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- 15** Grad Parent Meeting
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November

- 7** Last Day of Term 1 / Fish Stew With You
- 12** Remembrance Day Stat - Schools closed
- 22** Term 1 Final Marks available on MyEd
- 30** Pro-D Day – no school



Principal's Message

What an exciting first month of the school year! We have 225 more students in our school, resulting in a total enrollment of 1230 students in G.W. Graham this year. Our halls and classes are busy, but we have settled in very well overall. Music, drama, clubs and sports are up and running, with students actively pursuing their passions in various activities. Students and parents are encouraged to check the daily announcements on our website in order to stay connected with the various opportunities available.

I am pleased to welcome the following new staff members to G.W. Graham: Mr. Orr (French and PE), Mr. Gibbs (vice-principal), Ms. Ego (vice-principal), Mr. Hawkins (Spanish), Ms. Bumby (Science), Mr. Gehman (EA), Ms. Kenis (EA), Ms. Wogrin (EA), Mr. McFarlane (EA), Ms. Ryall (Biology and Dance) Ms. Wolbeck (LA and Humanities), Ms. Morford (Foods), Mr. Robinson (Math and Computers), Mr. Pastrochik (English and Humanities), and Ms. Whitlam (LA and Connections).

We had our first PAC meeting this year with a total of 18 parents in attendance! The first meeting also serves as our AGM, where the new executive is established. The following parents volunteered to take on a role on our executive: Chair – Cynthia Watson, Vice-Chair – Tina Bartens, Secretary – Charlene Touchette, and DPAC Reps: Michelle Macrae and Trina Venier. Parents are welcome to join us for our next PAC meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 15th.

I'd like to apologize for some communication challenges we experienced at the start of the year. Changing our school name from G.W. Graham Middle-Secondary to G.W. Graham Secondary School caused some problems for our student information system. Therefore, we were unable to send out our daily attendance updates and general email messages. Fortunately, we have everything worked out now, so our regular communication tools are up and running. I am pleased to share that we updated our school website so that it is user friendly on cell phones. We are planning to enhance our website with student pictures and videos throughout the school year.

We are at the point where most of our teachers will be posting marks on MyEdBC. I encourage parents to log onto the parent portal on MyEdBC and navigate the system for looking at marks on recent assignments and tests. Please go to the "Parent Information" section on our school website for information on how to access the MyEdBC portal. Feel free to connect with teachers if you are requiring more information.

Aboriginal News : Ey swayel

Welcome back new and returning Aboriginal students to G.W. Graham. It is an exciting beginning to a new school year that is full of many changes and promise. For those of you who are unaware, my name is Mrs. Lumsden and I am the Aboriginal Learning Support Teacher and Ramona Baldwin is the Aboriginal Education Support worker. Our department is open to input regarding educationally, cultural opportunities that you feel would benefit G.W.'s Aboriginal youth. Please come in and see us- or call/email anytime if you have any concerns or questions.

We looking forward to working with your child(ren) and helping them be successful.

Sincerely,

Trisha Lumsden & Ramona Baldwin



Student Accident Insurance

As you know, the Chilliwack School District or Schools Protection Program {SPP} do not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. Parents/Guardians are responsible for these expenses. The School District has made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance Program. Please communicate the benefits of this coverage to families in your school newsletter and on your school website. Kids Plus brochures are no longer available. Information is available on the district website here. For complete plan details, please visit kidsplus.ca.

Cabaret night is here!!

That's right! The first cabaret night is here. Come out and support some very talented people Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00 pm in our theatre. From soulful ballads to rock to dance, cabaret night has got it all! So come to the Graham theatre and support some wonderful performers! Tickets are just \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door.



GRAHAM GRIZZLIES ATHLETICS



PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUT ALL OUR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

School website: <https://gwg.sd33.bc.ca/> click on the Student information Tab on the top bar, then click on Athletics and then follow the link to our new website: <https://gwgrahamathletics.com/>

Our **new website** is fully up and running and coaches are posting information items, scores, action pictures, team updates and resources on a daily occurrence.

