

# *École Garden Grove School*

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## *February 2020*

Dear Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for 5 and a half wonderful years at École Garden Grove. I leave with mixed emotions; excited for what is yet to come and sad for what I am leaving behind. We have worked so hard together to bring the best possible programming to our students.

With gratitude, I thank all of you for the support you have shown myself and the staff. Together, we have created a community climate of trust and acceptance. We've worked to develop cutting edge programming. Our school is a leader in innovative programming, mental health programming and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills learning. Our students are critical thinkers, they are creative and are able to collaborate to solve problems. I am most proud of how they are all caring communicators and are inclusive in their actions at school. How proud you can be of your children.

I love teaching and learning and am sure that this will not be the end of my learning pathway, except now I think I would like to learn more about gardening, stained glass, and the world around me. I encourage you to continue to look for new and innovative ways to support your child's learning. I thank you for trusting the path that the staff and I have set out for your children. They are becoming confident risk takers and are able to challenge themselves in creative ways. I encourage you to take some risks in your own learning. Try something new or go on a journey that is exciting for you.

I would like to conclude by thanking the amazing Garden Grove Staff. Each and every one of them works incredibly hard to be their best, so that your children can be their best. Thank you to the Garden Grove Child Centre for their partnership, the Lunch Program and Parent Council for their dedication to our school. Please consider coming to a Parent Council meeting to support the work they do.

As I retire, I am reminded that people will not remember what you taught them, they will only remember how you made them feel. Please take good care of yourselves and take good care of the people around.

With my sincere best wishes,

Karin Freiling



# Administration

Welcome back families!



Our grade 6 students attended winter camp on Jan. 23-24. They participated in many outdoor activities, such as cross-country skiing, tobogganing and snowshoeing. The teachers did a wonderful job of planning these exciting days and students had a fantastic time.

While the grade 6 students were away at camp, our grades K-5 students were treated to a special play featuring the beloved works of children's author Robert Munsch! Students laughed along to theatrical presentations of some of their favourites. Thank you to Mrs. Sim for organizing this.

Grade 1 and grade 2 students participated in their first IDEAS session before the holiday. They engaged in one of many activities offered, such as art, math and technology. Our grade 3/4 students started their IDEAS sessions this month. They were very excited to be taking part in such unique learning activities.

The month of January brought us the cold weather. We have had several days of indoor recess, as temperatures dropped to -27C or colder. Please remember that students *will* be going outside if the temperature is higher than that. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather – boots, ski pants, mittens, hats, scarves and jackets all work to keep us warm on those chilly days.

A quick reminder that non-prescribed medication such as Tylenol, Advil etc. is not to come to school with your child. All medication needs to come with prescription from the doctor and given to the office or classroom teacher. Students are not to hang on to them.

We would like to wish Mrs. Freiling an amazing next chapter in her journey as she enters retirement. The work and love she has invested in the school and community is dearly appreciated and will be remembered for years to come.

Unfortunately, the new principal of Ecole Garden Grove School has not been appointed yet. As soon as there is information, you will receive a letter with the announcement.

## Parent Council

A friendly reminder on lunch program fees. All payments should be handed in before the 1st of every month. If the first of the month is on a weekend or a holiday, try to pay before the holiday or weekend to avoid paying the late fee.

### Reminders:

**To parents, please make sure that your child(ren) has a spoon or fork to eat their lunches.**

**To all the parents and children, make sure we all dress for the weather, "hats, mittens or gloves, boots & winter jackets".**



## *Phys Ed*

From building a snowman to snowshoeing and skating!  
Febrrrrruary is a great month to get outdoors and be active **Volleyball Club**

Many students in grade 6 will be participating in a non-competitive volleyball/triple ball tournament January 30 in our gymnasium. Grade 5 volleyball players will be playing the morning of February 6 at Prairie Rose School. Our school will be well represented at the tournaments with 68 players!

Thank you to coaches M. Herrington, Mme Vincent, Mlle Frederique, Mme Raikh and Mme Bruce for their time commitment and dedication to coaching volleyball.

### **Grades 4-6 Skating Club**

**There's snow place like the skating rink!**

We are having another record breaking year for the number of skaters in this year's Skating Club.

Wow, we have 80 skaters in our club from beginner to advanced skill level.

We have over 25 beginner skaters who have great courage and perseverance (bruises, too) in learning a new sport!

Divisional races take place mid March at the BELL MTS Centre for all **qualifying** skaters. More information will go home regarding the races. Good luck skaters!



### **UPCOMING CLUBS AND EVENTS:**

**GRADES 1 & 2 SPONGEE POLO AT LUNCH**

**GRADES 5 & 6 BASKETBALL CLUB**

**PARTICIPATORS ARE WINNERS !!!**

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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3 / Day 2	4 / Day 3	5 / Day 4	6 / Day 5	7 / Day 6
			Room 6 to Children's Mu- seum (AM) Gr.5 Volleyball Tournament @Prairie Rose (AM)	
10 / Day 1	11 / Day 2	12 / Day 3	13 / Day 4	14 / Day 5
			MTS Centre (AM) Rm.15	
17	18 / Day 6	19 / Day 1	20 / Day 2	21 / Day 3
Louis Riel Day No School	<b>Festival du Voyageur</b>			Room 19 & 22 to Mb. Museum (All day)
24 / Day 4				
	25 / Day 5	26 / Day 6	27 / Day 1	28 / Day 2
		Emergency Procedures Practice (lockdown drill)		Grade 4-6 indoor skating 11:40am

## Dates to Note:

**Mar. 13** Non Instructional Day - No Classes  
**Mar. 30-Apr. 3** Spring Break  
**Apr. 6** School Reopens  
**Apr. 10** Good Friday, No School  
**Apr. 17** Non-Instructional Day—No Classes  
**May 4** Non-Instructional Day — No Classes  
**May 7** Spring Photos



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