

GEARY GAZETTE



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



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Valentine's Dance

We are back to the Friday, **February 12th** date for the Home and School Association's annual Valentine's Dance. The weather last Friday just didn't cooperate. So, if you boys and girls feel like dancing come to the "Community Use" entrance of the school and pay \$3.00 to dance with your friends and have some fun. There will be a canteen set up at this event and healthy choices will be available. We do require parents to stay with their 4 and 5 year olds during the dance. If you stay, you can help chaperone!

EAT FOR EDUCATION

Saturday, February 13th, we are hosting our 15th Annual Eat For Education breakfast at the Geary Lions Club from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. It is always a nice way to see your neighbours after a long winter. Please come out and enjoy a hearty breakfast with your family. Thank you to our families who have contributed pancake mix or syrup. This is an amazing show of support.

Interest Clusters

The students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 have participated in their first interest cluster. This is a 50 minute period of time, every Monday afternoon in February, when the students gather in small multi-age groups, to participate in learning something new. Each student selected 3 topics from a list of possibilities. This process allowed for all the students to be in at least one of their favourite interest clusters. The timing of our clusters, has made it possible to include additional interested staff, outside of our 3-5 teachers. This, in turn, creates smaller groups. Based on student and teacher feedback, our first Monday was a terrific success!

Outdoor Pursuits - Worrall/MacLeod

Looming/Iron Beads - Hamilton

Card Games - Henry

Science Exploration - Lowe

Hand Chimes - Beach

Zentangles - Robichaud

Stop-Motion Animation - Crowhurst

Strategy Games - Peters

Kids in the Kitchen - Akcakiryan

Cultural Crafts (Ukrainian Easter Eggs) -

Curtis/Eccleston (UNB interns)

SPRING WILL BE HERE SOON

Mrs. Manuel's grade 1 class surveyed students to see if they thought the Groundhog would see his shadow on February 2nd. 122 children thought he would see his shadow while 44 thought he would not. After checking with the official groundhog "Shubenacadie" Sam, we discovered that Sam did not see his shadow. That means he didn't frighten himself and go back to bed. He is ready for spring!

What's happening at GECS?

MakerSpace:

Wow, we are so excited to be developing our very own MakerSpace, right here at GECS. So, what is MakerSpace? Well it's a pretty simple concept with infinite possibilities. Think collaborative workspace, add in all sorts of various equipment, resources, technology; blitz them together, and BAM, the results will yield, Making, or Creating. We are looking for Community support in the form of donations for the following items to be utilized within 4 main stations of our MakerSpace room. These items can be dropped off at the school, attention Mrs. Akcakiryan. Thank you very much for any donations you make.

Non-Working Electronics: Radios, DVD Machines, Toasters, Kettles, Hairdryers, Rotary or Cellular Phones, Small TV's (13" or less please) and camera's.

DIY Station: Duct Tape, Yarns, Knitting or Crochet needles, scrap book paper, construction paper, felt, foam, fabric, both scraps and yardage, glue, liquid, and stick, glitter, Sequins, rubber bands, string, straws, pipe cleaners, beads, buttons, wire, paper towel/toilet paper tubes, clamshell containers, packing sheets, popsicle sticks, or anything left over from any crafting/building project you may have, and are not sure what to do with it!

Friday Family Movie Night:

Come join us for our 2nd Free Friday Family Movie Night. **February 26th, 2016**, we will be showing "How To Train Your Dragon", on our really, really, big screen! Movie, starts at 6:30, Healthy Canteen offered in support of a School Popcorn Machine.

CARE Assembly

Cooperation, Appropriate Actions, Respect, Excellence in Learning

The Geary Elementary CARE Crew recently presented their second assembly of the year. This assembly focused on Appropriate Actions reinforcing expected behaviour for school, being a good citizen and passing kindness on to one another. The CARE Crew did a wonderful job at conveying this message to our students.

WITS and National Anti-Bullying Pink Day

On **Tuesday, February 23rd**, students will continue to increase their knowledge about using their WITS (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek Help) and how to be a good friend and citizen at school and in their community. We will have a group of students from Oromocto High School's *Beyond the Hurt* program visit our students. These OHS students will facilitate different centers in which our students will rotate to gain more knowledge on how to take a stand against bullying and also how to be a kind, accepting and compassionate citizen. We will also have Mike Jewett from Bullet Proof solutions to discuss internet safety, Wallace Carr to chat about being a solid, caring community member and Cst. Simon to share information about being a good global citizen. Our students are very fortunate to have these positive role models visit and to listen to their important message. Remember to wear PINK on this day! If you haven't got a pink shirt, wear white!

The National Pink Shirt Day is on **Wednesday, February 24th**! Citizens across the country are encouraged to take a stand against bullying and to show support of this cause by wearing Pink. The message this year is "Kindness Matters". This has been a theme for our school all year - that it only takes one act of kindness to make a difference for someone and that this act can encourage others to be kind as well. Our students are encouraged to wear PINK on this day as a symbol of our commitment to choose kindness!

Home & School Meeting

The next meeting of the Geary Home and School Association will be held on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:00 p.m. The meetings last about an hour and are a great way to add your voice to what is happening in and around the school.

Headstart

Please come to a meeting for families of the Headstart Pre-School program on **Tuesday, February 16th**. There will be guest speakers at this event to explain the "**Be Safe**" program. Stacey Coy will present this information while Karyn Hamilton will talk about "**Zones of Regulation**" for your children. Wallace Carr will speak about the "**WITS**" program at the school. Your children will be coming to school in September and this is your opportunity to learn about behavioral expectations and supports. Please plan to attend in the school library at 6:30 p.m.

