



January 2024



SCHOOL NEWS

George Lee School



January 8, 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
① <i>Christmas Holidays - No School</i>	② <i>Christmas Holidays - No School</i>	③ <i>Christmas Holidays - No School</i>	④ <i>Christmas Holidays - No School</i>	⑤ <i>Christmas Holidays - No School</i>
⑧ Day 4 	⑨ Day 5	⑩ Day 1 Band sectionals today Boys basketball tryouts @ 3:45pm	⑪ Day 2 Full band today Gr 7A is going to the Wickenheiser at 1pm	⑫ Day 3 Winter Wonderland Day - wear your toque, scarf & mittens
⑮ Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	⑯ Day 4 Gr 6/7 going to the Wickenheiser @ 1pm	⑰ Day 5	⑱ Day 1 Band sectionals today	⑲ Day 2 Deadline to order fun lunch today Go Code workshop for gr 1,1/2,2/3,3/4 & 4/5A Gr 5/6 classes going to the Science Centre
⑳ Day 3 Family Literacy Week	㉓ Day 4	㉔ Day 5 Gr 4/5A is going to Boggy Creek today	㉕ Day 1 Band sectionals today	㉖ Day 2 SCC fun lunch delivered today Report cards go home today Popcorn Day \$1 & Jersey Day today
㉙ Day 3	㉚ Day 4	㉛ Day 5 G 7/8 & 8 are going to the Wickenheiser today @ 1pm Swirl World is delivered today	○	○



Happy New Year wishes to our Grizzlee community! We hope that 2024 brings you good health, happiness, lots of fun and is your best year yet!

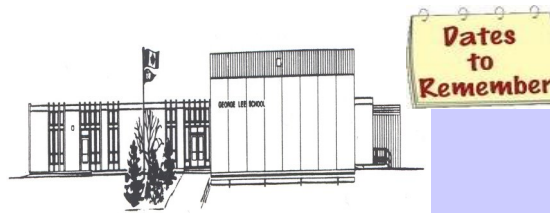
Our halls were buzzing on Monday morning as our Grizzlies arrived back at school. Though we saw some sleepy faces, we heard many students say that they "missed this place" which are the best words to hear! We truly have an incredible community here at George Lee!

Nothing says "Welcome Back" like indoor recess! We were spoiled in December with the weather, but alas, winter is upon us! Please ensure that your Grizzlee is dressed in layers and prepared to be outside! Students will be outside for recess unless it is -25 degrees or colder (including the wind chill). A bunny hug/hoodie/sweater is not warm enough. Thank you for your help in ensuring your child is dressed appropriately for the weather!

Please ensure that you are connected to Edsby so you can be in the loop about all things George Lee! We continue to post important dates on our Edsby calendar and post a "Week at a Glance" for parents each week! Basketball tryouts will be starting this week for our senior students. Also, our Grizzlee Floor Hockey League for grades 2-8 will be starting soon! Please check in with your Grizzlee for more information!

Report Cards will be coming home with our students on Friday, January 26th. Please check with your child's teacher(s) if you have any questions regarding these!

Wishing you an incredible first month of 2024!



Non-Student Days
January 15th - Professional Development Day



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed January 27, 2024, as Family Literacy Day and January 21 to 28, 2024, as Family Literacy Week in Saskatchewan. During the week of January 22nd, please take a photo of you and your family completing one of the activities on the provided BINGO card (sent home Mon. Jan. 22nd), **OR** a photo of the completed BINGO card and email it to georgelee@rbe.sk.ca for a chance to win an Indigo gift card! Photos will be posted in the school.

"Family literacy focusses on parents, grandparents, guardians and other family members to improve the reading and writing skills of the whole family. By reading to children and engaging in fun literacy activities regularly, adults actively keep their own skills sharp and also help children improve their skills. Family literacy activities strengthen the relationship between family members which, in turn, encourages lifelong learning. Without adult support and a strong foundation at home, a child is less likely to be successful and engaged in school." <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy/>



Progress Reports

Your child will be receiving his/her progress report on Friday, January 26th. If you have any questions pertaining to your child's progress, please don't hesitate to call the school. We achieve the best results by working and communicating together. Together we will help our students reach their potential.



POP CORN SALE

Our student leadership team is going to hold a popcorn sale on Friday, January 26th so don't forget your loonie if you would like some!

\$1.00

George Lee School Community Council

The next George Lee School Community Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 5th at 6:00 pm. We are always welcoming new members so if you are interested in seeing what we are about please come out and join us!

Our next three fun lunches are planned so don't forget to order online at www.healthhunger.ca! Our lunches will be:
 Wok Box - Food will be delivered Fri, Jan 26th
 Quiznos - Food will be delivered Wed, Feb 14th
 Red Swan Pizza - Food will be delivered Wed, March 13th

Don't forget the SCC is also accepting donations at any Sarcan. If you want to get rid of all of your holiday recycling please consider donating it to the GLSCC! If you want to use the Drop & Go it's quick and easy. Use the code **george lee scc** and all of the proceeds will go directly to our SCC.



Calling All Kinders!

We are now starting the process of registering new Kindergarten students for the 2024-2025 school year. If you know of a family that has a child that will be 5 by December 31, 2024, please have them call (306) 791-8510 to register.

Kindergarten Registration



Winter Is Here! Please dress for the weather!!



The cold temperatures are officially here! It is extremely important that students are dressed appropriately as they venture to and from school and then go outside for recess times. Too often we see students coming to school in light-weight jackets without the benefit of mitts or gloves and with nothing to keep their head and ears warm. This is especially true for the older students! Even if you are a family that travels to and from school via school bus, please ensure that your son or daughter is dressed sufficiently to withstand our Saskatchewan's wind and cold temperatures. Please remember layers are the key and don't forget those winter jackets and ski pants are needed. We do go out for recesses until the temperatures hit -25°C .



Cold & Flu Season

As this year's cold and flu season is fast approaching we would just like to share a couple of tips on how to help us stay healthy.

- * **Wash your hands.** Both colds and flu can be passed from coughing, sneezing and touching surfaces such as door knobs and telephones, so it's wise to make a habit of washing your hands and **teaching children to do the same.**
- * **Practice healthy habits.** Eating a balanced diet, and getting enough sleep and exercise can help the immune system better fight off the germs that cause illness.

Please remember that a general rule is if your child is too sick to go outside at recess they should be staying home to get some much needed rest.

For Safety's Sake - Dropping Off/Picking Up Students

Recently, a number of parents have used the No Stopping Zone and Accessible Parking in front of the school as a drop-off or pick-up point for students. We are concerned about student safety and how this practice could potentially lead to an unnecessary accident, especially when the weather is colder and exhaust fumes fill the air. For safety's sake, we would ask that you please use the Loading Zone located on Wells Street to the south of the school for this purpose. You can also drop your children off across the street, on the east side of Wells Street, and have them cross the street at the cross walk. Please remember there is an intersection and cross walk directly in front of the school, and it is illegal to stop or unload in this area. We also ask that you **DO NOT** use the staff parking lot to pick up & drop off. Staff can be coming and going at any time and it is unsafe to have students walking /running through the parking lot. Thank you for looking out for the safety of all our students!

