

Grouard School Times

Time is sure speeding by! Middle of February already and it still feels like I just arrived! I am enjoying my time here at Grouard Northland School immensely and have loved meeting all of you and look forward to meeting those I haven't yet. We have done so much already and there's still so much to do. Our focus this year so far has been to develop a new school vision and mission statement and to improve reading levels. We have come up with the ideals that we want to be a part of our new school vision and mission statements and we'd like to thank those of you who participated in the discussions we had at our Engagement Session in January. When we have draft statements prepared, we will again ask for input from parents and community before we have our Roll Out Celebration later this year.

For literacy, we made a few changes to our schedule to allow for an extra block of time when we can work in small groups and do targeted interventions with students. We are seeing tremendous growth with many of our students already after just 5 weeks. We look forward to continued improvements.

If at any time you have questions about programming or what is happening at school, please feel free to call or stop by. We would love to hear from you!

Yours in education,

Ms. Karen Lemay



DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 13—Day in lieu of PTIs—No school
- February 14—Family Day—No school
- February 15—Travel day for Teachers—No School for students
- February 16-17—Teachers' Convention—No school for students
- February 20—Family Day—No School
- February 21—Parent Link at GNS 1-3pm
- February 22—Pink Shirt Day
- February 23—100th Day of School

Northland School Division

No. 61

Our Mandate

The Northland Board is responsible for ensuring that all students have the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to be self-reliant, responsible, caring and contributing members of their individual communities and the larger society .

Vision

Every student is a lifelong learner and successful in life.

Mission

Northland School Division will provide quality educational experiences and opportunities for all students.

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ODDS AND ENDS

Here are a few things that we'd like to inform you of...

- If your child is going to be absent, please call the office to let us know
- **If your child is going to be late, please call the office by 10 am so he or she can be counted for lunch**
- Our lunch time has changed - lunch now starts at 11:35 and classes resume at 12:15
- Students are to turn in all electronics, cell phones, iPods, etc. to the office upon arriving at school. Better yet, would be to leave them at home. This is to prevent distractions in class and damage/loss/theft of the device. The school is not responsible for any devices that are damaged, lost or stolen. If you need to contact your child throughout the school day, please call the office.
- If you choose to send a snack with your child, please ensure that it is healthy.
- A pair of **non-marking**, comfortable inside shoes, suitable for gym, is required
- If your child is to go somewhere other than home after school, please make sure to call the school **before** 3pm. If we don't hear from you, your child will be sent home.
- Junior High students are able to leave the school grounds at lunch provided they have written permission from a parent/guardian and return by 12:15 for their afternoon classes. Failure to be on time will result in a loss of the privilege.
- Students are expected to go outside for recess. If your child is too sick to go outside for recess, please consider keeping them home until they are well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.