

Ecole Gron Morgan School Newsletter

March 2019

Principal: Mrs. E. Aylward

Vice Principal: Mr. M. Moorhouse

Greetings from your Admin Team!

We would like to begin by thanking everyone who was able to make it out to **Parent Teacher Interview Night**. It was great to see so many parents in the school seeing all the wonderful things our students are doing! Parents are reminded that they can call their child's teacher at any time during the year to check in, chat about progress or just to share some feedback your child may have shared with you. When *teachers, ECEs, SSPs, office staff* and *home* all work together with the students, the team approach takes full effect! Students gain a sense that École Gron Morgan is a place where **EVERYONE** has a vested interest in their success.

Thanks for your continued support with events like *Pink Day, Skate Night* and *Intermediate Basketball*. We had a ton of fun at all these events!

This month brings with it the Gr. 8 Youth Fusion "Paint Nite" fundraiser as well as our gr. 5 classes going downhill skiing/snowboarding.

March Break – *March 11th-15th*...we would like to take this time to wish you all a safe and eventful holiday!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Aylward & Mr. Moorhouse

EVENTS TO REMEMBER...

- **French Immersion Book Fair** - Thursday **March 7th** from *8:30 am - 7:30 pm*, Friday **March 8th** from *8:30 am - 4:00 pm* in the Library
- **March Break** - March 11th -15th – enjoy!
- **Gr. 8 Youth Fusion Paint Nite Fundraiser** - *Thursday March 28th @ 6:30* in the gym



Timetable Check-In

A reminder to all parents and guardians about the layout of our school day:

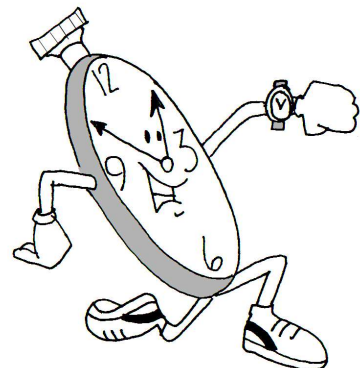
8:30 – Classes begin

9:45 – O'Canada and Announcements

9:50 -10:20 – First Nutrition Break


12:20-1:00 – Second Nutrition Break

2:40 – Busses here/Parent pick-up



Please note that having students arrive ON TIME to school is very important – we begin promptly at 8:30 with lesson time. Critical pieces are missed when students come into class late. Thanks for your support in this!

Absence Reporting - Online or by Phone



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

SAFE ARRIVAL
for families

What is Safe Arrival?
Safe Arrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible using one of these convenient methods:

PLEASE TAKE NOTE – the phone number and website are available to report your child’s absence(s) online or through the automated phone system.



Interactive Toll-free Phone

- 1 Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system at **1-844-288-7624** anytime (24/7).
- 2 Follow the instructions to report an absence. Absences can be reported in advance.
- 3 Whenever an absence is reported or updated, you will receive a confirmation notice by email and/or text message (if you have provided your contact information to the school).

If you don't report your child's absence in advance, the automated notification system will try to contact you (using the communication preferences if you have set them up in the SchoolMessenger app). **This may include push notifications to the app, email, SMS text message, phone calls. You will be asked to provide the reason for your child's absence immediately. You may do so using the phone line, website or mobile app. If an absence is not explained within approximately 20 minutes of the time that the school starts the notification process, school staff will follow-up to make sure that your child is safe. If you try to explain an absence using Safe Arrival, but are then told that it is past the cut-off time, please contact the school directly.**

If you don't want to receive notifications when your child is absent, be sure to report your child's absence in advance. If you do receive notifications of your child's absence, be sure to provide the reason as quickly as possible, using one of the 3 methods listed or during the phone call notification itself.

Please contact the school office if you require more information about the SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival process.

Thank you for taking the time to let us know!



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FREE SchoolMessenger App

(Replaces previous SchoolConnects app)

- 1 Provide your email address to the school.
- 2 **Get the app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/>).
- 3 Tap **Sign Up** to create your account.
- 4 Select **Attendance** from the menu, and then select Report an Absence.



Web and Mobile Web parents.lakeheadschoools.ca

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See other side for the Interactive Toll-Free Phone #

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FAMILIES & VISITORS - Lates, Pick-ups and End of Day Procedures

Welcome Bienvenue Biindigen

Our learning day begins each day at 8:30 a.m. and continues until 2:40 p.m.

For the safety and learning needs of our students during these hours, kindly wait in the foyer near the office.

Thank you for respecting our learning environment here at École Gron Morgan Public School.

Looking to Volunteer...

... Come into the Main Office to start the process!!!

Reminder - if you have started the online process and have received the completed *Criminal Record Check (PVSC)* please bring a copy to the Main Office or contact Ms Hoshizaki (Sandy) to finalize the application process and to allow us to update our records.



French Immersion Book Fair

Dear Gron Families!

For the first time **EVER...** Gron will be hosting a Scholastic Festival du Livre!
In other words, **A FRENCH BOOK FAIR!** Hooray!

When: Thursday, March 7th 8:30 am to 7:30 pm

Friday, March 8th 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Join us at our DINO-Festival du livre!

Every purchase goes toward building our French collection and improving our library for ALL Gron Students!

Hope to see you there!

Ms. Bova

~Festival du livre Chairperson~



Grade 8 Youth Fusion Paint Nite Fundraiser

Have fun exploring your artistic side while supporting some hard working future **Film Makers!**

You will receive in person step by step instruction for creating the “Rainbow Tree of Life” ...

Thursday March 28th @ 6:30pm in the Gron Morgan gymnasium

(174 Marlborough St)

\$45 each

(ages 6-96)

Find the event on Yaymaker.com or Paint Nite Thunder Bay on Facebook (sign up with credit card)

Youth Fusion strives to lower the dropout rates & reduce absenteeism in youth by providing them with in class, innovative, experiential learning opportunities.



Creative Movement Jamboree is Back!



Students in Grade 2-8 are invited to join this year's **Creative Movement Jamboree** dance team! This year the performance is *May 16th* at the Fort William Gardens and the theme is "30 Years in Motion".

Snow Safety



We wanted to share an important reminder regarding snow safety. Piles of snow can be fun to play on but pose significant safety risks when children dig in them, creating tunnels and holes. A collapse can occur very quickly creating a dangerous situation that can be difficult to deal with especially if the child is alone or with only their peers.

Also, snow piles around parking lots at the school are off limits to students before, during and after school hours.



Some of the **AMAZING** things happening here at Gron

Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program (NFVP)



It's here! Wonderful! But, what is it..?

- The NFVP provides two free servings of fresh vegetables and fruit each week to all elementary school students from January to June.
- The main goals of the program are to boost fruit and veggie consumption and to highlight the benefits of healthy eating and physical activity in children and their families.
- TBDHU has partnered with Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association, First Nations communities and organizations, school boards, and elementary schools across Northern Ontario
- For more information, please visit www.tbdhu.com/NFVP

Find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter: @TBDHealthUnit
TBDHU.COM



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