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Grapeview School September 2009 Newsletter
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Grapeview School Mission Statement

“It is the mission of Grapeview School
to promote excellence in education through strong community partnerships
and to provide a positive, nurturing and challenging environment”

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Balanced School Day

Here are the times for the our Balanced Day Schedule that we will be following this year.

Entry	8:45
1 st Instructional Block	8:50 - 10:30
Nutrition/Fitness Break	10:30 - 11:10
2 nd Instructional Block	11:10 - 12:50
Nutrition/Fitness Break	12:50 - 1:35
Entry	1:35 - 1:40
3 rd Instructional Block	1:40 - 3:20
Dismissal	3:20

Kindergarten Times

A.M.	
8:45	JK, SK Entry
11:20	JK, SK Dismissal
P.M.	
12:40	JK, SK Entry
3:15	JK, SK Dismissal

Welcome Back! The staff of Grapeview School is pleased to welcome both new and returning students back to the start of another school year. Staff have been busy over the summer planning for another wonderful year of learning. To enrich your child’s learning both inside and outside of the classroom, the staff have been planning special events, sports activities, clubs and other activities, as well as, working on interesting and challenging lesson plans for the classroom.

Once again we have had a number of changes in staff as you can see by the Staff Directory. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning staff. We are looking forward to having a great year and being part of the Grapeview community!

STAFF DIRECTORY

Mrs. K. Thoms	Secretary
Mrs. K. Klassen	Secretary
Mrs. S. Jones	Head Caretaker
Mrs. L. Richter	Night Caretaker
Mrs. C. Corbett	Caretaker
Mrs. S. Froese	Caretaker
Mrs. M. Gray	Caretaker
Mrs. B. Aube	Caretaker
Mrs. Gray	Lunch Supervisor
	Lunch Supervisor
	Youth Councillor
Mrs. T. Rossi	Ed. Assistant
Mrs. Pauls	Ed. Assistant
Mrs. Beaudette	Ed. Assistant
Mrs. K. Eitze	Ed. Assistant
Mr. Ladas	Ed. Assistant
Mr. C. Streisslberger	Ed. Assistant
Mrs. J. Wilkinson	Ed. Assistant
Mrs. D. Frydryk	Ed. Assistant
Mr. C. Rookley	Ed. Assistant
Ms. J. Weldon	Ed. Assistant
Ms. C. James	Ed. Assistant
Ms. S. Press	SN Teacher
Mr. B. Pomeroy	CC Teacher
Mrs. O'Kane	JK/SK
Mrs. Walters	JK/SK
Mrs. Schonewille	Gr. 1
Mrs. Lampman	Gr. 1/2
Mrs. Keyes/Ms. Wood	Gr. 1
Mrs. Rupcic	Gr. 2
Mrs. Maiolo	Gr. 2
Ms. Morrison	Gr. 3
Mrs. Gesch/Miss Irion	Gr. 3
Mrs. Gadsby	Gr. 4
Mrs. Korosis	Gr. 4/5
Mrs. Donato	Gr. 5
Mrs. Samosh	Gr. 6
Mrs. Hay	Gr. 6
Mr. Armstrong	Gr. 7
Ms. Continelli	Gr. 7
Ms. Agnew/Mrs. Keeping	Gr. 8
Mr. Pisek	Gr. 8
Mrs. Buller	LRT
Mrs. McInnes-Clarke	ISP
Ms. Serroul	French
Mr. M. Bolibruck	P.E.
Miss Irion	Library
Mrs. DeDivitiis	Vice Principal
Mr. Ayotte	Principal

School Organization and Safety

Arrival after 8:30 will ensure that students are supervised on the school yard. Arrival prior to 8:30 means that students may be alone on the playground. Students cannot be supervised in the school as this is teacher preparation time. Please note that the JK/SK program does not begin until 8:45 am and 12:40 p.m. for the afternoon class.

* Walking across the parking lot is not safe and will not be permitted.

* Appropriate dress for the season is required at all times. No profanity or obscene pictures on clothing will be allowed. If students are not dressed appropriately they will be asked to change immediately.

* Visitors must sign in at the office and wear a visitors tag.

* Late students MUST report to the office to receive a late slip to present to their classroom teacher. If this tardiness becomes a habit privileges may be withheld.

* Student Absences must be reported to the office by parents or guardians. A note or call to the office prior to the absence is preferred. Our answering machine is on 24 hours a day for your convenience.

