June 2023

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Grosvenor School Newsletter

Last Day of School is Thursday, June 30th 11:30 am

Administrative Message

Greetings Grosvenor Families,

In what feels like the blink of an eye…JUNE has landed upon us. AND so has a heat wave! We've had a busy year…a busy last month with our Fine Arts evening, 100th Birthday and a group of our students leading a learning session at our Divisional Pow Wow yesterday. But here we are, still standing and looking forward to all that June will bring. Field day, Grosvenor's Got Talent, and Grade 6 Farewell, to name a few. I want to give a HUGE shoutout to an incredible staff who simply, does it all. We are truly blessed with this staff- their hard work, dedication to our school and to your children is second to none.

Thank you for coming out to our Fine Arts evening to watch 100 Years at Grosvenor…A Century of Song. It has been 3 years since we've been able to have a concert and it was heartwarming to see a full crowd there to support our students as they navigated their nervous energy and excitement.

Grosvenor celebrated our 100th birthday on May 25th and we had a good turn out! I met 2 prior principals of Grosvenor, one of which was the principal 35 years ago! We enjoyed being able to properly "unveil" our Mosaic and celebrate our amazing school and incredible community. Thank you to all involved and special shout out to Melissa Funke, who spent time planning with us, going through all the archives and creating an unbelievable slideshow we were able to loop throughout the day.

Classroom configurations for the 23-24 school year.

Room #	Grade(s)
1 and 2	N/K
4	1/2
5	1/2
8	3
9	4/5
11	6
12	4/5

The staff and I played with many combinations and thought this was the best one to continue on our multi-age journey and to be honest- our numbers (student population) helped make this decision easier. It's the configuration that made the most sense.

Please know that it is our plan to keep the current grade 1's with the same teacher for grade 2- as this is one of the benefits of multi-age classrooms. However, in our 4/5 classrooms we will do some switching and mixing to create the best possible learning communities as possible.

The process for creating classroom compositions is fairly extensive. Classroom teachers, support staff and I meet and begin the challenging task of placing students into classrooms to make the best learning communities possible. We consider factors such as learning styles, friendships, gender balance, academic and behavioral strengths/ challenges.

We are asking for your child to have input into this process by providing 2-3 names of children they would like to be with. We will ensure that at least one friend will be in the same classroom. If there are any other social concerns that we should know about that would help us make our decisions, we will ask that you let your child's teacher know at that time. We will not be taking specific teacher requests.

You will be receiving an email from your child's teacher in the coming weeks regarding this process and for your input.

As June quickly unfolds, I am in the middle of staffing for the 2023-2024 school year.
Once everything is in place and confirmed, I will share staffing and classroom assignments with you. Expect this information to go out in the last week of June.

On behalf of the entire school community, I want to thank Kaleigh and Laura for stepping up and taking on the challenging role of co-chairing our GSA (Parent Council). The countless volunteer hours that you contributed to our school doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you, for your devotion and dedication! We are forever grateful.

Best regards,
Camie

June 7th	Fit Run—Assiniboine Park (Gr. 4-6) am
June 8th	Fun Fair! 5:30-8:00 pm
June 13th	Nursery/Kinders all day Fieldtrip to Zoo!
June 15th	AGM - GSA Meeting 5:30 p.m.
June 16th	Volunteer Tea
June 20th	Fun Field Day am (Rain Date June 26th)
June 23	Kindergarten Farewell Ceremony
June 28th	Awards Assembly (am)
June 28th	Talent Show 1pm
June 29th	Grade 6 Farewell 10:00 a.m. St. Georges Church
June 30th	**Last Day of School - 11:30 a.m. Dismissal**

Parent Council (GSA) News

June?! This is a big month for everyone, including the GSA.

Thursday, June 8: Fun Fair. Can't Wait! Fun, Fundraising, and Don't-Have-To-Make-Dinner! See the recent poster sent out. Also, a huge shout out to the GSA Special Event reps: Marla Cameron, Shauna Tait, and Jenn Sorby for their immense work in coordinating this event. Hopefully you've already placed your food orders, but if not, you can purchase hotdogs and hamburgers at the event. Food for this event is sponsored by The Grove restaurant on Stafford, Grosvener's favourite local and parent-run eatery. Thank you Danielle and Miles Gould for your continued support. Thank you also to the families who donated for the amazing raffle!

