

The GHES Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

Winter season has arrived! We look forward to seeing your children dressed in 'winter appropriate' clothing. Please ensure that your children bring their winter clothing to school each day. It doesn't take long for tiny fingers and toes to get cold and sore. Playing outside for up to 25 minutes is much more enjoyable (and safe) when our children are dressed for the weather. Please remind your children that if they get cold they can warm up in the boot room.

EARLY DISMISSAL DECEMBER 18th: Just a reminder that on Friday, December 18th students will be dismissed at 2:07 pm. Buses will **arrive one hour earlier** than the usual schedule.



GHES Christmas Concert 2015 is just around the corner. All of our students are working diligently to gift family, friends and neighbours with a beautiful concert. As you may have heard our school population has blossomed and with an increase in numbers comes an increase in the number of attendees at our Annual Christmas Concert. We realize that this year the capacity of our school gym will exceed safety regulations if we host one show. In order to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to view our spectacular concert we will be hosting two (2) shows on **THURSDAY, DEC. 17TH**.

The **benefits of attending the early show** include: daylight driving conditions, no need for grandparents and preschoolers to leave home in the evening, only one parent needs to be away from home in the evening if you have preschoolers, an opportunity for everyone to see the concert (fingers crossed we don't exceed the fire code), potentially increased parking availability, your child/children can ride home with you at the end of the school day, to name a few!

Thank you in advance for attending the afternoon show.

The doors will open for the first show at 1:00 pm, the slideshow will play at 1:10 pm and the concert will begin at 1:30 pm. The second performance will take place in the evening and the doors will open at 6:00 pm, the slideshow will begin at 6:10 pm and the concert will begin at 6:30 pm.

Any question? Please contact the school at 667-8130.

Wendy Close

SCHOOL GOAL FOR 2015 – 2016

How can we build on our existing successes to move students and staff closer to the realization of their best selves? In order to ensure that we are prepared for a world that will likely be very different from the one we currently live in, how will we help students and staff become adaptive, resilient, confident, and caring?

DINNER & A MOVIE NOVEMBER 20, 2015

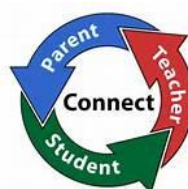


On Friday, November 20th Golden Horn Elementary School staff and student leaders are providing the opportunity for your child/children to stay after school for a snack, some play time, dinner and a movie. This leaves you with time to do some Christmas shopping, have dinner out or whatever you wish! Children will be ready for pick up at 6:45 pm.

The children will receive a snack after school, a pizza dinner (cheese or pepperoni), veggies and juice or water *PLUS* popcorn and juice at movie time.

A form was sent home today and must be returned by November 17th! The cost is a mere **\$10.00** per child or **\$25.00** for a family of 3!

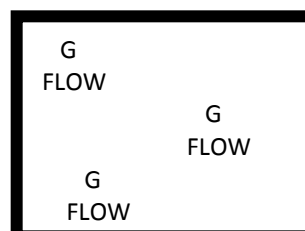
Cheques can be made payable to **Golden Horn Elementary School**.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you for participating in the October conferences. Meetings with parents/guardians and students to share learning destinations provides the best opportunity to learn about a child's progress, and is an important step in creating positive home/school communication.

PUZZLE OF THE MONTH



LOST AND WAITING TO BE CLAIMED

Our school lost and waiting to be claimed 'trapline' is located just outside the music room. Items waiting to be claimed are hung on the hooks or displayed on a shelf for easy identification and access—no digging around in a smelly lost and found box required!

RECENTLY MISSING: On Friday, October 30th (during Parent Teacher Student Interviews) a pair of size 5 black Bog boots (with a -30 sticker on the back of the heels) went missing from the primary boot room. Please check to see if someone in your household accidentally went home with these boots. Thank you!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Do you have questions, thoughts, ideas that you'd like to share? We'd love to hear them. School Council is a voice for parents and community members.

- Email us at goldenhorncouncil@gmail.com
- Visit our website goldenhorncouncil.weebly.com
- Join us for the first part of our monthly meetings. All meetings are at 6:30 in the school library.
- School Council Meeting Dates:
December 7, 2015
January 11, 2016
February 8, 2016

New Council Member! Great news. Kirsten Hogan has joined us as our newest council member.

