



# Green Valley School Newsletter

*Striving for Excellence*

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## Calendar of the Month's Events

### March is Nutrition Month in HSD.

- March 14 - Daylight Savings  
Move clocks forward 1 hour
- March 15 - Admin/PD Day  
- **no classes**  
- **Grad portraits at GVS**
- March 18 - 'Sensitive Issues' Parent Mtg  
7 p.m. Gr 5 & 7 parents
- Mar.29- Apr.2 - Spring Break



## Principal's Message

March is always an exciting time of year at GVS and this year it promises to be even better than usual. We are very happy to have moved into our new music room. Over the past month, a crew of Hanover School Division workers has transformed two classrooms in the Middle Years end of the school into a beautiful new music room. The new room is spacious, well-designed, and looks great. We are so happy to be able to have our music students experience this new facility, and fully expect that the music program will benefit greatly for years to come. The next phase of our renovations is to redo the old music room into an Art classroom. This project is currently underway and Ms Margaret Wiens will move her classes into this new space within the next two weeks. Mr. Russ Bergen will then move his grade 7 class into Ms Wiens' old room, freeing his current room to be renovated into a Resource room. When all of this is completed in spring, our school will be in the best shape it has been in for many years; our thanks to HSD.

Please note that we will hold a parent meeting on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., for parents of grades 5 and 7 students. Each year, as part of the Health curriculum, we teach these students several topics that could be considered sensitive issues. These topics include human development, drug use and abuse, and how to avoid abusive situations and relationships. The materials and topics to be taught have been approved by a Hanover School Division committee of teachers administrators, parents, church representatives and community leaders. The purpose of the meeting is to preview materials, hear what will be taught, and have any questions you may have answered. I invite all concerned grades 5 and 7 parents to come join us that evening.

Have a great month. It is hard to believe that we only have four weeks to go until Spring Break.

## Nutrition

March is Nutrition Month. Watch the local media for news regarding current nutrition concerns and creative solutions.

## Friends of Rachel Clubs

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, a speaker from Rachel's Challenge came to our school and told us about Rachel Scott and the tragedy at Columbine High School. She challenged us in five areas: 1) look for the best in others, 2) dare to dream and set goals, 3) choose positive influences, 4) choose to perform deliberate acts of kindness, and 5) start a chain reaction of kindness.

We have started two Friends of Rachel Clubs, one for the Senior Years and one for the Middle Years. These clubs meet twice a month to discuss, encourage, and plan little and big things to make our school and community better. These meetings occur at noon hour and are open to any student to join.

## Library News

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was held Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> and students and staff again enjoyed shopping for reading material and school tools. We had a busy week

with this year's sales totaling \$1966. This has given us \$1100 to spend on books for our library, \$300 of which will be used to upgrade our French reading material.

Winner at our Family Night was Madison Toews (6 SO) who won \$25.00 worth of products for herself and another \$25 worth of products for her homeroom.

A profound thank you to all those who shopped and supported us in this event and a hearty thank you to the moms who helped at Book Fair.

We are now looking forward to getting the books out on the shelves so students and staff can take advantage of new reading material.

### **Senior Counselling News**

The annual Rotary Career Symposium will occur at the Winnipeg Convention Centre on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Our school will not be taking any students to this event, but parents may wish to take their Senior Years students.

### **Graduation Portraits**

Grad portraits are being taken on **Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** from 9:40 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the GVS gym. All grads are reminded to check the schedule and be in the gym 10 minutes prior to their appointment time. Graduates should dress appropriately, read their information pamphlets carefully, and bring a cheque (written to **Lifetouch Canada**) to cover their sitting fee. Sitting fee is \$20.00. Grads may also order a composite photo of all grads at this time. The cost for this composite picture is \$15.00.

### **Music Department**

#### **Optimist Festival**

Congratulations to GVS bands on successful performances at the Manitoba Optimist Festival. On February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, the GVS Senior Years Bands participated in the Festival at the Winnipeg Convention Center. Both bands (11/12 & 9/10) played two selections for an adjudication panel of four music specialists and received favorable feedback.

#### **Recorder Surplus**

A substantial component of music education in grade 5 and 6 is playing the recorder. Over the years many students, upon completion of grade 6, have left their recorders at the school. At the moment, the GVS music department has a substantial number of accumulated

recorders. If your student has left a recorder at the school and you would like to reclaim it, please come to the music room and speak to Mr. Neufeld.

### **Sensitive Issues**

The Province of Manitoba requires that human growth development be taught as part of the Physical Education/Health curriculum. Part of this is specific training in sexual development and drug awareness in grades 5 and 7. Since these topics are more sensitive than others covered in school, they are approached with extra consideration and planning. Parents who are interested in finding out more about this part of the curriculum are invited to join us the evening of March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in our school library. This will be an information session where materials can be previewed and questions can be asked.

### **Scholarships**

For students interested in scholarships, notices are posted in the grad hallway and information can be found online at our school's grad website. Go to: <http://gvs.hsd.ca/Grad2010.html>

### **Phys Ed News**

Basketball season is winding down with all of our Middle Years teams concluding their seasons by March 16<sup>th</sup>. An apology goes to Shawna Robbins whose name was not on the coaching list on last month's newsletter. She currently helps out with the grade 8 girls' team.

The varsity boys had their last home game last week. Many students wore green to the game showing school spirit and support for the team. The players' names were announced prior to their game against PDC and various prizes were given out to the crowd, courtesy of the student council. It was a great evening and the boys went on to win by a margin of 40 points. The varsity boys team continued their winning streak as they won a third place finish in Killarney. They are going to Zones on March 6<sup>th</sup> in Ste. Anne. The varsity girls will also be playing in the Zone Championship on March 6<sup>th</sup> in Ste. Anne.

The varsity badminton team, coached by Randy Fast, has begun practices and is looking for more players from grades 9 – 12. Practices are every Monday and Wednesday. See the sports bulletin board for exact times.

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