the Home and School have planned a

**Ford Drive For Your School** event. All money raised on these days will go toward essential upgrades to our playground and a

planned outdoor classroom, in our courtyard.

## **Drama Festival**

Our Drama Club has been working over the past few months on a musical titled "The Granny Awards". It is an award show for fairy tale characters. They will be presenting this play at the District Drama Festival on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> (1:45 p.m. is show time) at Gagetown Elementary and Middle School. Parents are welcome to attend. The musical will be presented to the school at date to be determined later. Break a leg!

## **Fish Friends**

Our Grade Five class will, once again be involved in raising Atlantic salmon in their classroom. Atlantic salmon are now considered a species-at-risk. The Fish Friends program, sponsored by the Atlantic Salmon Federation, gives students an appreciation for these animals and to give the fish a start in a protected environment. These salmon will be released into nature, in June, when they have reached the fry stage.

## **Bread Tabs**

The Grade Five class is very thankful for all the donations of bread tabs from members of the school community. We have currently counted 945 000. There are many more in the classroom left to be counted, however. There is no doubt that we will reach one million before the end of the school year!

## **Celebrate the 10th annual Lights Out Canada on April 22, 2015!**

Join over a hundred thousand students, teachers and administrators in turning out the lights and switching on education about climate change across Canada on April 22, 2015.

## **Eat for Education**

This **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** is our Annual Eat for Education Breakfast from 7:30 – 11:00 a.m. As in the past, the breakfast is being held at the Geary Lion's Club. There will be many celebrity servers at the breakfast as they love coming to share in the Community Spirit in Geary. Please plan to attend this worthwhile event. The pancake mix (K-2) and syrup (3-5) are appreciated from our families as a way to show support for the breakfast. Thank you in advance and please plan to attend. After a long, cold winter it is so nice to see all of you out and about in the community. Thank you to the Lion's Club, the PSSC and the Home and School for their support of Eat for Education.

## Report Cards

The third reporting period is fast approaching. Teachers have been collecting data on academic, physical and social/emotional areas of growth for each child. Report cards will be sent home on April 7<sup>th</sup>. This a progress report and will inform you if your child is progressing with difficulty, progressing, or progressing well. Student-Led conferences will be held on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> only. If your child is struggling at this time or if you have any other concerns we recommend that you take advantage of this conference date. We always look forward to conferencing with you and your child.

## Razzmatazz

On Tuesday, **March 24<sup>th</sup>**, the singing duo **Razzmatazz for Kids**, will be returning to perform at our school. This Nova Scotia music group will perform music in both English and French. The cost will be covered by funds provided by district to promote a bilingual environment in schools. This group has proven to be entertaining and educational.

## Jennifer McGrath Kent

We are very fortunate to receive a Writers' in School Program grant and will have Jennifer McGrath Kent visit our school on **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. An award-winning children's author from New Brunswick, Jennifer has written two middle-school adventure novels and a Christmas picture book about a wayward Canada goose. She is currently at work on a number of other creative projects, including a young adult novel. An experienced and animated workshop presenter, Jennifer is a popular visitor to school classrooms.

Jennifer lives with her family and pets in the beautiful New Brunswick country-side, just outside of Moncton, NB.

## PSSC

Your PSSC have reviewed the School Improvement Plan and Assessment Results from 2013-2014. When the PSSC meet on **Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**, there will be a presentation from Cst. Derek Black, our police and community relations officer. Our meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and we welcome parents to attend in order to increase their understanding of school safety protocols.

## Geary Headstart Preschool Program Registration 2015-2016

Date: **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **12:45-1:45**

Place: **Headstart Room – community use of school entrance.**

Needs: **Copies of Proof of Immunization, Birth Certificate, Medicare and \$25.00 Registration Fee.**

**Note: Registration is not complete until all paperwork is filled out and registration fee is paid.**

Due to space, only 20 students can be in each program at one time. We are offering 2 programs this year – Monday & Wednesday from 8:30-12:30 or Tuesday & Thursday from 8:30-12:30.

If less than 20 student students register, the program will be 9:00-12:00 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Registration is open to all preschoolers from the Geary, French Lake, Haneytown and Waterville areas. Children outside these areas will be put on a waiting list.

The program is held at the Geary Elementary Community School in the Early Years Center/Headstart Room.

For details and information call Bonnie McDonald-Lively (Coordinator) 449-2603.

## Eating Well 9 to 5!

March is Nutrition Month. The goal of the 2015 National Nutrition Month campaign is to inspire Canadians to eat better at work. Rushed mornings and having no time for a lunch break are just a couple of workday challenges that make it difficult to eat well. Try to be mindful of what and when you and your family eat during your day.

