



GREENFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January, 2010

*Greenfield Elementary is an open school, where students,
staff and parents work together in a caring environment
to provide quality education for each student.*

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School Study Committee

There is a public meeting on Wednesday, January 13th (7:00pm) at Parkside Elementary to discuss the recommendations of the School Study Committee. Their recommendations call for the addition of grades 4-6 to our French Immersion program at Greenfield. It also includes the creation of a French Immersion program at Parkside Elementary. These changes are necessary to ensure that there is adequate space in Greenfield and Elm Street once the implementation of the kindergarten program takes place. A student's school is determined based on their home address. Under this plan, students attending Greenfield's French Immersion program would be limited to those that live within the Greenfield zone (that is, the same zone that our English students live in). Some of our current French Immersion students would be changing schools at the end of this school year in respect of these new boundaries. Though it may cause some difficulties as students head in different directions, it will allow us to continue to offer a quality French Immersion program while making the best use of available space in the Summerside elementary schools. Please feel free to attend the meeting. Your input is valued.

Staffing Changes

We extend a warm welcome to Mme. Gisele Decoeur-Lafrance. Mme. Gisele will be teaching Grade 1C for the remainder of the school year. She comes to us with a wealth of educational experience. Mme Gisele would like to invite any parents/guardians of her students in to meet her on Monday, January 18th from 6:00-6:30pm. This is not a parent teacher interview but rather a chance to meet your child's new teacher as well as an opportunity to hear her expectations and plans for the remainder of the year.

We also wish Mme. Ann Gallant success in her new role at Greenfield. Mme. Gallant is now teaching Reading Recovery and Resource to our French Immersion children.

Home and School News

(submitted by Brenda Meisner)

Thank you to all the parents, staff, community members and businesses who helped ensure that all the Christmas Hamper gifts were purchased. It was heart warming to see all the gifts wrapped and ready to go to the local families who received them. The Greenfield community really went the extra mile to ensure that 15 local families had a brighter Christmas.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is February 14 – 20.

There will be various activities for the Greenfield staff during the week and volunteers are needed to help with these fun filled events. Please read the Teacher Appreciation Week letter for more information and to volunteer. Let's show the staff at Greenfield how much we appreciate all they do to enrich our children's lives! The next Hotdog Day is January 29th. If you are able to help, please contact Andrea Pickett at: apickett@eastlink.ca.

A reminder that the Home and School Meeting Minutes are available on the school website on the parent page. For this year's remaining Home and School meetings parents who attend the meetings will have the chance to win an ice cream party for their child's class.

The next Home and School meeting is Monday, January 18, 2010, at 6:30 pm. Come out and have your child's name entered to win an ice cream party for their classroom. The agenda for the meeting will include: Teacher Appreciation Week, The School Study Committee Report and Kindergarten Transition.

School Development at Greenfield

Our school is in the final year of a three-year plan for school development. At the beginning of the process, we relied on surveys of you the parents, the students, and the staff to determine the areas in which we should focus our professional development. As a result, we have been working on two goals throughout this time period. The first goal was to have at least 80% of our students reading and comprehending at or above grade level. The second goal was to improve communication between school and home. Our first goal can be more easily measured through educational tools. Our second goal, communication, is harder to measure on our own. We need your assistance to tell us how we are doing. Please take a moment and complete the survey on the reverse side of this newsletter. Detach the survey and send it back to school. The surveys will be interpreted anonymously. Thank you for your assistance; together we can continue to make Greenfield Elementary a great school for our children!

Visit us on the web at www.edu.pe.ca/greenfield

Student Safety

Please remember to avoid the school bus lane when dropping off or picking up your children at Greenfield. On some occasions the buses have to wait for a car to move or steer around cars that are blocking their access to the front of the school. Not only does this put them behind schedule but more importantly it creates a risk for children walking through the parking lot. We appreciate your support in this very important issue.

Flag Day

On Friday, February, 12th at 11:00am it is Greenfield's turn to host the city's presentation of our National Flag Day. The event will feature songs from our junior choir, readings from our students, trivia, and other entertaining activities. Along with local and provincial dignitaries, you are invited to attend this celebration of the Maple Leaf.

Science Fair

Plans are underway for the school's science fair. This year the fair will be held on March 3. Projects will be due on March 2. The provincial competition will be held at UPEI on March 30. It is open to all students from grades 4-6. Though these projects are largely completed at home, assistance is offered at noon hours if required. Teachers will be providing their classes with further details.

Remembrance Day Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following winners in a recent art and writing contest.

Essay:

1st Sam McCarville

Poetry:

1st Spencer Ballum; 3rd Mikaila Murray

Black and White Poster

1st Jonathan Walfield; 2nd Jack Fingler;

3rd Camryn Wadman

Colour Poster

1st Brielle Clark; 2nd Jordan Howatt

3rd Ben Ramos-Armstrong

Grade 6 Olympic Project

Congratulations to the grade 6 classes of Mr. Delgado and Mrs. Brant. With help from Ms. Moase, Storm Smith, and Billy Cornish, these classes have established a recycling program that is featured on the website of the Vancouver 2010 Olympics. There is a link on our school website so that you can read more about their project.

From the Gymnasium

Parents, please check the sneakers your child is wearing in the gym for phys. ed. Many pairs of sneakers are either not worn properly (just slipped on), are too small or big, or are not properly laced. This is a safety concern for your child as well as the safety of others in the class. We want to have the safest environment possible so please discuss this with your own son or daughter.

Please check Mrs. Webster's blog as it is updated often when new events and activities are happening in the gym or in the area.

Bus Passes

When requesting a bus pass for your child, please include the civic address of the house that they are traveling to on the note. Even though your child may know what stop to get off at and which house to walk to, we need to provide that information to the bus driver. Thanks for your cooperation.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 13 (7:00pm) Public Meeting - School Study Report at Parkside Elementary

Jan. 18 (6:00pm) Meet the Teacher Night - Class 1C

Jan. 18 (6:30pm) Home and School Meeting

Feb. 1 Professional Development Day - no school for students

Feb. 12 (11:00am) Flag Day Assembly

Feb. 15 Islander Day - no school

Mar. 2 Second Progress Reports sent home

Mar. 4 Parent Teacher Interviews (evening)

Mar. 5 Parent Teacher Interviews (day - no school)



Greenfield Elementary Communication Survey - January, 2010

<i>Please rate each section on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the lowest possible score and 5 being the highest possible score.</i>	1	2	3	4	5	N/A or Don't Know
The School Newsletter is useful and informative						
The School Website is useful and informative						
The Classroom Blogs are useful and informative						
There is good communication about school news, events, and regulations						
There is good communication about my child's academic work						
There is good communication about my child's behaviour						
Comments:						

