



# Green Valley School Newsletter

*Striving for Excellence*

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## Calendar of the Month's Events

### November is Numeracy Month in HSD

- Nov. 4 - Take Our Kids to Work Day
- Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day - no classes
- Nov. 16 - Administration Day – no classes
- Nov. 19-21 - PTA Dinner Theatre – Hee Haw**
- Nov. 20 - Report Cards Issued
- Nov. 26 - Grade 5 – 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## Principal's Message

November promises to be a busy month at GVS and I invite you to take note of a number of important events. On Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our annual Remembrance Day Service at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> is a provincial holiday and there will be no classes. Term One report cards will be issued on Friday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> and Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on the following Thursday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. Once the reports have been issued, please feel free to contact the school office to make appointments to see any of your children's teachers.

If you drive by the school, you will notice the construction project at the south end playground area. Two huts have been moved onto our yard from South Oaks and they will be operational within a couple of weeks. At that time, our grade 7AN class and our 8SH class will move into the huts. The classrooms that they leave from will then be converted into a new Music room. It is quite exciting to see the progress that is being made.

It is with sadness that we say good-bye to one of our teachers this month. Grade 6 teacher Ms Keegan Collett has resigned her teaching position effective November 13<sup>th</sup>, and will begin basic training with the RCMP one week later. Keegan has contributed greatly to the GVS community over the past three years and will be missed by all of us. We are pleased though, to have been able to hire Ms Shelley O'Brien to take over her Grade 6 classroom. Ms O'Brien is an experienced, successful teacher and we are happy to welcome her to our staff.

**PTA News - "HEE HAW"**  
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## 2009 Chocolate Fundraising Campaign

Thank you to all parents and community members who supported our annual Chocolate fundraisers. Through your support this fundraiser provides the school with extra money to support special events and activities. In the past we have used the money to buy the picnic tables for outside, supported sporting events like tournaments, put money in to subsidize the yearbook, helped with field trips, and supported student council activities. None of this would be possible without your support – so once again thank you!

We would also like to extend congratulations to our major prize winners: iPod shuffle – Kendra Penner (5HR), Digital Camera – Meagan Braun (10LA), \$100 – Arrissa Knelsen (7RB), Portable DVD Player – Dalen Runke (5CE), iPod Nano - Brandi Dueck (5KR), PSP with Rock Band - Jenna Green (6PB), Playstation 3 – Samantha Wyhryha (12RS).

In addition, the following classes have earned a pizza party – 5CE, 5HR, 7AN, 7LL, and 7RB. The winners of the 5 pound chocolate bars are 5CE, 7RB, and 9KC. Congratulations to all. Well done!

## Take Our Kids to Work Day

November 4<sup>th</sup> is Take Our Kids to Work Day. This day gives all grade 9 students in the province a chance to experience the world of work through job shadowing a parent, relative or friend. All grade 9 students should now be registered with the school and be ready to go to work. If you encounter one of these grade 9 students during this day, please make them feel welcome.

## Remembrance Day Service

Green Valley School will hold its annual Remembrance Day Service on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for grades 5-12 students in the gym. Any parent or community member interested is welcome to attend. Also, poppies will be distributed to students on Tuesday morning. They are encouraged to make a nominal donation on behalf of Canada's War Veterans.



## Help Control Head Lice

Please remember to check your children for head lice. Head lice can be picked up in common places where people work or play together, such as family gatherings, Christmas concerts, etc. It can also be picked up when

personal items such as coats and caps come into contact with the personal items of someone who has head lice, such as clothing hanging in a closet. Head lice can also be picked up in a store when you try on hats, helmets, caps, etc. Children with head lice can not be in school and have to be cleared by the public health nurse to be readmitted. For more information, please contact the public health nurse, Cheryl Waugh at 433-7636.

### Senior Counselling News

#### Choosing A Career

The Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils is hosting an event for parents as part of Manitoba Career Week on Saturday November 7, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This is an all day come and go event which will provide parents and caregivers the tool and the resources they need to guide their children in career making decisions. For more information contact: Tom Prins

Career Development/Business Education Consultant, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth. [204] 945-7974

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### Grad News

All grade 12s interested in university should consider applying before December 1/09. Universities use this date for early admission scholarships. If your grade 11 course average was above 85% on five 30S courses, you could be in line for an entrance scholarship. Talk to Mr. Gerbrandt for more details.

Check out the GVS website. There is a grad 2010 section that lists career opportunities, university and college links, and scholarship opportunities.

### Library News

November usually brings our Fall Book Sale. For those who wait for this Sale, we are sorry to disappoint you with the news that we will not be holding this event this year.

Check out the web page for the library on the school website. You should see a list of the new books that have been added in the last few months as well as pictures and other information about our library. If you need to check whether the library has a book you are wanting to read or use for research you can do so from home by accessing the address found on the web page -

<https://www.maplewood.com/mb/hanover/gvs/opac/viewer/Library/Opac.aspx>.

### School Bus Safety

A reminder that hockey sticks are not permitted on the school bus. Skates should be in a cloth bag, not in a plastic bag.

### Holiday Hope Helpers

Celebrate the spirit of the holiday season with a donation to the Green Valley School hamper and food drive and take home a student handcrafted Christmas ornament.

At the 2009 Christmas concerts, December 8th, you can make a small donation to the food drive and select a ceramic holiday ornament created and donated by the Grade 10 art class. Students have been working hard over the last few months to design, craft and paint these lovely pieces which they have donated so that others may benefit while sharing in the gift of giving.

### Lost/Borrowed Items

Please note that GVS is **not** responsible for personal items students bring to school. This includes cell-phones, iPods, game systems, athletic equipment, calculators, jewelry, purses and any other personal belongings. Students should keep their lockers padlocked at all times.



### Lost and Found

All lost and found items will be displayed the evening of Parent/Teacher interviews, November 26<sup>th</sup>. After this, all items will be boxed and brought to the local MCC Thrift Shop. Please take the time to go through these items to look for your child's personal belongings.

### Information Changes

Please inform the school if you have a change in address, phone number (home, cell or work number), bus transportation, health information, emergency contacts, or anything else you feel the school needs to know. By keeping us informed, we can keep your child's file up-to-date and easily contact you in case of an emergency situation.



### Student Absences from School

Please inform the school office when your children are not going to be at school by 9:00 a.m. or if they are being picked up during the day for appointments or any other purposes. Please have your children check in at the office when they return to school during the day after an appointment or if they were absent in the morning. If you are away and your children are staying with friends and family, please inform the school so that the appropriate people can be called in the case of an emergency situation. Also inform us if your children are going to be away from school on vacation with you.

# HEE HAW KORNFIELD KOUNTY VARIETY SHOW

*Actors And Musicians Come Together  
To Give You Entertainment  
That'll Keep You Smiling For Days*

Dinner theatre tickets are now on sale at the Green Valley School library. This year some of the cast members have come up with skits and music based on the Hee Haw Variety TV Show of the 70's. We will be featuring a Kornfield Kounty Band and many of the actors that have been in our productions over the last few years. Our fictional, rural "Kornfield Kounty" will closely resemble Grunthal, Pansy, and Sarto. Come join us Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, or Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. The tickets are \$20.00. You will receive a \$10.00 tax deductible receipt for each ticket purchased.

**We Need Pictures** – We are calling for pictures of your tractor, preferably with the owner standing beside it. Please hand the pictures in to Ms Wiens, they will be used for the dinner theatre.

**We need volunteers** – We are calling for volunteers, students in Grade 8 – 10 who are interested in serving at the dinner theatre.

