



GPCS INFORMER



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*To pursue personal excellence
and Christ-like character*

Feature Teacher

Mark Larson, our tallest staff member, has been teaching gr.4 at GPCS for 2 years. He enjoys eating Shinkafa da wake (Rice and beans with onions fried in peanut oil), growing a variety of plants, playing tennis, and keeping up with word news (particularly Niger). Kwaskwarima, Mark's favourite word, is a Hausa word that means to give something a facelift/makeover. His favourite book is *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis and he would love to read it on a beach in Hawaii. If he were an animal, Mark would be a cheetah so he could never be caught.

"And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." 2Cor.5:15

See our school website for recently updated and more detailed information.

Serving Opportunities

Office Help

We are requesting the help of a parent to collect daily morning attendance at 9 a.m., and to call parents of absent students.

Transportation Needed

The 3 Neudorf children will be needing a ride home Wednesdays starting in January. They live in Taylor Estates on the southeast side. Call the office if you feel you can meet this need.

Parents Who Pray

Meets every Friday from 8:45a.m.-9:30a.m. in the Home Ec room.

Academic Achievements

Honour Roll

Average of 80% in the 5 core subjects
Gr.7- Mya, Taityn, Sarah, Avere, Micheyla, Creytin, Matthew, Brennen, Rebecca, Kelsie, Logan, Isaiah
Gr.8 - Ryan, Nikki, Alanna
Gr.9 - Katie, Taylor, Hannah, Bethany, Yaysha

Principal Roll (90% average)

Gr. 7 - Jerome, Tanner, Janaya
Gr.8 - Jaime, Makayla

Upcoming Event

Christmas Concert



This year's Christmas program, entitled "Look who's coming to Bethlehem", will take place **Wednesday, Dec.2 at 7 p.m.** Elementary students need to be in their classrooms by 6:45 p.m. Please come out to support our students and celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Stop The Cuts

Since 2007 GPPSD has repeatedly been reducing budgets each year as a result of reductions and restraints in government funding. We are extremely concerned about the potential for further cuts in the upcoming budget year. Any cuts will be a problem; however, if the magnitude of cuts that are rumoured become reality, it would be devastating. Now is the time to express our concerns to our elected officials and politicians about the reduced levels of funding being contemplated for the next school year. We urge you to make your views known. For more information, please visit www.stopthecuts.ca and read the letter on our website. Speak out and encourage your MLAs to stop erasing education.

Lion's Lair

Basketball

Jr. High Basketball Tryouts
3:30 - 5:00
Boys—Mon. Nov.30
Girls—Thurs. Dec.3

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right place but to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment—Dorothy Nevill

Fundraising Events

Bottles— Please drop off your bottles at the school. Recycle Plus picks them up every 2 weeks. Make sure the bags are tied.

Mom's Pantry Fundraiser — Our top sellers were Scott Ingraham, Jacqui Fehr, Carlin Simpson, and Tyler van Nieuwkerk. Deliveries are expected to arrive Dec.8.

Scholastic Book Fair — Total sales were \$2975.78 and our profit was \$1416.47. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make our book fair such a success. Thank you to all who participated in the colouring contest.

Dates to Remember

Christmas Program 7 p.m.	Dec.2
Beatles Rockband Competition (Gr.5-9)	Dec.7-11
Hot Dog Lunch	Dec.11
Spelling Bee	Dec.15
Hot Lunch	Dec.17
Christmas Break	Dec.19- Jan.3