You can go directly to our Athletics Website at: <https://gwgrahamathletics.com/>

Join our Graham Athletics Facebook page. Find us at GW Graham Athletics

Follow us on twitter and instagram @gwathletics

Always feel free to make contact with our athletic director any time: jake_mouritzen@sd33.bc.ca

COMPETITION AND PRACTICE SCHEDULES

You can access both our competition and practice schedules on our athletics website and or the school website under the athletics tab in student info.

<https://gwgrahamathletics.com/calendar/>

ONLINE STORE ORDERS

The fall online store is now closed and we are expecting our order to arrive the week of October 15th. We will let all families know what orders arrive.

GRIZZLIES LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL BASKETBALL COACHES!!

Due to the LARGE number of new and returning basketball players at Graham the Grizzlies Basketball Program is super excited to add some new faces to our coaching staff.

We are currently looking for assistant and or head coaches at the following levels:

- Grade 8 Girls
- Grade 9 Girls
- Grade 9 Boys

If you are interested in getting involved with the Grizzlies Basketball Family please contact Coach Mouritzen: jake_mouritzen@sd33.bc.ca and or call: 604-702-8734.



Grad 2019 Parent Meeting

When: *Monday, October 15th at 6:00 PM*

Where: *GWG Library*

Why: *Information Session- Convocation, Grad Dinner & Prom, Fundraising Ideas, Pasta Dinner, Volunteer & Planning Committees, Dry Grad Information*

PARENT INFORMATION SERIES

“Hold On To Your Kids” Movie Night

OCTOBER 17 | 6:30-8:30PM

SARDIS SECONDARY SCHOOL, 45460 STEVENSON RD

Children today look to their peers for direction—their values, identity, and codes of behavior. This “peer orientation” undermines family cohesion, interferes with healthy development, and fosters a hostile and sexualized youth culture. Children end up becoming overly conformist, desensitized, and alienated, and being “cool” matters more to them than anything else.

Hold On to Your Kids explains the causes of this crucial breakdown of parental influence—and demonstrates ways to “reattach” to sons and daughters, establish the proper hierarchy in the home, make kids feel safe and understood, and earn back your children’s loyalty and love.

Join us for popcorn as we view the Gordon Neufeld video and learn together. Open to all parents – feel free to bring a friend! There will be a draw for Dr. Neufeld’s book *Hold On To Your Kids*. See you there!



News from the Library



Library Challenges

In September we had a challenge to create new bookmarks for the library. Students will vote for their top three bookmarks and we will then have the designs made into bookmarks for staff and students. The challenge for October is to create a spooky story of about 500 words. Stories will be due at the end of October.

The Maker Space

Maker space will be starting up in the first week of October. Students will be able to work on suggested projects or a self-directed project during lunch.



Drop Everything and Read

Drop everything and Read Day is Monday October 22. Students will be asked to read silently during advisory on Monday October 22.



STARTING OCTOBER 2, 2018

**Freshii Wraps
Delivered
Tuesdays
Wednesdays
Thursdays**



**Available
from the
Cave Café
Student-Run
Entrepreneurship 11**

BUFFALO

\$7.79 • romaine, feta cheese, cherry tomatoes, carrots, celery, Greek yogurt ranch, buffalo sauce

COBB

\$8.99 • romaine & field greens, hard boiled egg, avocado, bacon, aged cheddar, tomatoes, corn, honey dijon dressing

FIESTA

\$8.29 • field greens, avocado, aged cheddar, corn, black beans, salsa fresca, cilantro lime vinaigrette

MARKET

\$8.99 • field greens & spinach, quinoa, avocado, feta cheese, dried cranberries, beet slaw, green apple, carrots, honey dijon dressing

Reloadable Gift Cards Coming Soon!

- We'll announce on PA
- Available from the Office
- Redeemable only at the Cave



**DASANI SPARKLING WATER
\$2.00**

Our partnership with Freshii is new for this year. Limited quantity of Freshii wraps (5 of each type to start) will be available at the Cave for lunch, Tuesdays to Thursdays. Our menu will be adjusted based on feedback and demand. As a student-run business, we do not charge taxes. Money raised will go towards a scholarship and the Entrepreneurship/Computers/Robotics programs.