

GROSVENOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Administrative Message

Dear Grosvenor Families,

Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 school year! I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning students and families. I hope that your summer was full of many adventures as well as lots of rest & relaxation and that you are all excited to be getting back into school routines!

Our dedicated Grosvenor School staff have been working hard over the last few weeks (and months) while eagerly awaiting the return of students. Many thanks to our wonderful custodians for their great effort and hard work over the summer months - the school looks fantastic! Merci Mr. Nevado & Mr. McInnes. I would like to also extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our incredible teachers who were in the building over the last few weeks tirelessly getting their classrooms and materials prepared for yet another great learning year! Lastly, I would like to thank Ms. Robyn who spent countless hours ensuring that our school office was ready to open and to welcome all of our new and returning families!

September is a time where we often get to welcome new staff to our community! Please join us in welcoming the following new members to our team: Ms. Almosnino (Nursery/Kindergarten) & Ms. Gordan (Physical Education). We also have the pleasure of welcoming 3 teacher candidates (student teachers) who will be joining our team and partnering with classroom teachers to complete their practicums at Grosvenor: please help us in welcoming Ms. Champion, Ms. Gurniak & Mr. Cnockaert-Ducharme. Our new team members, combined with our returning ones, are all very excited to work closely with you to guide our young learners through the 2023-24 school year!

As we entre a new school year, please remember that the Grosvenor School staff are here to assist you. Our goal is to provide your child with a quality education in an environment that promotes life-long learning and we firmly believe that you are your children's first & most important teacher.

We consider the connection between home and school to be critical and we greatly value your ideas, questions, thoughts and concerns. The main methods of general communication with the home/school will take place through School Messenger, email and through Classroom Seesaw accounts - for this reason, we ask that you please ensure that the school has your correct up-to-date email addresses on file so that you are receiving information and news as it is sent. Please also feel free to contact your child's teacher, the office, or myself via phone with any questions or concerns.

We are excited to welcome parents, volunteers and the community into our school, and as the year proceeds, there will be many opportunities for involvement with different activities. That said, we kindly ask that the school teams be given the month of September to focus on the establishment of routines and consistent schedules with students. We look forward to excitedly opening our doors to all volunteers in October! Please remember that there are required documents/certification that must be completed prior to being able to volunteer. Please see the information below and/or contact the school office to inquire about the process.

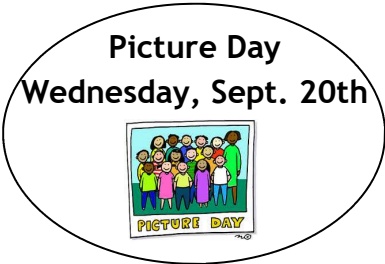
Helpful tip - September is a wonderful time to complete the Volunteer Packages and paperwork so as to be able to start volunteering in October!

We, as an entire school team, are greatly look forward to not only working with you in the year ahead but also in partnering with you to provide a safe & caring environment which promotes excellence for all learners. Here's to an amazing school year ahead!

Sincerely,
Ms. Kurtz

***Save the Date:** We look forward to seeing you all at our Meet the Teacher Potluck on September 21st. More information about this event will come home shortly!

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Upcoming No Class Days:
October 3rd: School PD
October 9th: Thanksgiving Day
October 20: School PD
November 3: School PD
November 17th: Tri-Conferences
Winter Break: Dec. 25-Jan. 8th



News from the Grosvenor School Association

The Grosvenor School Association (GSA) welcomes you back to school!

Welcome! It's so exciting to see the little nursery and kinder children starting their Grosvenor journey! The children change so much in their time at our cherished school. We're also so excited to extend a huge welcome to our new principal, Nicole Kurtz. Welcome to our community. We're glad you're here, and look forward to working with you.

On the topic of personal, the Grosvenor School Association (GSA) executive is unchanged from last year:

Co-Presidents: Kaleigh Rosenblat &
 Laura Matlashewski
 Treasurer: Heather McLeod
 Secretary: Christina Penner

We need YOU! There are many ways to get involved in the school; Grosvenor is the school we love because so many parents contribute to our community. All parents and caregivers: please know you are welcome, encouraged, and needed to get involved with the school. A great place to start is by attending the GSA meetings, which are scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month. Please see all exciting dates below:

Wednesday, September 13, 6:30pm: GSA Our first meeting is on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30pm.