Thursday, June 15 at 5:30pm*: GSA AGM Meeting
**Note earlier time….you can still get to the inevitable sporting event in your kids' lives.*

The June GSA meeting is combined with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and includes the important job of assigning roles for the GSA Executive for the 2023/2024 school year. Please try to attend. As a reminder, here is the current executive:

Co-Presidents: Kaleigh Rosenblat and Laura Matlashewski

Treasurer: Heather McLeod

Secretary: Christina Penner

We have also had a set of AMAZING classroom reps–thank you to each of you, and please consider whether you'd like to move up a grade next year.

As the mere Secretary of the Executive, I would also like to point out the immense contributions of our co-presidents, Kaleigh Rosenblat and Laura Matlashewski, and our Treasurer, Heather McLeod. Each of these people has done far more work than is easy to notice, and the Grosvenor school community sends each of you a HUGE thank you. Really.

Another huge thank you to Tanya for taking over the running of our critical GSA-run lunch program. We're so grateful for your work–this is the program that lets us, the parents, do *our* work.

Other things that the GSA and its fabulous parents have done this year:

- A huge shout out to Alex Vanderhooft for designing and coordinating the iconic-yet-fun T-shirts for the Grosvenor 100th celebration, and for the funds they helped raise for the GSA.
- Thanks to our Co-President Laura Matlashewski for representing the GSA at the 100th Celebration on May 25th.
- Thanks to Kaitlin Rhoden, for coordinating yet another Fun Lunch on May 31. (I am writing this in the morning of May 31, and I can tell you that I REALLY appreciate these fun lunches! Phew!!)

The GSA would also like to extend a huge congratulations to our grade 6 graduates, and to wish them courage and joy as they move to new adventures and friends in new schools. You belonged and still belong to this Grosvenor community. Same with your parents. Minawaa giga-waabamin (the Ojibwe phrase used on leaving, roughly translated as "I'll see you again")

And to all, may the summer be the stuff of dreams. Wishing us all a fun, safe summer, with an impeccable blend of adventure and restoration.

Affectionately, Christina, for all of your GSA exec

2022-2023 GSA Officers

Co-Chairs: Laura Matlaschewski and Kaleigh Rosenblat

Vice-Chair: Greg Grahn
Treasurer: Heather McLeod/Leslie Roy
Secretary: Christina Penner

Lunch Program Coordinator: Tanya

Thursday, June 15th

5:30pm

GSA AGM Meeting

CELEBRATE OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

GROSVENOR SCHOOL FUN FAIR

June 8th, 2023 | 5:30-8:00
Grosvenor School overhang and field

THE FUN FAIR IS BACK! BBQ SUPPER, GAMES, PRIZES AND BOUNCERS! THIS IS A PARENT POWERED EVENT, LOOK FOR THE VOLUNTEER SIGN UP COMING OUT SOON!

Prize donation boxes have been set up outside of the classrooms, please donate!

Seeking Summer Garden Waterers!

Hello Grosvenor Fam!

We are looking for volunteers to help keep the Grosvenor garden watered and growing well this coming summer. The Farmer's Almanac has predicted a hot, dry summer so I'm sure it'll need some help. If you are interested in helping out an hour a week or so, please send an email to jmont@wsd1.org and Mr. Mont will organize a rock solid team to keep things GROWing.
Thank you all very much for your help!

The Grosvenor School Garden Team

News from French/Stem by Mr. Mont

STEM

Spring has sprung! The STEM lab has been a place of learning about plants, seeds, soils, and helping life thrive over the past month, in conjunction with the planting of the school garden. The younger grades have been involved in planning and setting up small experiments with plants and seeds. Some experiments explored germinating seeds in different soil types and yet others dealt with seed crowding issues. The kids really enjoyed testing their hypotheses and watching seeds spring to life. The older grades are continuing along with their design/build projects in the field of engineering. It is fantastic to watch them problem solve and try to make their creations actually function.

Français

The time has once again returned to host the grade 5 vs grade 6 French challenge! The two grade levels will face off again to compete against one another in a battle of Avoir, Etre, and Aller conjugations! This year's grade 6s keenly remember the sting of defeat from last year and the grade 5s are eager to stamp their mark upon the oldest kids in the school. It'll be another one for the ages! Other things happening in the French lab are "What time is it?" related conversations; descriptive introductions including size, colour, and animals; and a continued practice and growth in common conversation pieces. To help your children continue their growth in French across the summer, might I suggest having them engage daily with DuoLingo which is a free app to help learn language.

