

Georgian Bay Community School

Administrators' Message:

October was a busy month at GBCS. Our halls are coming alive with student artwork, writing projects and solutions to math problems.

Did your youngster come home talking about rocks and rings this month? This was a special event to introduce them to the sport of curling. You may also have heard about the 'big crunch'. Thanks to generous donations, we celebrated our local apple harvest and promoted healthy eating habits with a whole school simultaneous 'crunch'. Our students also took part in the Terry Fox run. They raised money for cancer research and learned about a remarkable man who persevered to make a true difference in the world – even though he was largely unnoticed at first.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 10th – Remembrance Day assembly 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 13th – 16th – Scholastic book fair 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 14th – Cookie dough order pick up day 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 17th – Report cards home

Nov. 22nd – Parent council meets at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 23rd – Evening parent/teacher interviews

Nov. 24th – PD day for students and daytime parent teacher interviews – call office to book

Nov. 30th – Community Dinner Open House 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 30th – Pointsettia order pick up

Dec. 1st – Arts Assembly 1:45 p.m.

NO NUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS OR EGGS AT GBCS

FOOD PURCHASE

Pizza purchase is available online (monthly) or by cash each Wednesday morning.

Subway Lunch: 6" subs will be delivered every Thursday at a cost of \$4. Parents will be able to order and pay online weekly.

Milk – Students can order chocolate or white milk on a daily basis. Cost is \$0.75.

Important Information about Procedures

Indoor Shoes and Outdoor Clothing

- All students need to have a pair of clean shoes to wear inside
- For safety reasons, running shoes are necessary for participation in Physical Education
- The students go outside twice each day for up to 30 minutes at a time. Please make sure they are dressed for the weather

Evacuation Procedure

In the event of an evacuation, we take the children up to St. Vincent School. Please wait until you receive an official call from a staff member before picking up your child.

Inclement Weather

Please make sure that you have let the office know of your plans for pick-up should we experience inclement weather and need to close the school early. We need to know who you permit to pick up your child, should you not be able to do so yourself.

October Arts Assembly

At October's Arts assembly, we recognized many students for participating in school teams and organizations. Our student of the month awards celebrated student effort and ability in Music.

What incredible performers we have here at GBCS! The grade 4/5 classes treated us to some Halloween songs. They impressed us with how they could vary between singing pianissimo and fortissimo and between using staccato and legato articulation. All this made for very powerful performances. We also enjoyed dramatic performances from our junior classes, teaching us about Halloween safety and science, and wonderful performances by the orchestra and band. Thank-you to the students and teachers who prepared performances for us.

Parent Council Needs You!

Interested in being part of parent council?

Come check out a meeting. The next meeting is on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the staff room.

Do you have a special skill you'd be willing to share with other families?

Storytelling? Yoga? A craft, game or sport?

Parent council is looking for volunteers for their new initiative called the HUB. They received a *Parents Reaching Out Grant* from the Ministry of Education. This money will be used to help fund a biweekly family time. Families will be invited to come together to socialize and to learn with and from each other. Look for more information at our Open House on November 30th and in the December newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE!

Community Long Table Dinner

and Open House

Thursday, November 30th

Details to follow

Kids' Corner – This section of the newsletter will be dedicated to student voice.

Here's what some of our students had to say about learning math...

“Rounding is cool!” (gr. 4)

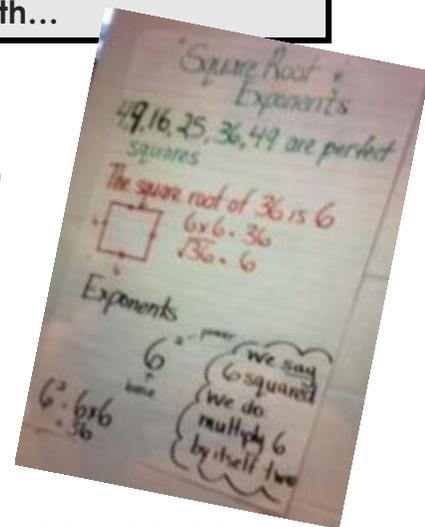
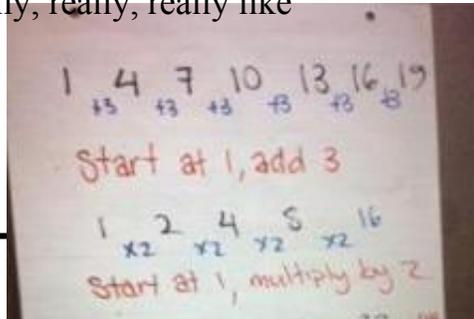
“Number patterns are so fun!” (gr. 4)

“Math is fun because it is challenging and you get an answer.” (gr. 5)

“When you understand it you feel so good.” (gr. 5)

“Area is interesting to figure out stuff and a life skill.” (gr. 7)

“Math is my strong suite and I really, really, really like learning about area.” (gr. 7)



Safe Inclusive School

How would you solve this problem:

15 x 12

In a recent school-wide assessment task, we asked our students to show us all the ways they could solve this problem. Some used the traditional stacking method that most of us learned at school. They also came up with many other creative ways of solving it that they could do without pen and paper.

Here are a few of the methods they came up with:

Count by 15's.

Count by 12's.

Combine pairs of 15 to get 30's. Now we have six 30's. Six thirties is 180.

Multiply 15 x 10 to get 150. Then multiply 15 x 2 to get 30. Add 150 + 30 = 180.

Multiply 12 x 12 to get 144. Then add 3 more 12's which is 36. That makes 180.

Why did ask *them* to show us how they could solve it? Isn't that backwards?

We know that everyone learns differently and everyone learns at a different pace. If we start by seeing what the student can do and what they understand, we know what they are ready to learn next. We can tailor our feedback and next steps on what we see the students doing.

This is an example of safe, inclusive learning. Students feel safe and included because they are able to create a method that makes sense to them. Once teachers see their starting point, they help them build on what they know to develop a broader range of strategies for solving problems like this. It also helps them see themselves as capable of being innovative problem solvers.