* Volunteers are welcome at Grapeview to assist staff in the class or with a variety of programs. Volunteer forms will be going home during the first week of school. Please consider volunteering for our very valuable programs.

* Lunch time (12:50) requires that students remain on school property for their safety unless they have filled out the lunch form and have permission to go home. Please review this with your child. A form will be sent home early in September and arrangements must be made with the teacher prior to any departure from school property during the regular school day.

* Severe Allergic Reaction and anaphylactic shock resulting in death can result from either breathing or inhaling the allergen or touching the surface that has nut/peanut oil. Please refrain from sending any products with nuts/peanuts or peanut oil to the school. If students go home for lunch, please wash hands prior to returning to help protect these sensitive children and adults.

* *Student Organizers have arrived in the school. The cost to students is \$5.00. Please review the organizer with your child. Organizers are available for children in grades 1-8.*

* A Code of Behaviour can be found in the student organizer. Please review this with your child as a proactive measure and to establish a framework of understanding between home and school.

* To leave early a student must give a note to the teacher and advise the office prior to leaving.

* Students remaining for after school activities must make arrangements with their parents prior to the event. The use of the office phone is for emergencies only! Student may use the public phone with permission from the office.

* Parking is not available in our STAFF parking lot. Spaces are not available until after 9:00. Concerns or suggestions should be discussed with the office.

* Physical Education clothes for students in grades 1-3 should be comfortable. Proper footwear is required. Loose jewelry and other similar articles should be left in the classroom or at home.

Students from grades 4-8 are required to wear a gym uniform during their Physical Education program. This gym uniform will consist of a Grapeview Public School t-shirt and black shorts, as well as socks and running shoes (supplied by the student). Students can wear their own **plain** black shorts or they can purchase them through the school program. School Spirit Wear purchased in previous years may be worn as a backup when originals are being washed. Order forms to purchase gym shirts and shorts are available on the attached form. Please return completed forms to the office by **Friday, September 11th, 2009**. Cost of both: \$25.00

PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

We invite you to become a part of our great team of parents who fill the role on committees and bring points of interest/concern to the table. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 28, 2009 in the school library at 6:30 p.m.. Please come out and make yourself a part of our team! Questions, suggestions and concerns can also be voiced through our PVA.

Welcome Back BBQ

We invite all parents to our Meet the Teacher/Open House BBQ from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2009. This is an opportunity to stop by the school, introduce yourself to your child's teacher and view their classroom. There will be a special information session for parents of students in grades 4 and 7 at 6:30 in the classrooms. More detailed information will follow.

S.O.S.

SAVE OUR SUBSCRIPTIONS Canadian-based company!

This coming fall our school will still be providing the opportunity to renew and/or purchase new magazine subscriptions through a Family Reading Fundraising Program. However, Grapeview has chosen to work with a Canadian-based company. This company carries all of your favourite magazine titles and guarantees exceptional customer service. Please ignore any notices from the publishers asking you to renew now and instead, support our school's fundraising efforts in the fall. Please share this message with other family and friends who order through our program. As always, you will receive the best price while our school retains a substantial portion as profit (approx. 40%).

Thank you for your continued support!

Tips for Starting School

Starting school represents a major transition, which can be challenging for some children. Parents, teachers, and other adults can help reduce the anxiety associated with starting school. The following are specific suggestions:

Spend time talking to kids about school before classes begin. Describe what school will be like and what will happen throughout the day.

Bring kids to visit the school in advance. If possible, show them their classroom and other important landmarks, such as the playground and the washroom.

Let kids know that it is OK to feel nervous or worried when starting school. Reassure them that everyone feels a little anxious when they do things for the first time.

Help kids establish a regular routine to get ready for school. Let them participate in making choices about what to wear, what to have for breakfast, or what to bring for lunch.

If kids are particularly anxious, consider sending a small reminder of home, such as a photograph of the family or a picture of a favorite pet.

Arrange for kids to spend time with classmates outside the school. Having friends always reduces school anxiety.

Spend time talking to kids about what happened in school. Chances are they'll have many stories. Give kids plenty of positive feedback about their new experiences.

Front Doors Locked

With continued emphasis on safety at Grapeview Public School we will be locking all of our outside doors during the school day. Front door entry will be by buzzer. We will have a committee continuing to look at all of our safety procedures this year.

