

# THE INFERNO

GREYSTONE CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Greystone School community!

It has been a very challenging end to the 2020 school year. Staff and parents had to make unprecedented changes to the way education is delivered to students in light of COVID-19. Throughout the turbulent times, we have come together to provide the best way(s) possible to teach our Greystone pupils. While we all know the most productive method is to have our students back in classes with our teachers, learning, interacting and developing, the time hopefully is not too far along so that our school community can get back to a new "normal".

The health and welfare of our students and staff will always be the greatest priority. As the summer break arrives, school boards will be developing their own COVID-19 plans under the applicable scenario and health guidelines before reopening.

I hope that our students, staff and their families rest well. I look forward to the 2020/21 school year. Be well.

Anil Padayas - Principal, GCMS



Greystone Centennial Middle School will be closed for the summer beginning on Tuesday, June 30th.

The office will reopen on August 17th, 2020. The first day of class for students is scheduled for August 31, 2020.

Keep checking our website and Facebook pages for information and updates.

The Parkland School Division Centre for Education office will remain open over the summer with reduced hours.



## FAREWELL TO 2019-2020

It's that time in the year when we say "goodbye" to the school year that was, farewell to 2019-2020 and get ready to enjoy the summer and look forward to the school year ahead.

2019-2020 was not a traditional school year in many ways, but together we made it through. We are so proud of our staff, students and families for the work that they have done all year, but especially over the past three months during the transition to "pandemic online teaching". We know that everyone did their very best in some very difficult circumstances and for that we are grateful. Throughout it all students laughed, learned, made memories and built relationships. Teachers and support staff had the opportunity to learn new skills and work in different ways. We all had to work together to support students and to keep moving learning forward; we are thankful for every single member of the GCMS staff family.



We have all had to be more creative in how we interacted with each other, and we'll never forget the year of the "Car Parade", "Music Mondays", "What are you Reading?" the Virtual Talent Show and terrific PE challenges! (Check out our Facebook page for all of these videos, and more.)

At the end of every year we have to say "goodbye" to a few staff members that we are going to miss next year. This year we bid "adieu" to Ms. Boldt, Ms. Perras, and Ms. Cunningham. We wish them well in their future endeavours.

We are also saying "farewell" to our Grade 9 students who are off to fabulous new adventures at high school. We didn't have a traditional Farewell ceremony this year, but the virtual one was pretty great! Thanks to everyone who took part in #GCMSFarewell2020 and if you haven't seen the video, check it out here. We are proud of all of our Grade 9 students' accomplishments, and we know they will do amazing things in the future.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Grade 5 students in the fall and introducing them to everything that Greystone has to offer. We have a Google Classroom set up for our "Future Fives" to give them a sneak peek into GCMS. You are getting to be a part of the great Greystone Inferno family!

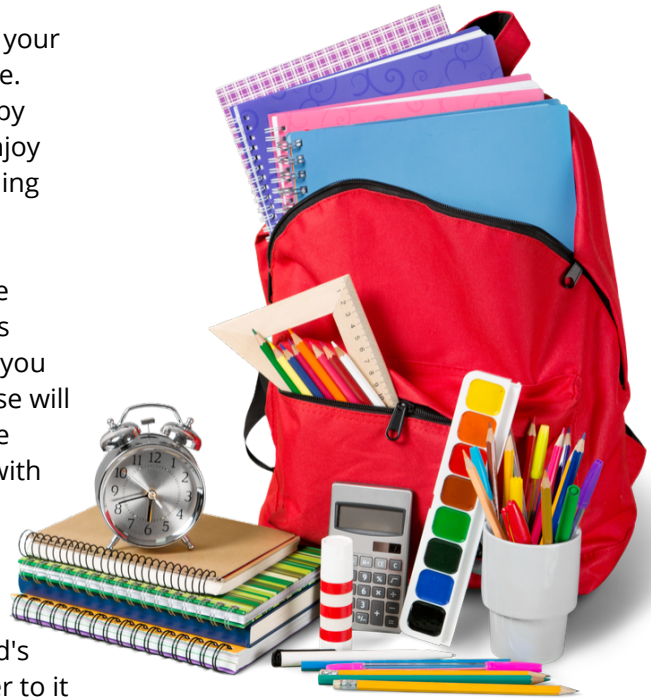
**Thank you** again for the support of our families and community. We couldn't have made it through without you! We can't wait to see you next year!



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We've posted important information about the supplies your child will need for the coming school year on our website. You can get a head start on purchasing supplies for fall by visiting our [Fees, Supply Lists & BYOD page](#), and then enjoy your summer with the knowledge that you have everything you need.

We are offering parents the opportunity to pre-purchase school supplies for fall through Write-On Stationery. This online service is not mandatory, but it promises to save you time, and as an added benefit, a portion of your purchase will be returned to the school as a fundraiser. You may place your order directly on the [Write-On Stationery](#) website with Visa or MasterCard. Online orders must be submitted by **Saturday, August 1, 2020**, and will be delivered to Greystone shortly before the start of the school year. If you prefer to purchase your child's school supplies elsewhere, please download the supply list for your child's grade from the Fees, Supply Lists & BYOD page and refer to it when you shop.



## SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

### SPRUCE GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Summer Reading Club 2020 will be going ahead (with a few changes). Yay!

