GENERAL WOLFE SCHOOL

JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE

Dear General Wolfe School Community,

As we welcome the new year, we hope this message finds you all in good spirits and looking forward to the exciting months ahead. January and February are times of renewal and fresh beginnings, and we are thrilled to share some updates and highlights from our middle years journey.

Our students continue to impress us with their enthusiasm for learning and their dedication to growth. From academic achievements to artistic endeavors, their passion and talent shine through in everything they do. We encourage everyone to take pride in their accomplishments and to keep exploring new opportunities for personal and academic development.

As always, our educators are committed to providing a nurturing and challenging environment where every student can thrive. We have exciting plans for the upcoming months, including engaging classroom activities, extracurricular opportunities, and initiatives aimed at fostering a supportive and inclusive community.

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We also want to extend our gratitude to the incredible staff, parents, and caregivers for their unwavering support and collaboration. Your involvement and partnership are integral to our students' success, and we deeply appreciate your continued involvement in our school community.

Please stay tuned for updates on upcoming events, important dates, and ways to get involved. Let's embark on this new year with enthusiasm, resilience, and a shared commitment to making this an exceptional period of growth and learning for all of our students at GW!

Wishing you all a wonderful start to 2024.

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Susan Darazsi <u>Principal</u> Mr. Matt Frost Vice Principal BELONG. BELIEVE. ACHIEVE: FOSTERING FULL POTENTIAL EVERY DAY!

Winter Wonderland Adventures



We are delighted to share the success of our Grade 7 Winter Camp, where our students delved into a world of adventure, learning, and camaraderie. The experience was enriched by the exceptional guidance of our Grade 9 leadership students, whose commitment and mentorship were instrumental in making this event a resounding success. A heartfelt thank you to all the students, teachers, and staff who contributed to making this event a memorable and enriching one.

Winter Pop-Up Shop

The spirit of giving and joyous festivities filled our halls during our Winter Pop-Up Shop, an event that truly embodied the essence of the holiday season. Our students had the incredible opportunity to select a gift, generously donated, to share with a family member, spreading warmth and cheer throughout our community. Moreover, the draw at the end added an extra layer of excitement, bringing smiles to the faces of those fortunate enough to receive personal gifts. Thank you to everyone involved for making the Winter Pop-Up Shop a tremendous success and for instilling the values of kindness and generosity in our school community.



"Better Together" Winter ARTS Showcase Recap: A Tapestry of Talent!













Our December Arts Showcase brought the community together to witness the incredible artistic talents of our students. Thank you to our amazing Arts Department teachers, Ms. McCall, Ms. Wiebe, Ms. Johnson, & Mr. Rock, for nurturing the creative abilities of our students. We are grateful for all that you do!

Embracing Opportunities: The Power of Clubs and Sports at General Wolfe School

Encouraging our students to delve into the myriad of clubs and sports available at General Wolfe School is an invaluable investment in their holistic growth. Beyond academic pursuits, active participation in these extracurricular activities offers a plethora of benefits, including but not limited to social development, healthy lifestyle, exploration of interests and skill enhancement.



Joining clubs and sports is not just about filling free time; it's about nurturing well-rounded individuals who are equipped with the skills, friendships, and experiences that will serve them well in both their academic and personal journeys. General Wolfe School's commitment to providing these opportunities reflects its dedication to the development of its students. A quick glance at the bulletin board and the TV in the foyer unveils a world of opportunities waiting to be explored. Check it out!!!

Attention all Parents, Guardians & Community Members

Please Join Us for

Community, Conversation & Coffee

(formerly known as Parent Advisory Council)

in the Library 5:30-7:00pm

January 11 April 11 February 8 May 9

March 7 June 6

Dinner will be served. No childcare available.

RSVP your attendance to Htoo Paw at hpaw@wsd1.org

COMMUNITY FEAST

Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:30-7:30pm

We are pleased to invite families of General Wolfe School to gather and enjoy a multicultural meal together.

There is no charge for this event!

Registration forms will be sent home soon.

Stay tuned for more information!



4:30-5:30pm -Thursdays - Dance Room
January 18 & 25
February 1, 8, 15 & 22 (no class on Feb. 29th)
March 7 & 21 (no class on March 14)
Please register prior to the first class.
Forms located in the office.

Open to GW students accompanied a by parent/guardian.

All levels welcomed-Yoga mats provided

SCHOOL TRAFFIC & STUDENT SAFETY

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Guidelines

Please adhere to all traffic rules within school zones. Student safety is our highest priority and we ask that all drop-offs and pick-ups be done at the side of the school on Burnell Street, adjacent to the field. There has been an increase in traffic violations and we ask that we all do our part to ensure the safety of all community members. See below for safety procedures:

Double Parking is Not Permitted

 This has been identified as the most dangerous practice around the school. It limits visibility, traffic flow, and boxes-in drivers and school buses. Double parking is illegal at all times and subject to enforcement action.

Parking in Staff Parking Lot

 The staff parking lot is for staff only, and not to be used as a pick-up or drop-off zone for students.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Dale Springer, our new Community Support Worker (CSW), will be at General Wolfe School every afternoon. The responsibilities of a CSW may include but are not limited to:

- support/advocacy to students and families
- home visits to strengthen school and community connection
- support with attendance, family concerns and other barriers to school attendance
- Community Conversation & Coffee (formerly Parent Advisory Council) monthly meetings
- volunteer recruitment
- organizing community events (e.g., feasts, BBQ)
- networking with other agencies to provide additional supports and referrals to families

SCENT FREE ZONE



General Wolfe School is a SCENT FREE ZONE. Please refrain from using scented products at school.

WE ALL SHARE THE AIR!

RESPONSIBLE USE OF STUDENT CELL PHONES &/OR DEVICES

STUDENTS MUST DEMONSTRATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR POSSESSIONS AND RESPECT FOR THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- 1. Phones must be switched OFF or be on SILENT and stored in backpack or locker during class time, transitions in hallways and all bathroom breaks
- 2. Phones/devices should only be used for educational purposes and in consultation with the teacher
- Students MUST follow and respect teacher instruction in regard to use of phones/devices
- 4. Refusal to follow rules may result in the following:
- a private warning
- teacher confiscation and note/phone call home
- office confiscation and parent/guardian picks up the phone





Cell phones/devices can be used on school grounds:

- Before and after school
- During the lunch hour

Please Note: Schools are not responsible for any damage or lost cell phones/devices

January

7	SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	Community, Conversation & Coffee Night 5:30-7:00pm	12	13
		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
	14	15	16	17	Family Yoga 4:30-5:30pm	Non- Instructional Day School Closed	20
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	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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		Day 4	Day 5	Day 6			

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