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Attachments

February Calendar
Community Learning Fair
Flyer

Please remember:**NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING:**

**Monday, February 27th,
2012 – 7:00 p.m.**

FAMILY DAY

**Monday, February 20th,
2012**

(No school for students)

FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER**Early Learning Program (ELP) – GVDPS to continue with full day learning**

In September, 2010, our Board began offering the full day kindergarten program in some schools as part of a province wide implementation plan. Our school is one of many schools in our Board that is offering full day kindergarten. This means that JK and SK children in our school attend all day every day. The full day program is delivered by a Teacher and Early Childhood Educator team. The program uses a play based learning approach that will support your child's growth in all areas.

There may also be an option of sending your child to an Extended Day child care program, before and/or after school. **At this time, it is important that families keep their current child care arrangements. We cannot guarantee that the extended day will be offered at our school.**

If you have a child who was born in 2008 and would like to register him or her in JK, or a child who was born in 2007 and is age appropriate for Kindergarten, please note that registration will take place the first week in February. Students currently in JK will automatically be registered for Senior Kindergarten. Packages are available in the office for pick up. ***We ask that parents who know of families who do not currently have children attending GVDPS, but who will be attending in September 2012, to please contact those families about registration.*** Our registration process is designed to share information from school to home and home to school. We request that you complete a registration form to enroll your child in the core day component (the regular school day).

**Grand Valley Community Learning Fair**

We are excited to bring you up to date about our newest initiative – The Grand Valley Community Learning Fair! On Tuesday, February 7th, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. the school will be hosting, in the gymnasium, an opportunity for families to learn about the many programs, services, activities and clubs that are available locally and in the County of Dufferin. As well, students born in the year 2008, eligible to attend junior kindergarten in September 2012, can be registered for school this same evening. The support and enthusiasm from our community partners has been overwhelming. We are confident it will be an informative time. Refreshments, door prizes and babysitting will be provided. Come on out and Eat, Play and Learn!



Grade 8 Option Sheets

Grade 8 students received their option sheets in late January when Ms. Trowell, Head of Guidance at CDDHS, met with them. Parents are reminded that Grade 8 option sheets should be completed and returned to your child's Grade 8 teacher by **Tuesday, February 14th, 2012**. These forms will be forwarded to C.D.D.H.S.



Grade 8 Parents' Night

This is a reminder to all Grade 8 students and parents that Thursday, February 2nd, 2012 is Grade 8 Parents' Night at Centre Dufferin District High School. Please meet in the Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m .

Grade 8 Graduation Pictures



Grade eight graduation pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, February 15th, 2012**, beginning at 8:45 a.m. Information will be sent home in the coming weeks. Individual photographs and a composite photo will be available to students. Although students do not have to purchase photographs, all students must have their picture taken for the composite photo. If students are absent on photo day, their photo will not be included in the composite picture.

UGDSB recognizes February as Black History Month

Every year Canadians are invited to take part in the festivities and events that honour the legacy of black Canadians, past and present, during Black History Month. Black History Month exists to remind us all of the rich contributions within our society from people of African and Caribbean decent, and of their ongoing struggle for equity and social justice. This is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of black Canadians in our society, and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history.

School Council News

Mark your calendars! School Council is hosting a Family Dance on February 24th. This is an all ages event! Bring your parent/guardians & siblings and come out for great fun. The Dance will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the School Gymnasium. Watch for more details later this month.

Date: Friday February 24, 2012
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Admission: A donation to the local Food Bank – C.O.N.C.E.R.N.
Plus: School Council will be operating a concession booth



We hope to see everyone there!

Please note the next school council meeting will be on **Monday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m.**

Fourth Annual Winter Walk To School Day

Who: Students, Parents, School Staff
When: Wednesday, February 8, 2012
What Time: 8:10 am
Where: Hinds Foodland
Why: School Spirit, Exercise



Morning Supervision

Parents are reminded that teachers are not on duty until 8:15 a.m. in the morning. We ask that students not arrive prior to this time as there is no one on the yard to supervise them. All students are reminded to enter the school through their assigned doors off the playground at bell time.

Winter Safety

Please remind your child(ren) to stay off the roads as they walk to and from school each day. The icy weather makes it difficult for cars and trucks to stop quickly. Bus students in particular are reminded to stay off the snow banks and the roads as they wait for their bus to arrive each morning.