Breakfast Club Volunteers and Donation

Last March, Grapeview School officially launched it's new breakfast program! The program helps to ensure all students have access to a nutritious breakfast and get a healthy start to the school day. On average, 50-65 students have attended the program each morning. Also, students in early morning sports practice have the opportunity to re-fuel before starting their day in the classroom. At all times, brown bags are available to students. Each bag consists of a juice box, granola bar and fruit cup.

We'd like to thank all the teachers, educational assistants, parent volunteers, volunteers from Grapeview Free Methodist Church, student teachers and a group of intermediate students for their help in preparing and serving nutritious breakfast items such as bagels, cereal, fresh fruit, yogurt and juice.

The breakfast program is made possible through a Ministry Grant and funding by Grapeview's PVA, Community Care and consistent donations from Grapeview Free Methodist Church.

This school year, our Breakfast Club will begin serving breakfast on Monday, September 14th.

We will gladly accept donations and we are in need of parent volunteers. **If you are interested in volunteering or donating to our program, please contact Mrs. De Divitiis at the office.**

For families looking to donate, the following is a list of food items we would gladly accept: granola bars, apple sauce cups, juice boxes (100% juice), yogurt tubes and cheerios. **Please remember to always check the ingredient list to ensure there are no traces of nuts. Thank you!**

It is truly a wonderful way for all of us to start our day!

Grapeview's 2nd Annual T-Shirt Design Contest!

In Character Education at Grapeview, we continue to focus on a specific character trait each month and recognize students exemplifying this trait at recognition assemblies once a month. As a school community we emphasize positive decision making, problem solving strategies, relationship building and character development. Studies in Character Education have shown that when implemented, positive results in achievement are also realized!

To kick off Grapeview's Character Education Program this school year, we are holding *Grapeview's 2nd Annual T-Shirt Design Contest!* All students are encouraged to enter the contest by designing a t-shirt promoting good character and school pride and submit their entries to the office for judging. You may also include a catchy slogan. Entries must be **submitted to Mrs. De Divitiis by Friday, September 25th**. Please create your design using plain white, 8 1/2 x 11 paper. You may also submit it electronically. The winning design will be used as Grapeview's official Character Education logo and will be printed on t-shirts. Once again, these t-shirts will be awarded on a monthly basis to students at our recognition assemblies. Please keep in mind that a simple design can have great impact. Get creative Grapeview!

Aylih Fani was last year's contest winner. Aylih, thank you for sharing your creative design with all of us at Grapeview !

The following is a list of the character traits we will focus on at Grapeview:

Respect

Responsibility

Integrity

Caring

Optimism

Perseverance

Courage

Co-operation

Literacy Corner

Motivate the Reluctant Reader

What is a reluctant reader?

There is no universally accepted definition of the term *reluctant reader*. Children who are or become reluctant readers can do so for a variety of reasons.

Broadly speaking, reluctant readers often fall into three categories:

1. *Dormant*: they like to read but often don't have time or don't make time for reading.
2. *Uncommitted*: they do not like to read but may read in the future.
3. *Unmotivated*: they do not like to read and do not ever expect to like to read.

How do parents turn reluctance into motivation?

1. Celebrate and be proud of your children's successes in reading.
2. Continue to read to your children every day, regardless of their age, and let them choose what to read.
3. Encourage your children to read and write letters, postcards, e-mails, lists, and messages.
4. Leave notes and riddles around the house for them to find.
5. Read some of the books and other materials that your children enjoy so that you can share reactions and pleasures together.
6. Browse together in bookstores, and through library collections or magazine racks.

What types of reading material can we show we value to encourage them to read more?

We need to widen our definition of both literacy and what it means to read. We can expose our children to a variety of reading materials and opportunities outside of books. Other types of reading materials could include:

- instructions, labels, recipes, ingredient lists on packages
- billboards, advertisements and commercials
- newspapers, magazines
- posters, greeting cards and signs
- street maps, timetables and schedules
- brochures and pamphlets
- instructional manuals and rules for games
- DVD liners (movies) and CD liners (music)
- song lyrics
- websites and online content
- charts, tables, diagrams, figures

What kinds of books can arouse curiosity to read?

Every child has his or her own personal tastes and interests. Parents can help reluctant readers by tapping into these interests and providing them with opportunities and materials to pursue their interests and make their own choices. Books fall into two common categories:

Fiction – mystery, science fiction, fantasy, romance, adventure, war, historical, poetry, graphic novels, comic books, joke books, etc.