Thursday, September 21st: Meet the Teacher Potluck. The GSA helps to host this event and it's a great opportunity to connect with new and returning Grosvenor families. All are welcome! Please stay tuned for more information next week!

September 26: Deadline to order veggie bundles through Peak of the Market's "Farm to School" fundraiser: check for an email from Robyn containing information and order forms.

Finally, a reminder to families that any child(ren) staying at school for lunch must be enrolled in the lunch program and fees can be paid in full or in two installments. The GSA administers the lunch program, and it's a big job! Please help by paying promptly. You can use the [new online enrollment form](#). Payment can be made through e-transfer to grosvenortreasurer@gmail.com. Email grosvenorlunchprogram@gmail.com with any questions.

Finally, follow the GSA on Instagram! Search for Grosvenor School Association. Many thanks to Kaleigh for keeping this account up to date and making extremely impressive online forms. If you're reading this email on paper, then use the Instagram account to get the link to the lunch program.

Changing leaves, pumpkin spice, new shoes,
 Christina for the GSA



We are so excited to bring back our "Farm to School" fundraiser! This fundraiser is in partnership with peak of the market. Peak of the market offers us veggie bundles for purchase and 50% of the proceeds go to the school. There are 4 bundle types to choose from, and 2 sizes. An email was sent home, so please check your in box!

Deadline to order is September 26th!
 Orders will be ready for pick up on October 4th, please stay tuned for directions on how to pick up your orders from Grosvenor School on that day!

Orders must be submitted ONLINE!!
 Thanks for your support!

A Classroom Representative Contact List will be sent home next week with your child. Please take the time to fill it out so your child's Classroom Parent Representative can send you information and/or request your help with any upcoming volunteer requirements within the classroom/school this year.

Policies and Procedures

Student Accident Insurance

The 2023-2024 enrollment form for Student Accident Insurance, (through the Reliable Life Insurance Company) has not arrived at our school yet. Forms will go out once we receive them. The enrollment form and the required premium are to be placed in the envelopes provided and **MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE RELIABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. Please do NOT return the forms to the school.**

Medication for Students

This is to remind parents that when the school is asked to administer any medication to a child, a series of forms must be completed by the physician and the parent. The medication must be brought from the home by the parent, guardian or other reliable adult. The medication container must have the dispensing instructions noted on it and must have the official label of the druggist. The container should be one for school use - a separate container should be kept at home (if needed). Students with asthma who bring inhalers to school will be allowed to carry them with them at all times.

“NUT” Free School & Classroom Snacks/treats

We have students with life-threatening allergies to nuts. **Peanut butter and/or any other nut products are NOT permitted in the school or on school property.** Residue from nuts can be easily spread to door handles, water fountains, play structure, furniture, etc. If a child with a nut allergy touches the residue, a severe allergic reaction may occur.

CLASSROOM SNACKS/FOOD/TREATS

If sending food items to be shared amongst classmates/peers (ex. birthday celebrations) then the food items must be **pre-packaged and labelled** as having been prepared in a nut-free facility. We want all students to be included in celebrations - please ensure that you have spoken to your child's classroom teacher prior to sending food items for sharing as this will allow them to also inform you of any other dietary restrictions present in the class.

Runners at School

Parents, we ask that all students leave a pair of indoor shoes at school that they can change into everyday. Students are expected to wear running shoes in gym class.

Electronic Devices

We ask that students not bring cell phones or electronic devices to school, as we cannot be responsible for any damage or loss.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up:

All student/classroom lineup locations are located on the hardtop. Students will meet their teachers daily at the line-up locations during the morning and after lunch hour. Teachers will walk students outside to their line-up locations during the morning and after lunch hour. Teachers will walk students outside to their line-up locations for safe dismissal at the end of the day. Please be reminded that, if you are dropping your child off late, or picking them up early that you must check-in at the front office.