Coming this Spring:

Let School Council help you with your upcoming "Spring Cleaning"! Start collecting your used clothing, bedding, bags, purses, belts etc. for our next Bag2School event. The truck will roll into town in June to take away closet clutter and unused items from your home, and give the school extra fundraising dollars. It's a win-win situation. You clean out your house and School Council earns money to spend on students and fun events at the school!

It's a Round-Up!

Calling all students – please join us in June with your bicycle to show off your skills and learn about the importance of bicycle safety at our Bicycle Rodeo! Dufferin O.P.P. Constable Paul Nancekivell will be working with School Council at this event! Watch for more details later this spring!



Indoor Shoes, Socks and Mittens

Students from JK to Gr. 8 have great fun playing in the snow and most are coming in from recess wet and damp. Please ensure that your child(ren) have indoor shoes and extra clothing at school. Even the older students can do with an extra pair of socks and gloves.



QSP Magazine Fundraiser

QSP: Most magazines should be arriving by now, but some subscriptions due to different publishing schedules may take longer to start. If you have any questions, please contact QSP Customer Service at 1-800-667-2536. **They offer a 100% satisfaction guarantee.** Even though our main fundraising campaign is over, you can still support our school by purchasing or renewing magazine subscriptions on line at www.QSP.ca. Each subscription that we sell continues to bring profit to our school. This can be done all year long, so if you have any additional magazines expiring soon or just forgot to order a favourite one, you may still do so and support our school!

Grocery Tapes Needed

Thank you to everyone for bringing in your grocery tapes. Congratulations to Mr. Paterson's class for bringing in over \$34,000 in receipts! This year we have a tie for second place. Congratulations goes to Mr. Servos and Mr. Dowdall's classes for both bringing in almost \$20,000 each. In total, you brought in over \$102,000. The three classes will each receive ice cream parties shortly. Keep bringing in those grocery tapes for a chance for your class to win. Deadline is the end of May.

Bus Cancellations

During times of inclement weather, there are many ways to obtain information regarding bus cancellations and/or school closures for both bus and town students:

1. RADIO STATIONS

1460 AM CJOY	106.1 Magic FM
98.1 FM CHFI	99.1 FM CBC
680 AM CFTR	News Talk 570 AM
96.7 FM CHYM	CKCO-TV – A Channel



2. BOARD WEBSITE: www.ugdsb.on.ca and click on the yellow school bus on the left hand side.

3. SCHOOL WEBSITE: <http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/grandvalley>

4. CALL THE SCHOOL

519-928-2172 EX. 605 will report any cancellations.

Nutrition Break Supervisors




















We are looking for back up Nutrition Break Supervisors to help supervise students during the eating and lunch recess. This is a paid position and we would require a police check. Please call in at the office for more information.

Livefree @ School Toonie Challenge

Food and Friends currently supports over 80 breakfast, lunch or snack programs in Wellington, Dufferin and Guelph. We are hoping you will support us this year through our Live Free campaign. It's a great way to raise funds for our student nutrition program as well as raise awareness of the importance of these programs through students.

On Friday, March 2nd, our school will be taking the challenge to Live Free for those who Live Without, for the Food and Friends Program. All students and teachers should begin thinking of something that they take for granted everyday and make a promise to give it up for March 2nd. Challenge yourself to Live Free! The students and teachers will be posting our Live Free Promises in the school, then on March 2nd, bring in a Toonie to donate to Food and Friends and remember to keep your Live Free Promise!

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 International Exchange Prog. Presentation - Gr 6-8 Jr/Int. Public Speaking - 1:40 p.m.	2 Pizza Day  Grade 8 parent mtg @ CDDHS - 7:00 p.m.	 3 Volleyball Tournament ODSS / CDDHS	4
5 Shelburne Legion Public Speaking Contest 	6  Kindergarten Registration Begins	7  Community Learning Fair - 4:00 - 7:00 pm	8 Volleyball Finals 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Winter Walk to School  Gr. 5 Earthkeepers - Island Lake	9 Term 1 Report Cards go home  Pizza Day 	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Grade 8 Grad Pictures - 8:45 a.m. 	16 Primary Skating Gr. 1-3 -9:00 a.m.  Pizza Day 	17 JK/SK Skating 9:00 am. 	18
19	20 FAMILY DAY 	21	22	23 JK/SK Skating 9:00 a.m.  Pizza Day 	24 Milk Orders Due Primary Skating Gr. 1-3 - 9:00 a.m.  Family Dance 7:00 p.m. 	25
26	27 School Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	28	29	March 1 Pizza Day 