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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This newsletter accompanies the new 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 less than 9 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 15) or since Parent-Teacher Interviews (October 21), do not hesitate to contact your 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 or computer is 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 can be implemented.

We wish all students success in their second term.

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 12. New members are welcome. Contact our chair Sharon Molyneaux (519-823-5078) for more information.

SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER 2010-11 SEMESTER 1

November	24	Gr.11&12 Dismissal @ 2:25pm
	25-27	Wizard of Oz Musical 7pm
December	9	Music Concert 7:30pm
	20-31	Winter Break
January	3	Classes Resume
2011	5	Gr.11&12 Dismissal @ 2:25pm
	12	School Council 7:00 pm
	19	Grade 8 Parents Night 7:00 pm
	20-21	EQAO Gr 9 Math
	25	Gr. 12 Study Day
	26-Feb	1 Exams (* see notes below)
February	2	P.A. Day (<u>Wednesday</u>)
	3	Sem. 2 Classes Begin (<u>Thursday</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

EDUCATION, CAREER & RESOURCE FAIR

Parents and students are welcome to attend the 3rd Annual Education, Resource, and Career Fair that will be taking place at John F. Ross CVI, in Guelph, on November 24, 2010, from 6 - 9 pm. Over 80 information booths, consisting of post-secondary institutions, community agencies, UGDSB services, apprenticeships, and employers will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. At 8 pm, Marc Prensky, inventor, futurist, writer, will deliver "Reinventing the Learning Process through Digital Media", a keynote address on how we as parents, educators, and students can successfully merge learning with new technology and in the process help to ensure the future success of our students.

GCVI ATHLETICS Gaels are Marching



It has been an exciting year so far for Gaels' Athletics. The Green Machine had some great success in the fall. The most notable was our Senior Girls Cross Country Running Team which won CWOSSA and had an impressive showing at OFSAA. Senior Boys Soccer, Jr Boys Volleyball and Jr Girls Basketball all had tremendous seasons and qualified for their respective CWOSSA Championships.

November is always a busy time in the world of sports at GCVI as some seasons wrap up with playoffs while others begin tryouts. Boys and Girls Hockey have already begun their seasons. Curling and Wrestling are under way. Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball have begun tryouts.

Make sure to listen for announcements or check the ATHLETICS bulletin board for updates so you can **GET INVOLVED AND BE A GAELS ATHLETE!!!!**

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.



MATH HELP CENTRE

If you are worried about how to support your child's math homework questions, don't worry! An exciting free online initiative designed to help students succeed is now available. The Ministry of Education, has launched Homework Help, a math website for students in grades 7 through 10. Students simply log-on to Homework Help at <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>, and using an interactive chat room, obtain personalized tutoring from a certified Ontario math teacher. Sessions take place Sunday to Thursday between the hours of 5:30 – 9:30 pm.



But don't forget about the Math Help Centre at GC that is open every day during the second half of lunch.

If your child is looking for some enrichment... we have begun practice sessions for upcoming math contests. Ask your child to speak to a math teacher to register.

DRAMA

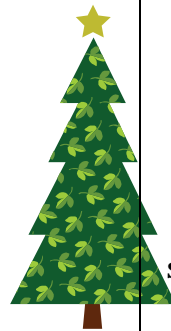


Just "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" right to the GCVI auditorium on Thursday November 25, Friday November 26 and Saturday November 27

to see Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, the Wicked Witch and all your other favourites light up the stage! That's right... GCVI is putting on the Wizard of Oz.

Students and staff have been working since the first week of school to get this production ready for you to enjoy. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students/children or \$25 for a family. The show begins at 7pm. "We're off to see the wizard... the WONDERFUL Wizard of Oz!"

MUSIC



Everyone is invited to enjoy music of the season at our annual Christmas concert, "Gaels and Garlands" on Thursday December 9 at 7:30. This event will feature the Concert Band, Symphonic Winds, Gael Force Jazz Band, the Gaels Singers and several small ensembles. Tickets are available at the door - \$5 per person, children under 12 are free.

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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:

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