Traffic Safety and the Handicap Loading Zone:

Please **DO NOT** stop or park in the Handicap Loading Zone at any time in front of the main doors on Grosvenor, unless you have a handicap parking permit. We have several families who rely on this space.

Volunteering at Grosvenor

Volunteers are a valuable part of our school program and there are many opportunities for volunteer involvement! Our community and school prides itself on our fabulous volunteer base. **Please note that there are division mandated requirements that must be completed prior to being able to volunteer within the school community.** If you have interest in volunteering this year (this includes attending fieldtrips, being in classrooms & volunteer drivers) then please be sure to contact the office to ensure that you have the required documentation. Please note there is a processing time associated with the paperwork so it is best to initiate the process as early as possible. Volunteer forms will be available at our “Meet the Staff” evening, September 21st and also in the school office anytime.

Party Invitations:

Difficult situations arise when one or more students from a class are not invited to a party. For this reason, teachers will not distribute invitations for students at school and it is expected that students refrain from distributing on school property.

Bicycles/Scooters/Skateboards at School:

If you are bringing any of the above to school we ask you to please dismount before entering the playground and lock up at the bicycle stand. Please note that the school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged bicycles/scooter/skateboards that are brought to school. School grounds are often targets for professional bicycle thieves. Even when bicycles are locked to a stand, they can be stolen. Please do not ride your bicycles, skateboards or scooters on school property between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. *please note bikes/scooters/skateboards are not allowed to be brought in the school for storage.

Toys from Home:

Exercise is important for children's health and learning. Comprehensive School Health is a school priority and we want children to be actively playing during their recess breaks. Toys can foster sedentary activity and can create conflicts arising from issues around sharing, trading and damage/loss of the items (This includes Pokeman and other trading Cards)

After discussions with Grosvenor staff and the G.S.A., we will continue to not allow toys from home during school hours (9:00-3:30). This also applies to recesses and lunch time.

Grosvenor School provides students with recreational equipment that promotes active living and playground games are taught in their physical education program. When surveyed, all staff on lunch and recess duty reported that they observed more active children and less conflict since we have become “Toy Free”.

Grosvenor Staff Listing

GROSVENOR SCHOOL 2023-2024 STAFF MEMBERS

Principal		Ms. Nicole Kurtz
School Secretary	Office	Ms. Robyn Hughes
Nursery/Kindergarten	Room 1/2	Ms. Camila Almosnino
Grade 1/2	Room 5	Ms. Aaryn Kornelsen
Grade 1/2	Room 4	Ms. Catherine Banks
Grade 3	Room 8	Ms. Kristen Robbins
Grade 4/5	Room 12	Ms. Brandy Anderson
Grade 4/5	Room 9	Ms. Anastasia Sobral
Grade 6	Room 11	Ms. Wraith Milak
Phys. Ed. (Days 1/3/5)	Gym	Ms. Sheena Gordon
IERT Resource (Days 2/4/6)	Room 10	Ms. Charlotte Jackson
Resource (Days 1/3/5)	Room 10	.5 Ms. Joan Hanton .5
Music (Days 2/4/6)	Room 6	Ms. Joan Hanton .5
French/Stem (Days 2/4/6)	Room 7	Mr. James Mont .5
Educational Assistant		Ms. Lisa Hafenbrak
Educational Assistant		Mr. Mark Tallara
Educational Assistant/Adult Crossing Guard		Ms. Ralna Forbes
Head Custodian		Mr. Gerry Nevado
Night Custodian		Mr. Mike McInnes

Grosvenor School September 2023



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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4 Labour Day	5 Day 1 Admin Day No Classes	6 Day 2 First Day of classes! Grade 1-6	7 Day 3	8 Day 4 First Day of classes! Nursery/Kindergarten
11 Day 5	12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3
18 Day 4	19 Day 5	20 Day 6 School Picture Day!	21 Day 1 Meet the Teacher Potluck! (evening)	22 Day 2
Kindergarten Hearing Screening →				
25 Day 3	26 Day 4 Peak of the Market Orders are Due!	27 Day 5	28 Day 6 School Picture Retake Day!	29 Day 1