



Hello Grand Ave families,

It is hard to believe we are already at the halfway point for Term 1. Please see below for upcoming events, a few reminders and/or updates:



Halloween at Grand Ave

Halloween is on Thursday, October 31st. Students are welcome to wear orange and black or a costume on that day if they choose. Our “parade” will take place as soon as attendance is taken upon entry in the morning (approximately 8:40 a.m. Our Grade 8 Class will lead the rest, and parade out the Intermediate doors (at the back of the school) and walk around the outside perimeter of the building on the tarmac. They will go twice around the building, so be sure to get a good spot to see the fun! An alternate activity will be available for students who are not parading.

A reminder that **families are welcome to send a “treat” for their own child, however, we are not accepting treats to share with everyone.**

Guidelines for costumes:

- Costumes must be worn comfortably all day, including outdoors for recess and phys. Ed.
- Costumes must allow for your child to use the washroom independently.
- Please avoid masks (that cover the face) and accessories (e.g., cane, magic fairy wands, broom, weapons).
- Costumes must be respectful of others. They should never be a representation of someone's creed, race, historical experiences or personal identity.
- Halloween at school is for fun and not for scaring others, so please leave simulated weapons and excessive gore at home.

Halloween Dance

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a Halloween dance in the gym this year. Each class will have a designated time to participate. Please check School Cash Online for the option to purchase a small treat and glow stick for your child to enjoy after their dance time. Any profits made will go towards supporting student activities and making experiences equitable for all students. Thank you for your support! Thanks also to Mrs. Lance, Ms. Molloy, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Ducroix and Mme Esau for helping to organize, and to our grade 8s who will be lending their leadership with organizing snacks, decor and music.

Pizza Day

A reminder that Wednesday, October 30th is Pizza Day. Orders can be made on School Cash Online until Sunday at midnight.

School Advisory Council

After meeting on Wednesday evening this past week, the executive for this year's School Advisory Council is as follows:

Jess Walker - Chair Jason LoStracco - Co-chair	Geoff Reynolds & Linda Knoll - Treasurers	Stephanie White - Fundraising Captain
Chantell Virtue - Secretary	Ms Molloy - teacher representative	Ronna Parkhouse - Principal

There was great discussion around potential fundraising opportunities this year for items such as playground maintenance (e.g., repairing the swings!), technology, a potential parent night and other activities. Thank you to Pizza Di Nonna for contributing pizza to the meeting, and thank you to our 2 returning WNSS students, Anderson and Maddie, for providing childcare while we met. Looking forward to another productive year in supporting our students!



Oct 28 - Day 8	Oct 29 - Day 9	Oct 30 - Day 10	Oct 31 - Day 1	Nov 1 - Day 2
	Virtual Royal Botanical Gardens workshop for Grade 2/3 in the library! Intermediate Volleyball here @ 3:45 pm (Girls play 1st)	Pizza Day Intermediate Volleyball @ Lakeview (Boys play 1st)	Halloween - parade begins at approximately 8:40 am Halloween Dance for Students	
Nov 4 - Day 3	Nov 5 - Day 4	Nov 6 - Day 5	Nov 7 - Day 6	Nov 8 - Day 7
	Grade 8 Girls Lunch Bunch Intermediate Volleyball @Gainsborough (Boys)	Subway Day		

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Nov 11 - Day 8	Nov 12 - Day 9	Nov 13 - Day 10	Nov 14 - Day 1	Nov 15 - Day 2
	Picture Retakes	Pizza day		

Please know that I am always available to discuss your child's progress, along with any concerns, questions or compliments you may have at 905-945-2227, or via the Grand Ave email, gra@dsbn.org.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Ronna Parkhouse, Principal, & Grand Ave Staff