



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This newsletter is sent home along with the Ontario Provincial (Mid-Term) Report Card. This is the second report card that you should have received this semester. Unlike the early progress report in October which gave a brief "snapshot" of your student's progress, this report includes specific grades, comments and evaluation of learning skills. In some cases you may find that teachers have estimated a mark or they may even have been unable to record a mark due to missing, incomplete or late assignments. This report contains important indicators to both students and parents - indicators that may point to continued success or that call for changes to work habits or behaviour. With only eight weeks of classes remaining in the semester, the recommendations in this report should not be ignored. If there is a significant change since the interim report (October 9) or since Parent-Teacher Interviews (October 15), do not hesitate to contact your student's teacher.

Although report time can be stressful, it can also be an opportunity for new beginnings. Some simple changes that will bring success may include using the student organizer to record tests and due dates, completing homework before the television gets turned on, studying well in advance rather than cramming the night before, or seeking extra help from the teacher on a regular basis. Page two of the report is designed to guide students and parents through the goal-setting process so that good habits may be continued and plans for change may be implemented.

We wish all students success in their second term.

H1N1 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

During the week of November 23, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health will hold a series of H1N1 clinics exclusively for secondary students in high schools across the District. The clinic at Guelph CVI will be held on Monday November 23 from 9am to 3pm. Please note that this clinic is only for our students, and any of our staff who fall into one of the priority groups. More information will be provided soon. Please check the Public Health website at www.wdghu.org for more information.

SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER 2009-10 SEMESTER 1

November	13	Mid Term Reports Distributed
	25	Gr.11&12 Dismissal @ 2:25pm
December	10	Music Concert 7:30pm
	19-31	Winter Break
January	1-3	Winter Break
2010	4	Classes Resume
	6	Gr.11&12 Dismissal @ 2:25pm
	13	School Council -7:00 pm
	19-20	EQAQ Gr 9 Math
	20	Grade 8 Parents Night-7:00 pm
	22	Gr. 12 Study Day
	25 - 29	Exams (* see notes below)
February	1	P.A. Day (<u>Monday</u>)
	2	Sem. 2 Classes Begin (<u>Tuesday</u>)

*Final exams must be written at the scheduled place and time. Students are to keep ALL exam days free from other commitments (including work and vacations). All courses have Ministry of Education mandated compulsory summative evaluations worth 30% of students' final grades. These summative evaluations take place in the last few weeks of the course and/or during the formal final exam schedule. Please ensure that your son/daughter attends all classes during the last month each semester to ensure academic success. A doctor's note may be required if compulsory summative evaluations are missed, otherwise a zero may be assigned.

*INCLEMENT WEATHER

If the Guelph city Buses or the Upper Grand District School Board school buses are cancelled, the entire day's block of exams will be moved to the next day. CJOY1460AM and CIMJ106.1FM radio transmit all busing information during inclement weather days. This information will also be posted on the UGDSB website at www.ugdsb.on.ca

OUR CAMPUS LANDSCAPE IS CHANGING

Over the past two years, you may have noticed an improvement in the appearance of our GCVI campus.

Through the direction of our teacher landscape committee, donations from Burger Loft, and through the sweat of hundreds of our students, we have made major changes to the appearance and functionality of our 6 acre city block campus.

Since the beginning we have installed a new path on the south end with many new shrubs, rocks, flowers, mulch and trees creating a natural effect. We have planted nearly 50 trees throughout the campus and the technology department has built and installed 13 benches.

Perhaps the biggest change to our landscape occurred this summer when our board moved forward on our suggestion to remove our old tennis courts and installed an updated basketball court. This new addition has expanded our back playing field and provided us with a quarter acre space to landscape in the near future.

Our plans this Fall are somewhat modest, with a landscaping clean up taking place on October 28th and a Spring bulb planting occurring on November 3rd. If interested in helping out students should contact Ms. Kidnie in Family Studies.

This winter the goal of the landscaping committee will be to begin a campaign of fund raising, by applying for various environmental grants. Hopefully, we will find the financial support to continue many new and exciting landscaping projects that will enhance the appearance of our historic and proud school. If any parent would like to assist us in this worthwhile project, please call Mr. Lloyd Lewis in the Co-op department.

INTRODUCING DEXIT!

The GCVI cafeteria has introduced a new way to pay...just DEXIT! Dexit is a key tag that students carry with them. It is similar to a debit card, and can only be used for purchases at our cafeteria. Benefits:

- Your child will always have enough to pay for a good nutritious lunch at school.
- The DEXIT! Tag is re-loadable at school, or on the web via secure website.
- You can track your child's spending online.
- If the DEXIT tag is lost, simply go online and freeze the tag, so no dollars are lost. A replacement tag can be issued and the balance transferred.

DEXIT! Tags now available in the GCVI cafeteria.



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION NEWS

Are you interested in Aboriginal education?

