

## R.L. Graham P.S.

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## **NOVEMBER's Character Matters- COURAGE**

### **Administrators' Message**

October has flown by with students participating in many engaging activities. Some of the opportunities have included Bus Safety, Cross Country Meet, Baseball, Harvest Luncheon, Round the Bend Farm, Director's Cut and of course, many fun Halloween activities!

This year, in addition to the continued focus on Reading and Writing, the staff and students at RL Graham will be exploring what it means to be a mathematician. Where do we engage in mathematics, both at school and in the real world? Our junior and intermediate students have already had a great day of Mathletes to reinforce how exciting math can be. In one day, our students solved 5553 math problems. Not only did they sharpen their math skills, but they also learned to work as a team, to communicate their thinking and experience the growth mindset that everyone can be successful in math!

We're excited about the positive start that we have had to the school year and we continue to look forward to the rest of the year.

Jane Macpherson, Principal

Susan Dickson, Vice Principal

### **Remembrance Day**



Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place in the gym on **Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.** At that time, we will recognize the people who have fought in wars for peace. Our students will take part in a variety of performances and ways of recognizing the quest for peace in the world. Parents and community members are welcome.

### **Morning Drop Off**



Parents/Guardians and students are reminded that they are not to be in hallways or classrooms until the music begins at 8:00 a.m. each morning unless they are attending the breakfast program. Students wishing to participate in the breakfast program may enter at 7:50 a.m. and go directly to the lunchroom. Only the main entry doors (front of the school), southwest doors (parking lot drop off) and northeast doors (by the path to Keswick HS) will be open for student entry. Kindergarten students may enter through the gated Kindergarten yard as usual.



### **Healthy Schools - Nut Free Hallowe'en Treats**

As we work to reinforce healthy eating practices all year round, we ask that Hallowe'en treats be sent in moderation. As you are aware, we have several students and staff members who have potentially life-threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Please check to make sure that all school lunch and recess snacks/treats are nut free. **Please do not send food products that 'CONTAIN' or 'MAY CONTAIN' nuts or nut by-products of any kind to school.**

## Photos, Videotape and Social Media

We have many events during the school year where families attend and want to take photos or videotape of their children. While we encourage families to join us at RL Graham whenever possible, we remind you not to post on social media any photos or videotape of children who are not your own. It is important that all our students' privacy is respected and that all children remain internet safe. We thank you for your continued cooperation.



## Walking Wednesdays and Let Them Play!

### Quick Facts: Children 5-11

Only 14% of children meet the physical activity guidelines. Canadian children spend 62% of their day being sedentary – this accounts for approximately 8.5 hours per day. We challenge the students of RL Graham to walk to school if possible and to get outside and play!



## Healthy Schools- Wash Your Hands Campaign

With the flu season around the corner, we want to ensure that all of our students understand how important it is to properly wash their hands in order to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

- *Washing your hands thoroughly and often may reduce your chances of getting sick. Use soap and warm running water.*
- *Wash hands at least five times a day.*

*There are other precautions you can take to help prevent getting the flu and spreading it to others:*

- *Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you sneeze or cough.*
- *If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve - not into your hands.*
- *Put used tissues in the wastebasket immediately.*
- *Avoid sharing food, eating utensils, towels or handkerchiefs.*

Source: Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care



**SAVE the Date...**  
**HOLIDAY CONCERT Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

## Cold Weather Reminder



We have been fortunate to have experienced such good weather up until this point. As the cooler weather approaches, we ask that you ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately. All students are expected to go outside during morning recess and lunch recesses. This means your child needs to be dressed warm enough to be outside for 30 minutes at recess time and 40 minutes at lunch time.

## Thank you to the Optimist Club of Keswick!

We'd like to extend our thanks to the Optimistic Club for their donation of pumpkins to our school. These were most appreciated by staff and students alike!