**1. Start your day the right way** - Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Here are some ideas for quick and simple breakfasts:

- Prep breakfast the night before: wash and chop fruit, get out the dishes and set up the coffee maker.
- Make barley, quinoa, or oat porridge and refrigerate in portions. Reheat in the morning with mix-ins such as fruit and seeds.
- Stock up on ready-to-eat items such as fruit and containers of yogurt or pack single portions of trail mix to grab 'n' go.
- Make hard-boiled eggs for breakfast on the run. Chill in the fridge for up to one week.

**2. Snacks** – Snacking is a key part of healthy eating when you are on the go. Pack these dietitian approved snacks in your lunch bag:

- Whole grain crackers with a hard-boiled egg
- Grapes with a chunk of cheese
- Veggie sticks with hummus
- Apple slices with almond butter
- Fresh fruit added to yogurt
- Nuts (if allowed) with dried fruit
- Veggies with black bean dip

**For more tips and information about nutrition month, visit <http://www.nutritionmonth.ca/> .**

## What's Happening At GECS?

Did you hear? Our kitchen is finally licensed! That means we are serving breakfast to our Gators, 5 mornings a week. It sure does feel good to be back in the swing of it, and have all those wonderful smiles starting our days.

Volunteering opportunities are still available; please call Mrs. A. at 357-4265 for more information.

We would like to acknowledge the generous support of Breakfast Club Canada, New Brunswick Breakfast for Learning, our local Oromocto Superstore Pharmacy, and the

Fredericton Coop. We couldn't do what we do, without your financial assistance.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Food & Fun day for our students...**

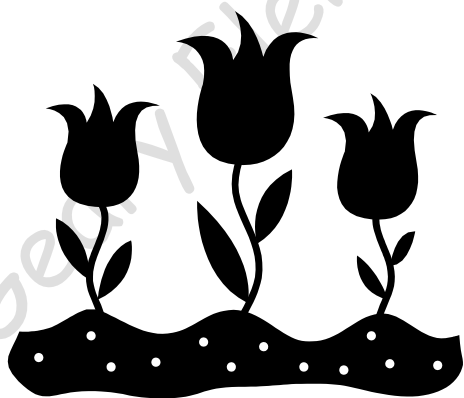
We will be hosting our second Multi-Zone presentation within the gym of our new school! Multi-Zone is a fabulous program that teaches students, through physical activities, all about nutrition. Please be sure to give a great big Gator Welcome to Renee LeBlanc, while she is in our building facilitating this program.



**Spring is In The Air...well at least we hope it is ~**

We are excited to share with our families that we will be building on the enthusiasm gained from the Keep the Promise Summit, which 2 of our grade 5 students, alongside Mrs. Worrall and Madame Peters attended last November. This spring will see us implementing the first phase of our very own Keep The Promise Classroom Gardens, in our courtyard. Funding for this first phase has been awarded to us as one of five recipients in the province, from the Breakfast Makes Me Shine organization. We will be looking for volunteers to help build 10 raised beds within the next 6 weeks, and start some landscaping in preparation. Please direct all inquires to Mrs. A at 357-4265, if you are interested, we really need your help!

For more information about Keep The Promise, please check out this link~  
<http://www.keepthepromise.ca>



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER	
Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Elementary Drama Festival 1:45 is showtime for our students
Saturday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Eat for Education Lion's Club 7:30-11:00 a.m. Plan to attend!
Tuesday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Razzmatazz 9:15 a.m.
Thursday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Home and School Meeting School Library – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Literacy Lead, Amanda Snowdon begins a new block at GECS
Monday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Chase, UNB intern begins placement with grade 4
Tuesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	PSSC Meeting in the Library 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Multizone presentation about active and healthy eating lifestyles
Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Good Friday, NO SCHOOL
Sunday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Easter!
Monday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Report Card Day!
Wednesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Headstart Registration for 2015-2016</b>
Friday April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Student Led Conferences NO SCHOOL
Saturday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Drive For Your School FORD event – details to follow
April 12 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thank you volunteers during this National Volunteer Appreciation Week!
Thursday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	School's <b>Heritage Fair</b>
Friday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Basketball at Hubbard 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.</b> Spring Bazaar Bingo (GECS) 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Bazaar – all events are at GECS
Wednesday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lights Out Canada
Monday,	<b>Writers in Schools -</b>

April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Kent is our visiting author
Tuesday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PSSC meeting – 6:30 p.m. in library</b>
Thursday, April 30 <sup>th</sup>	PL day #5 cancelled <b>REGULAR SCHOOL DAY</b>
Friday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Provincial Subject Council Day

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