



# Grapeview Gazette

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Grapeview Public School,  
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<http://grapeview.dsbns.org/>

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## Mark Your Calendar

- **April 3- Raise the Flag for Autism**



- **April 4 - Sibling Photo Day**
- **April 12- Math Olympics**
- **April 13 - Carousel Players- Primary**
- **April 14- Good Friday**
- **April 17- Easter Monday**
- **April 19- Track and Field Gr. 3-8**
- **April 21- Dance- a-thon**
- **April 25- Immunization Grade 7 and 8 Girls**
- **May 1- Coed Badminton Tournament**
- **May 3- Grade 3 Swim to Survive**
- **May 4- Int. Badminton at Brock**
- **May 5- Silver Birch Conference**

## Message from the Office

*Spring is here! It will be a busy month filled with many activities including: Raise the Flag for Autism event, Track and Field, a Dance a thon and the list goes on and on! Let's hope for good weather throughout the spring season.*

*As you are aware our field and tarmac area can become very muddy and there are areas where water pools. We always ask students to find and play in the dryer areas and we do close parts or all of the field on days where it is saturated. Children at breaks are often so engaged in their play that they find themselves muddy and wet by accident. To reduce the need to call home for dryer items please place a change of socks and clothes at the bottom of your child's backpack for a "just in case" incident. We want all our students exploring, playing and getting their well needed outdoor breaks, but we also want them to be comfortable and ready to learn when they return to the classroom. Thank you for your understanding and support.*

*Looking forward to a fantastic spring at Grapeview!*

*Sincerely,*

*Mrs. S. Fehrman and Ms. K. Veld*

## Save the Date

**May 9, 4:00- 6:30**

Family Math Games Night and  
Zones of Regulation Presentation

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order to help save our planet earth and cut down on paper use we don't hand out paper copies of our newsletter. You will be able to find our monthly newsletters and calendars on-line at our Grapeview website <http://grapeview.dsbns.org/>. If for some reason you are unable to access the internet from home your child may pick



## We are mathematicians here at Grapeview!

In the coming weeks all students in mathematics will focus their learning around measurement, specifically around topics that may include area, mass, volume and capacity.

### How can you support the learning at home?

- Gather containers, boxes and packages from the cupboard. Ask your child to put them in some type of order (for example, taller and shorter, holds more and holds less, empty and full, heavier and lighter).
- Gather empty containers of all sizes and a coffee scoop, a plastic cup or the scoop from a box of laundry soap. Have your child use sand in a sandbox or water in the sink to measure and compare the capacity of several containers. Have your child count and compare the number of scoops or cups it takes to fill each container. Ask, "Which container held the most? Which one held the least?"

Having a strong understanding of the metric system is an important foundation skill to understanding and calculating measurement. Once your child understands how the metric system is organized and how the units relate to one another, conversions will be a snap!

#### The metric system is organized like this:

**10 millimetres = 1 centimetre**

**100 centimetres = 1 metre**

**1000 metres = 1 kilometer**

#### Another way to think of the metric system is that the metre is the basic unit of length:

**A kilometre is 1000 metres.**

**A centimetre is 1/100 metre.**

**A millimetre is 1/1000 metre.**

#### With your child, look for situations involving metric measures, and discuss and compare them:

- When cooking or baking, ask your child to help you discover what the measurements given in grams would be in kilograms (or the reverse).
- When building something, ask your child to find what the measurements given in centimetres would be in metres or what the surface area would be converted into centimetres.
- When travelling, ask your child to find what the measurements given in kilometres would be in metres.



**What is the volume of a rubric cube? Can you figure it out as a family? Let us know your answer.**



### Dreambox Classroom Challenge

Our Dreambox March Challenge was very successful in generating excitement around mathematics. As a school our students completed a total of 11 962 lessons. Every student in Grades K-6 increased their usage and lessons completed. This learning, that is tailored to their specific needs, provides practice and growth in mathematic knowledge and application of the lessons learned in class. *Thank you for your support at home with mathematics.*

**Our Winners were:**

**Mrs. Bingham's Grade 6 Class**

**Mr. Fraser's Grade 3/4 Class**

**Mrs. Keyes' Grade 1 Class**

**Mrs. Lopez and Mrs. Goldsworthy's Grade 1 Class.**



**Congratulations to everyone who logged on and learned!**

Please continue to encourage your child to use Dreambox at home. Your child can access Dreambox Learning from any computer using this link:

**<https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/grapeviewps>**

To access Dreambox on iPad, go to <http://www.dreambox.com/ipad>, or search for "Dreambox Math" in the App Store. When prompted in the app, use this School Code:

**42cv/grapeviewps**

### **Dreambox Club**

Students in Grades 1-8 who are interested in working through their lessons on Dreambox are welcome to spend first fitness breaks Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Learning Commons. This is a great opportunity to work through extra lessons.

### **Reminder**

**Students need to have their own set of headphones at school for Dreambox usage. The program requires sound for optimal functioning.**



Grapeview Staff and Students  
would like to invite you to celebrate

## **World Autism Awareness Day Raise the Flag**



**Monday, April 3, 2017**

Grapeview Public School  
106 First Street Louth

9:30 Raise the Flag Event  
9:45 Autism Awareness Celebration Walk  
10:00 Refreshments & Cakes for Autism Raffle  
\* Wear BLUE to show your support!



### ***Grapeview School Council***

Next Parent Council Meeting is April 25, 2017 in the Learning Commons at 6:00.

All Parents and Community Members are welcome!!



**Dance-a-thon** April 21, hosted by Grapeview Parent Council! All funds raised will be for technology at Grapeview.

**More information to come.**

Thank you parent council for planning this exciting activity that will support our school.

## **Host Families Needed in the Grapeview Community**

**for a group of short-term visiting  
International Students to Grapeview School**

2 weeks – May 13-28, 2017

To host 1 or 2 Grade 7 students from Mexico

***Apply Now!***

For more information, please contact:

Trillium Student Exchange

at

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