## Gym Uniforms

We would like to remind everyone, students in grades 4-8 need to bring a change of clothes to wear during Physical Education classes so that they will be more comfortable and fully able to participate in the Gym program. Students should have a t-shirt and shorts or track pants, or school spirit wear and running shoes. They will be given an opportunity to change into and out of Gym clothing for every class.

## Safe Arrival Program

Please email or call if your child is not coming to school or will be late.



### Important Information

Email: [r.l.graham.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:r.l.graham.ps@yrdsb.ca)

School Phone Number: 905-476-9295

Call before- 8:15 a.m.

Leave a phone message - Answering Machine available 24 hrs a day

## Parking Lot Safety

Parents and visitors to our school are reminded to **SLOW DOWN** in our parking lot and bus loop. When buses are in the loop, other vehicles are **not permitted**. Supervised drop off for students in the morning is at the west end of our building. Student safety is **EVERYONE's** responsibility. Thank you for your cooperation and support

## R.L. Graham School Council Executive – 2016/17

Chair:

Corinne D'Angelo

Treasury Liaison:

Staci Bassie

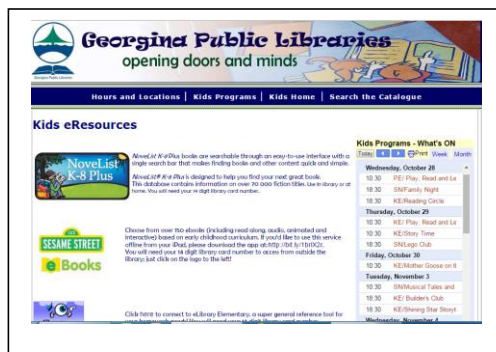
Secretary:

Lee Canavan

Next School Council Meeting: Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Meeting Agendas will be shared with the community at least two days before the scheduled Council meeting. Please feel free to attend anytime. Your input is always valued.

## Helping Your Child Read



Georgina Public Library offers many free resources, both in the library programs and online e-resources like Tumble Books. Our students have access to Tumble Books and TumbleBook Cloud Junior through the Georgina Library. Most resources can be accessed without a library card, however a library card is free to everyone and getting one of their own can be a very exciting experience for your child. For more information and to access online e-resources through the Georgina Public Library: Go to <http://www.georgina-library.com/KidseResources.html>

## Programs at Graham

### Drop Zone:

All students in grades 6-8

**Free** Drop In Program from












Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 2:45-6:00 p.m

[www.york.ca/dropzone](http://www.york.ca/dropzone) or call 905-476-4301 ext. 2375



# November 2016



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|----------|
| 30  | 31 Day 2   | 1 Day 3  | 2 Day 4<br>GR. 8 K.H.S. VISIT<br>PIZZA DAY <br>SK Vision Screening<br>Keswick High Parent session 7 p.m. | 3 Day 5  | 4 Day 1  | 5        |
| 6<br>  | 7 Day 2<br>Community Classes go swimming                         | 8 Day 3  | 9 Day 4<br>SUB DAY   | 10 Day 5<br>Join us at 6:30pm for<br> | 11 Day 1<br>REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY – 10:45 AM<br> | 12       |
| 13<br> | 14 Day 2<br>GR 1,2,3 go Skating<br>Community Classes go swimming | 15 Day 3   | 16 Day 4<br>PIZZA DAY<br>   | 17 Day 5   | 18 Day 1   | 19       |
| 20  | 21 Day 2<br>Community Classes go swimming                        | 22 Day 3<br>PHOTO RETAKES<br><br>Intermed. Girls VB @ Sutton DHS. | 23 Day 4<br>SUB DAY <br>PROGRESS REPORTS Go Home<br>Intermed. Boys VB @ Sutton DHS                     | 24 Day 5<br>6 Norman to Science Centre<br>Evening Interviews   | 25<br>PA DAY INTERVIEWS!<br>                      | 26       |
| 27  | 28 Day 1<br>Community Classes go swimming                        | 29 Day 2   | 30 Day 3<br>PIZZA DAY<br>   | DECEMBER 1   | 2  |          |