The registration for next year's **Headstart Pre-School class (2016-2017)** is being held on **Wednesday, April 6th from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.** There are 20 spaces available in each class for 4-year olds and these will go fast. You will need to bring your child's birth certificate, Medicare card and proof of immunization, along with a \$25.00 registration fee. Your registration is not complete until all of these items are presented. Registration will be held in the Headstart classroom.

Lion's Club Winter Carnival

The Geary Lion's Club Winter Carnival begins on **February 25th** and finishes up on March 5th, 2016. The events calendar is attached to the parent page. Try to get out and participate. GECS classes have been asked to submit a "Winter Wonderland" mural for judging. The class with the best entry will win an ice-cream party!

Corporate Support

We would like to thank the north-side WARMART in Fredericton for adopting our school this year. Recently Walmart donated approximately \$2 225.00 in merchandise and a \$500.00 cheque. This week we will receive an additional 4 boxes of merchandise and a \$250.00 cheque. This allows us to stretch our instructional budget! Thank you Walmart for being such a wonderful corporate sponsor.

Indigo Books adopted our school this year as well. We received close to 5 000.00 from Indigo and then a further \$5 000.00 on Giving Tuesday from Fredericton Chapters. We have not had a library budget in many years and this corporate sponsorship has been critical for us to maintain our library. Kudos to these large corporations who care so deeply about public education. Thank you Chapters/Indigo and Walmart!

PSSC

The next PSSC meeting is planned for **Monday, March 21st** at **6:30 p.m.** This meeting is open to the public and we welcome newcomers.

Staff Appreciation Week

Next week (February 15 - 19) is staff appreciation week. Our Home and School Association organize and shower us with attention and treats this week. No other school in the ASD-W gets this kind of recognition. At GECS, we have a great staff and are so glad to know that the Community values the work we do. Thank you all so much!

Community Food Smarts

If you haven't signed up with **COMMUNITY FOOD SMARTS (CFS)** in Geary, you should really consider doing so. For a ten dollar annual membership fee and \$15.00 per month you get a bag of fresh fruit and vegetables that is well beyond this value. Vegetables and fruits in the grocery store are so expensive. If you want to eat better at less cost to your food budget, consider joining CFS. Today is pick up day for the month at our school or the Geary Lion's Club. If you are interested in signing up next month you can register at the school or with Leola Langille on Wednesday evenings at the Lion's Club. Please check our Home and School Facebook page if you have any questions.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER	
Friday, February 12 th	H & S Valentine's Dance in school gym - 6 - 7:30 p.m.
February 13 th	Eat For Education Pancake Breakfast - Lion's Club 7:30-10:30 a.m.
February 14 th	Happy Valentine's Day
Monday, February 15 th	Canada's FLAG DAY! TNB - The Space Between @ 1:50 p.m.
Tuesday, February 16 th	LEGO CLUB Group 1 - pick up at 5pm Headstart Pre-school Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 17 th	Home and School Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 18 th	Bibeau Concert - 9a.m. Headstart - grade 5
Monday, February 22 nd	100 Days of School
Tuesday, February 23 th	PINK SHIRT DAY at GECS (wear pink and if you don't have pink, wear white!) Anti-bullying Awareness LEGO CLUB Group 2
Wednesday, February 24 th	National Pink Shirt Day - wear pink or white again today!
Friday, February 26 th	How To Train Your Dragon FREE MOVIE NIGHT: Show starts at 6:30 pm
March 7 th - 11 th	MARCH BREAK No school
Monday, March 21 st	PSSC Meeting 6:30 pm
Thursday, March 24 th	REPORT CARDS
Friday, March 25 th	Good Friday NO SCHOOL
Sunday, March 27 th	HAPPY EASTER
Monday, March 28 th	Easter Monday NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, April 6 th	Headstart Registration 2016-2017 12:45 in Headstart Room
Thursday, April 7 th	Student-Led Conferences -evening times available
Friday, April 8 th	Student-Led Conferences -morning times available PL in afternoon for staff
Monday, April 18 th	Professional Learning Day For Staff NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, April 19 th	Professional Learning Day For Staff NO SCHOOL
Friday, April 29 th	Children's Bingo
Saturday,	Spring Bazaar



Geary Lions Club Winter Carnival & Miss Teen Pageant 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Feb 25 Grand Opening Lip Sync Battle <u>7:30-9:30</u> Canteen Doors open 6:45	26 Pre-Teen dance <u>6:00-7:30</u> Canteen Washer Toss <u>8pm till</u> done Canteen Bar	27 Kids Day Bouncy castle, cake walk games <u>2:30-4:30</u> Movie <u>4:30 -6 pm</u> Canteen
28 Tea Social 2-4 Invitation only	29 Crib <u>7 -11pm</u> door open 6:30 Start 7pm \$5.00 entrance fee Bar Canteen	Mar 01 Bingo <u>5:30</u> doors open 6:30 Early Bird	02 Auction 45 doors open 6:30 Start 7pm \$5.00 entrance fee Canteen Bar	03 Varity Show doors open 6:30 Start 7pm \$5.00 Canteen	04 Miss Teen Geary Pageant doors open 6:30 Start 7:30 \$5, Adults \$3.kids 12 and under Canteen	05 Club Breakfast <u>8-10:30</u> Cemetery Supper <u>4-6 pm</u> Texas Hold'em <u>7:30pm</u> doors open 8 pm start \$10. Buy in Bar Canteen

Chinese Auction will run every day during Winter Carnival