



Grapeview Gazette

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Mark Your Calendar

- April 3- Raise the Flag for Autism Wear BLUE



- April 3-6 Autism Awareness Week
- April- Reading Club Begins
- April 6- Cakes for Autism
- April 3 - Sibling Photo Day
- April 12- Math Olympics
- April 12, 19, 26- Gr. 3 Swim to Survive
- April 20- Immunization Grade 7 Girls
- April 27- Track and Field and Get Active Day Gr. 1-8
- May 3- Brock Badminton Tournament
- May 4-Gr 4 to Adventure Campus
- May 4- Grade 5 and 5/6 to Walker Living Campus
- May 17- Volunteer Tea
- May 18- P.A.Day
- May 22- June 4- EQAO Testing- Grade 3 and Grade 6

Message from the Office

Spring is here! It will be a busy month filled with many activities including: Raise the Flag for Autism event and week, Track and Field/ Get Active Day, Grapeview Reading Club and the list goes on and on! Let's hope for good weather throughout the spring season.

As this time of year we often take time at the office to reflect on where we are now from where we started in September and celebrate successes and set targets to help us continue to reach our goals. We are so very pleased with our students. They are showing great growth in reading and mathematics. Thank you for the support you provide at home by listening to your child read, encouraging the use of RAZ Kids, Dreambox and creating routines for practice of literacy and math material at home. The open communication and team approach to education is very important to student success.

Part of student success can also be attributed to our parent volunteers. In Grades K-3 we have asked parents or grandparents who are able to give some time to come in and read with our students. When a child has an opportunity to practice reading regularly it supports their fluency and comprehension. We appreciate all our volunteers and thank them for their time. When children see parents in our school it demonstrates that we are a team and community that is welcoming and where everyone belongs. If you are interested in volunteering. Please reach out to your child's teacher.

Looking forward to a fantastic spring at Grapeview!

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. Fehrman and Ms. K. Veld

Volunteers

Save the Date — Volunteer Tea

Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 2:30 in Learning Commons

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 up a paper copy from the office.



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.



Dreambox Classroom Challenge

Our Dreambox March Challenge has been very successful in generating excitement around mathematics. As a school our students to date (March 28) have completed a total of 27 982 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.

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

Reading Club

Hello Grapeview Families,

The Learning Commons is excited to announce the start of what is going to be one of the most popular clubs at our school.

GRAPEVIEW READS

Grapeview reads is a reading program that will be open to students from grade 1 to grade 6. A booklet will be going home with students who wish to join. In the booklet are reading activities students complete. Points will be given out as activities are completed and students will be able to collect prizes.

Please encourage your child(ren) to join and discover the Love of Reading.

Many thanks

Mr. Armstrong

Grapeview Staff and Students
would like to invite you to celebrate

World Autism Awareness Day Raise the Flag



Tuesday, April 3, 2017

Grapeview Public School

106 First Street Louth

9:30 Raise the Flag Event

9:45 Autism Awareness Celebration Walk

* Wear BLUE to show your support!