The Department of Education is building a **new vision for education** to better meet the needs of all students. The School Council Chair, Michelle Sicotte, attended the first meeting along with Wendy Close. Visit the department's website for more information:

<http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/new-vision.html>

Like us on Facebook at Golden Horn Elementary School Council to receive Council and other school updates. If you missed the volunteer boot camp but would like to lend a hand, please contact the school at 667 – 8130 or email dawna.davey@gov.yk.ca.

HALLOWEEN FUN



Golden Horn Elementary School students and staff participated in a variety of Hallowe'en events including the annual costume parade, the Hallowe'en Carnival hosted by the Grade 5 class, the Haunted Forest hosted by the Grade 7 class and Hallowe'en related activities in the classrooms. It was an amazing day at Golden Horn Elementary School!



REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Thank you to everyone who attended our beautiful Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 10th. Congratulations to our staff and students for developing a heartfelt tribute to honour our servicemen and women.

STUDENTS BUILD PICNIC TABLES FOR GHES!


Students in Grades 3/4 and 6 worked collaboratively to restore and rebuild two large picnic tables for our school. Thank you to Mr. Stuart and Mr. Toovey for their support and expertise. Thank you to Inspired Interiors for donating the paint. The picnic tables are located by the fire pit and fire pit benches. Our outdoor classroom has expanded!



Dates to Remember:

- ❖ Nov. 19 – 21 Gr. 7 Volleyball Tournament
- ❖ Nov. 20 Movie Night
- ❖ Nov. 27 Report Cards go home
- ❖ Dec. 1 – 4 Gr. 7 Swim Patrol (am)
- ❖ Dec. 3 Lockdown Drill @ 9am
- ❖ Dec. 4 K - Gr. 3 Swim/Skate
- ❖ Dec. 11 Christmas Bazaar (afternoon)
- ❖ Dec. 17 Christmas Concert (*afternoon/evening*)
- ❖ Dec. 18 **Early dismissal @ 2:07 pm**
- ❖ Jan. 4 First day back after vacation break
- ❖ Jan. 5 – 8 Gr. 4 Swim Lessons (pm)
- ❖ Jan. 12 – 15 Gr. 4 Swim Lessons (pm)
- ❖ Jan. 13 Kindergarten Open House @ 6:30 pm
- ❖ Jan. 15 Fire Drill @ 9 am
- ❖ Jan. 15 K – Gr. 3 Swim/Skate (pm)
- ❖ Jan. 21 Gr. 7 Early Bird Basketball Tournament
- ❖ Jan. 25 PD Day (**no school**)
- ❖ Jan. 26 – 29 Gr. 6 Swim Patrol (am)
- ❖ Jan. 28 Ice Hockey Tournament
- ❖ Feb. 4 – 5 Gr. 6 Polar Games
- ❖ Feb. 8 Kindergarten Registration Opens
- ❖ Feb. 26 Heritage Day: School Closed
- ❖ Mar. 7 - 18 Spring Break: School Closed

Please clip and save!



**NOTICE OF ALTERNATE SITES
IF GOLDEN HORN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL EVACUATION IS
REQUIRED**

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| Kindergarten & Special Needs Students: | | |
| Lot 205 Duncan Drive | Susan MacDonald | 633-5868 |
| Gr. 1 & 2: | | |
| Lot 206 Duncan Drive | Don/Roberta Kotylak | 668-3088 |
| Gr. 2/3 & 3/4: | | |
| Lot 141 Arctic Drive | Dawna Davey | 668-7438 |
| Gr. 4 & 5: | | |
| Lot 176 Arctic Drive | Laura Spicer | 633-6288 |
| Gr. 6 & 7: | | |
| Lot 207 Duncan Drive | Dan/Kelly Lindsey | 633-5545 |

- Turn on your radio to CKRW (610) on the AM dial or (96.1) on the FM dial; or on the FM dial at CBC (94.5) or CHON (98.1); information and directions will be given over the radio.
- DO NOT call the school; we must have the lines open for emergency calls.
- DO NOT immediately drive to the school following an earthquake or other city-wide emergency; streets and access to our school may be cluttered with debris; the school access routes and street entrance areas must remain clear for emergency vehicles.

The school has a detailed emergency response that been developed to ensure the safety of students and staff in the event of emergencies. The plan is reviewed and updated at least annually. The School Council has been provided with a copy of the plan as part of the Annual School Plan.