Non-fiction – atlases, information books, dictionaries, encyclopedias, craft books, cookbooks, instruction manuals, games books,

E-mail Newsletter Form

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In an effort to reduce paper/photocopying cost, as well as be more environmentally friendly, we are asking parents to consent to receiving school newsletters and information via e-mail. E-mailing will ensure that you receive your newsletter on time. Individual classroom teachers may also choose to send their classroom newsletters/messages this way. By completing the form below and returning it to the office no later than September 18th, 2009, you will begin receiving your school newsletter or office notices by e-mail. This is strictly voluntary and we appreciate any and all participation in this endeavour. ***Please return only one form per family.***

Thank you.

C. Ayotte
Principal

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I wish to receive school newsletters/notices via e-mail.

Student(s) name:

_____ Teacher _____

_____ Teacher _____

_____ Teacher _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please Print Clearly

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Grapeview School Milk Program

September 08, 2009

Parents of Grapeview Lunch Students,

Re: Milk Order Dates for 2009 - 2010

This year Grapeview will continue to provide our lunch students with the opportunity to participate in our school milk program. Cost for either white or chocolate milk will be 65¢ per day. All milk orders either white or chocolate milk must be **prepaid**. *We will not sell milk on a daily basis.* Orders will be accepted at the school office, according to the schedule at the bottom of this letter. We are trying to keep it as simple as possible so we have two ordering periods.

Should you have any further questions about the milk program, please contact the school office.

GRAPEVIEW MILK ORDER DATES

- **Friday, September 18th** (for September 21 - January 29) - 80 days **\$52.00**
- **Friday, January 29th** (for February 1 - June 25) - 94 days **\$61.10**
- Please ensure that all milk orders are given to the office by nine a.m. on the order date at the latest! If it is more convenient for parents, you can prepay the entire amount (\$113.10) for both terms. Cheques are made payable to **Grapeview Public School**.
- For your convenience please use the milk order slips attached.

Option 1 - Fall Order

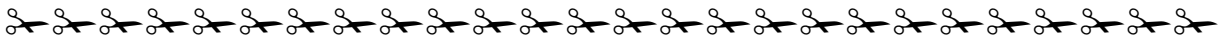
Grapeview Milk Order Date: **Friday, September 18th** (for September 21 - January 29) 80 days

I have included payment for \$52.00 for

Name:	Homeroom:
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Please circle one: CHOCOLATE MILK WHITE MILK

Please ensure all milk orders are given to the office by nine a.m. on Friday, September 18th!



Option 2 - Winter/Spring Order

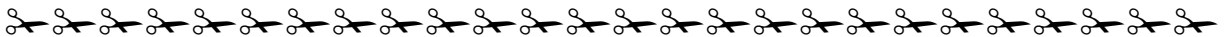
Grapeview Milk Order Date: **Friday, January 29th** (for February 1 - June 25) 94 days

I have included payment for \$61.10 for

Name:	Homeroom:
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Please circle one: CHOCOLATE MILK WHITE MILK

Please ensure all milk orders are given to the office by nine a.m. on Friday, January 29th!



Option 3 - Full Year Order

Grapeview Milk Order Dates for 2009-2010 **Paid in full - September 21 - June 25)** 174 days

I have included payment for \$113.10 for

Name:	Homeroom:
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Please circle one: CHOCOLATE MILK WHITE MILK

Please ensure all milk orders are given to the office by nine a.m. on Friday, September 18th!

LUNCH

Grapeview Public School

September 2009

Dear Parents:

It is important for us to know exactly what arrangements you have made for your child at noon hour. Please complete this form and return it to the school as soon as possible. We expect all students to comply with these arrangements, unless the home room teacher has been **notified of changes in writing**.

As you know we have gone to a balanced day schedule so our official lunch period is from 12:50 1:35 p.m. Students enter the school at 1:35 and begin period 5 at 1:40 p.m. Students may stay at school to eat lunch as long as they are well behaved. Should behaviour become a problem, students may not be allowed to stay at school during the lunch period.

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

My child will be going home for Lunch: Yes No

My child goes to Daycare for Lunch: Yes No

My child stays at Grapeview for Lunch: Yes No

My child stays at Grapeview for Lunch on these days:

Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.

Parents Signature: _____

If at any time these circumstances change, please notify the homeroom teacher immediately in order that we may be aware of the changes. Also if your home phone number, work number, emergency contact number, etc., changes please notify the office.

Mr. C. Ayotte, Principal

Mrs .S. DeDivitiis, Vice Principal