Le temps est revenu pour accueillir le défi de français de la 5e année contre la 6e année! Les deux niveaux scolaires s'affronteront à nouveau dans une bataille de conjugaisons Avoir, Être et Aller ! Les élèves de 6e année de cette année se souviennent vivement de la piqûre de la défaite de l'année dernière et les élèves de 5e année sont impatients d'imprimer leur marque sur les enfants les plus âgés de l'école. Ce sera un autre pour les âges! D'autres choses qui se passent dans le laboratoire de français sont les conversations à propos de « Quelle heure est-il ? » ; des introductions descriptives incluant la taille, la couleur, et les animaux ; et une pratique et une croissance continues des morceaux de conversation communs. Pour aider vos enfants à poursuivre leur croissance en français tout au long de l'été, puis-je suggérer qu'ils s'engagent quotidiennement avec DuoLingo, une application gratuite pour aider à apprendre les langues.

News from Phys Ed. by Ms. Yang

In the month of May, students completed a floor hockey unit. They were given the opportunity to learn and practice skills such as stick handling, passing/receiving and shooting. At the end, gameplay occurred where students incorporated all their new and improved skills together. Safety was a high priority in this unit and students did a great job of learning in a safe environment with the equipment! We are currently in the middle of a soccer unit. Students are learning and practicing soccer skills such as dribbling, passing/receiving, shooting. They will be given the opportunity to play soccer games at the end.

Throughout the units, students have been participating in low organized and cooperative games to support and enhance their fundamental movement and personal/social management skills (i.e., castle ball, relay races, tag games, dodgeball games and reaction time games).

News from the Music Room by Ms. Hanton

Thank you to all of the Grosvenor families who supported the spring concert "A Century of Song"! Our audience was a huge part of the final performance - we felt your energy and enthusiasm, and it was truly a night to remember. Our students danced and sang their hearts out. For many of them this was the very first time they had performed on a stage. During the teachers dance practices, they reflected on how our students are encouraged to go beyond their comfort zones in all areas of their learning every day! It was a great evening of shared experience and artistic expression. I could not be more proud or grateful to guide our student community through so many memorable moments.

Our 100th Anniversary Celebrations on May 26 included the singing of the Honour Song with Matt Mousseau, and "Let It Grow!" Every time I look up at the mosaic proudly displayed on our school's entrance, I will notice the music and drama symbols, and be proud to have been a part of the performance arts at Grosvenor School.

I just arrived home from the Winnipeg School Division's Annual Pow Wow. The Drumming Group and volunteer Grade 1 & 2 students were leaders in our ongoing treaty work as they taught 200 people of all grades the Honour Song which Matt gifted to our school. It was another core memory in the making as 200 students lifted their voices in celebration. Long may these efforts continue.

This summer, break out your old guitar, or your ukulele, and sing around the campfire. Music is in all of us - and we should share it!

Grosvenor School Spring Concert

Grosvenor School 100th Birthday Celebration

June 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			Day 4 1 WSD Pow Wow Gr. 6's will attend	**Day 5** 2 Gr.'s 1/2 & 4/5's All Day Fieldtrip Assiniboine Park
Day 6 5	**Day 1** 6	**Day 2** 7 Gr. 4-6 WSD Fit Run @ Assiniboine Park (am) • Dance Club Gr. 1-3 at 12 noon	**Day 3** 8 Fun Fair! 5:30-8:00p.m.	**Day 4** 9
Day 5 12	**Day 6** 13 Nursery/Kinders All Day Fieldtrip Assiniboine Zoo	**Day 1** 14	**Day 2** 15 • Dance Club Gr. 1-3 at 12 noon GSA AGM Meeting 5:30pm	**Day 3** 16 Volunteer Tea 2:00pm
Day 4 19	**Day 5** 20 Field Day AM Staff Vs. Gr. 6 Soccer Baseball	**Day 6** 21	**Day 1** 22	**Day 2** 23 • Dance Club Gr. 1-3 at 12 noon Kindergarten Farewell Ceremony
Day 3 26 Field Day Rain Date	**Day 4** 27 Grade 6 Principal's Breakfast 9:00am	**Day 5** 28 • Grosvenor's Talent Show (morning) • Awards Assembly (pm) • Report Cards Go Home	**Day 6** 29 Gr. 6 Farewell 10:30am	**Day 1** 30 Last Day of School 11:30am dismissal Canada Day Parade!