The Upper Grand District School Board and the Wellington Catholic District School Board have formed a Community Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee. The purpose of this committee is to assist in identifying community needs and to provide advice and guidance on Aboriginal initiatives. New Aboriginal education initiatives and projects will be shared with this group for consultation and feedback.

If you are interested in joining this Advisory Committee, please contact Donna Gerber, Equity Officer, at 519-822-4420 Ext 727 or donna.gerber@ugdsb.on.ca

ABORIGINAL FAMILY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Anishnabeg Outreach in partnership with the Upper Grand District School Board and Wellington Catholic District School Board will be hosting an after school program for Aboriginal children from JK to Grade 11.

Is there room for your child to improve on their literacy or numeracy skills in a fun filled environment? The children will have the opportunity to improve on their literacy and numeracy skills as well as support for their home work from our tutors who also facilitate the weekly program.

Please join us at Anishnabeg Outreach 40 Baker St., 2nd Floor on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. Dinner and nutritional snacks will be provided.

Start and End Date - October 14th, 2009 - May 27th, 2010.

For more information call Lois MacDonald at 519-763-5292.

ATTENTION ABORIGINAL YOUTH (12-17 YEARS)

We have an exciting new program for you!

"Honouring the Seven Grandfather Teachings in Our Lives" will begin in January, 2010 and will run bi-weekly for 8 sessions on Thursday evenings from 5:30-8:30 p.m. You will explore traditional teachings of the Seven Grandfathers on respect, love, honesty, bravery, humility, truth and wisdom and how to use them in your lives.

A community consultation and social evening to discuss this program will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 19th at Anishnabeg Outreach, 40 Baker Street, Guelph.

Contact Lois MacDonald at 519-763-5292 for more information.

EDUCATION, CAREER & RESOURCE FAIR

Wednesday November 25, 2009, John F. Ross CVI

6-8pm, 100 Exhibitors from business, colleges, universities, and local agencies.

8-9pm, Dr. Jean Clinton of McMaster University to speak about The Teenage Brain.

GCVI ATHLETICS

The Green Gaels are off to a good start again in Fall 2009. Many teams were successful in regular season and playoffs. Leading the way for the Gaels in the Fall season have been the Jr Boys Volleyball team and the Football team who both are undefeated in their regular seasons and have completely dominated their opponents. Both teams advanced to their respective District 10 Championships on Thursday November 12th (Volleyball) and Friday November 13th (Football) and will represent our district at the CWOSSA Championships next week.

As one season ends, another begins. Some winter sports are already underway. Our Defending District 10 Championship Boys and Girls Wrestling Teams have started training and are always looking for new comers. Our Boys and Girls Ice hockey teams have started their respective seasons where both look to be successful this year. Volleyball and Basketball are in transition where Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball tryouts are going on as we speak. Curling, Swimming, and Badminton Club have also begun and are all looking for new members. Check out the Athletics Bulletin Board outside the Phys Ed Office for more information. If you cannot find it there, ask a friendly PE teacher.

Join the GREEN MACHINE, get involved, become a **GAELS Athlete!**

MATH HELP CENTRE

Are you frightened by fractions? Are you terrified of trigonometry? Are you anxious about angles?

The Math Help Centre is open every day from 12:00-12:30 pm in Room 112 for students who need extra help or an extra challenge in mathematics. There is a math teacher and several volunteer student tutors available to give students the help they need. Be there or b²!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School council is a group of interested parents, students, teachers and community members who advise the principal on matters relating to Guelph C.V.I. They meet at 7 p.m. in the student cafeteria on (almost) every second Wednesday of the month. Their next meeting is on January 13. New members are welcome. Contact our co-chairs Sharon Molyneaux (519-823-5078) or Stephanie Dearing (519-767-0757) for more information.

Upper Grand Learning Foundation

Do you want to contribute to Guelph CVI without buying more chocolate bars? The Learning Foundation asks that as you plan your finances and make decisions about your charitable donations, to please consider contributing to GCVI through the Foundation. 100% of your funds go to the school. What are the advantages?

- ✓ There is nothing to buy, just the assurance that 100% of your contribution will reach the school.
- ✓ Donate any time during the school year.
- ✓ No amount is too small – tax receipts are issued for any amount of \$10 or more
- ✓ Payment can be made by cheque, Visa, Mastercard, or cash

Cheques should be made payable to "Upper Grand Learning Foundation". Please send them to Wendy Darroch, Office Coordinator, at Guelph CVI with the completed contribution form along with payment. Donations will be forwarded to the Foundation.

The Upper Grand Learning Foundation

Contribution Form

Please accept my gift of: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500

Other Amount: \$ _____ Enclosed is my cheque (payable to Upper Grand Learning Foundation)

This Contribution is to be credited to the Guelph CVI General School Fund or Specify your designated group or club:

_____. For Credit Card Donations, please contact the school.