

November 2022



Grades 4 and 6 classes took part in the first field trips of the year at Gregoire Lake with hosts Inside Education. Grade 6s looked at topics from their Trees and Forests Unit, and Grade 4s learned about the natural decomposition cycle as part of the Waste In Our World unit.

LIM Family Night

October saw the long-awaited return of family nights at CG with the Leader in Me Night, which brought families together to learn about the 7 habits. Teachers set up different stations representing each of the habits, including a family balloon bouncing station, a puzzle station, a reading station and a refreshment station to "Sharpen Your Saw." Families really enjoyed getting back into the building and getting to learn and play with their kids.

Student leaders also had an opportunity to help run the event, and they did a magnificent job! They were a great help at each of the stations.



Inclusion Fair

The Inclusion Fair, hosted by the CG Inclusion Advisory Committee, was a heartwarming success. Participants learned how CG is working to make the school more inclusive and highlighted many resources and projects that we have been working on with families, community partners, and staff from other schools.

We had 16 inclusive community groups who participated. We were very pleased with the turnout and can't wait to make it bigger and better next year!

We also appreciate all of the grade 6 leaders who volunteered at the inclusion fair. Huge shout out to them!

Upcomming Dates

Nov 15th: Rock Your Mocs Day
Nov 18-19th: Boys Volleyball Tournament
Nov 19th: CG Choir Performance at Festival of Trees (11:00 am)
Nov 22nd: Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting (7:30 pm)
Nov 23rd: Science Family Fun Night
Nov 25-26th: Girls Volleyball Tournament
Nov 30th: Angel Tree Gift Deadline
Nov 30th: School Council Virtual Meeting (7:30 pm)
December 1st: Report Cards Released



Running Group Recap

The Running Group is always a fan favourite with our Division 2 students! A group of 35 students practiced their running skills throughout September and October. Students warmed up by running to the Ecole McTavish track, practiced drills and skills while there, and ended with stretches and a cool-down while walking back to Christina Gordon.

The club will restart in the spring when the warmer weather returns! Oh what fun!

Hot Lunch - December Open!

Be Proactive and Order your hot lunch for December now!

Ordering for December is open until November 22nd. You can place your order at <https://christinagordon.hotlunches.net> For information on creating a new account, please visit the Christina Gordon website for more details.

Spirit Week

It was so much fun having our first spirit week of the year in support of breakfast program items. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing students dress up and show off silly hair and pyjamas, and we are thrilled to announce that we have collected over 630 items. Thank you to our CG families for your generosity!



Leader In Me Highlight

Did you know that CG is a Leader in Me School? This means that all of our students get a yearly refresher on the 7 Habits, partake in leadership clubs, create classroom mission statements, and so much more!

Early in the year all classrooms create mission statements but having students work together to describe how their classes will look, feel and sound, and what they want to accomplish in the year ahead. Here are some of our grade 3s synergizing to create and sign their mission statement.



Volleyball Season

The grades 5 and 6 boys and girls volleyball teams have been enjoying their fall season by competing in two tournaments in October.

They are looking forward to the year-end tournaments. The boys play Nov 18/19 at WGH, and the girls play Nov 25/26 at Christina Gordon!



Fire Safety Presentations

October was Fire Safety Month, which gave us to opportunity to host some local firefighters at CG.

The visitors made several presentations including tours of a firetruck for our Early Learning students. Our division 1 students learned about checking smoke detectors, fire safety and making family fire smart plans.



Pumpkins were a popular topic for art displays this month. Here is a bulletin board from the division 1 hallway.



7 Sacred Teachings

The love teaching tells us that love is the most important thing in life. You must first love yourself, and then love others. When we love ourselves first, we can learn how to share that love with others. We love others by being affectionate and treating them kindly.

The love teaching is symbolized by the eagle because the eagle is a loving parent and one that guides, protects, and cares for its babies. Eagles are sometimes referred to as the greatest warrior because they have the strength and wisdom to know and practice all of the seven teachings. Being given an eagle feather is considered an honour and a sacred gift, as the eagle is considered to hold all of the teachings, most importantly love.

Leadership Spotlight: Playground Leaders

October saw the launch of the Playground Leaders group, with over 30 participants. After receiving training with Heather Rumball from Keyano college, playground leaders from grades 5-6 help to organize and lead games with division 1 students during morning recess.



Secret Path Exhibit

Students from grades 4-6 spent time in October working with Pollyanna McBain, learning about Chanie Wenjack and his experience living in and escaping from a residential school before his life was tragically cut short. They recreated his journey in a series of artworks that were on display in the gym for other students to observe, which allowed them the chance to walk in Chanie's footsteps and learn about his journey.



New Parent Council

In October our Parent Council held its AGM and elected several new positions for the 2022-2023 school year. We are pleased to welcome the following members:

Chair: Natalie Doyle

Vice Chair: Aasia Munir

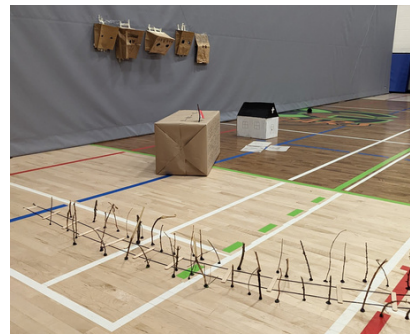
Secretary: Charlotte Van Driesten

Fundraising Assoc. Rep: Barbara Ann Rex

Inclusive Subcommittee Rep: Karla Power

Teacher Rep: Tanya Drover

Please keep in mind that you don't need to hold an official position to attend the meetings. Any parents are welcome to attend meetings if they wish. Please follow our facebook page for upcoming meeting dates and times.



Part of the Secret Path Exhibit

Student Contributors

This month we are excited to welcome several students to our CG News family. In this leadership group, these junior reporters will help decide what topics to include, as well as collect stories and pictures for publishing.

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