Spruce Grove Public Library will be launching the TD SRC on Wednesday 2 July, with summer programming running 2 July - 15 August. They will have a great line-up of virtual and outside programs, and interactive take-home activities in store for you, including the ever-popular Youth Virtual Writing Camp.

Like in past years, kids can register online at [tdsummerreadingclub.ca](http://tdsummerreadingclub.ca) to access free eBooks, read a web comic and share book recommendations, jokes, silly stories and more with children across the country. Participants can also vote for their favourite summer read as two books go head-to-head each week as part of the new Battle of the Books feature. Also new this year, the Club will be offering 28 author/illustrator online readings and workshops.



## MESSAGE FROM LC 7

As this very strange school year comes to an end, we would like to take a moment to thank your families for all of your support. Although 2020 has truly tested each of us differently, we are so proud of how hard everyone has worked doing the best they can in these circumstances! For those moving on from Greystone, it has been a pleasure teaching you & we wish you all the very best. For those who will be joining us in LC8 next year, we are so excited to keep on this learning journey with you! To everyone, please enjoy a well deserved, safe, summer holiday!!

~ Mrs. Boyd-Boudriau, Mrs. Culley & Mrs. Brake

~ Mrs. Lang, Ms. Perras, Mr. Stelmaschuk & Mrs. Kennedy



# MUSIC MESSAGE FROM MRS. PUTT



Hello, This year was full of wonderful performances and lots of music making.

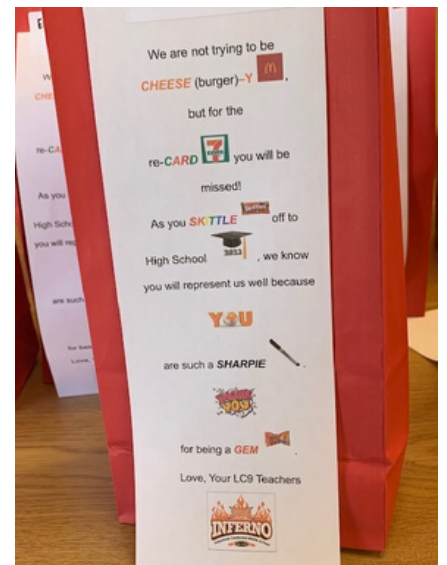
The Grade 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to develop skills on multiple instruments, while learning about music reading and listening. Many of our students did a wonderful job performing at this year's Snowed In concert, showcasing their singing and instrumental performance skills. Our choir had the opportunity to learn many selections from around the world, while singing in multiple languages. They also performed at multiple events within and outside the school. This year our choir gave a beautiful performance and Remembrance Day, Snowed In, and enjoyed the fun opportunity of singing Oh Canada at an Oil Kings hockey game. Although we did not get to sing at the Leduc Music Festival this year, the students were very well prepared and learned some beautiful music in its anticipation. Hopefully, we will be able to participate in this exciting competition next year.

As we quickly moved to online learning, I was so proud of the number of students that continued to participate and keep music as a part of their educational learning. I was so impressed by the multiple performances, emails, gmeets, and responses to assignments I received. The passion that our Greystone students brought to their online education was inspiring.

I wish you all the best as we go into the summer months. Take care, and stay safe. Hopefully I will see you all in September.



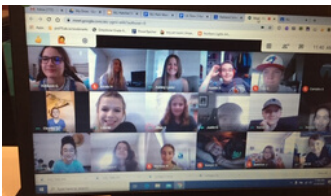
# GOODBYE LC 9!



# HAVE A GREAT SUMMER LC 8

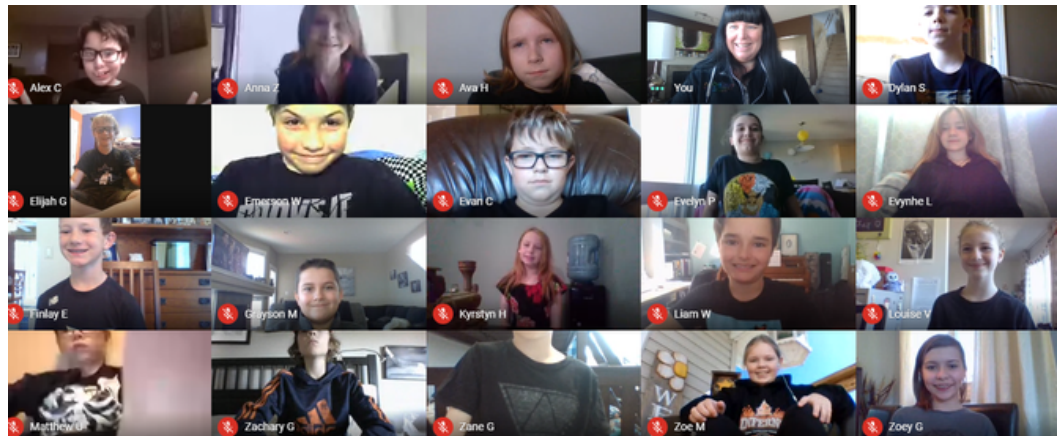


# WE'LL MISS YOU LC 6



## FAREWELL TO LC 5

Oh the places we have been! We have seen each other's kitchens, backyards, and family rooms. We have met each other's families, pets, and even more pets! Have you ever noticed that your cat doesn't want to spend any time with you until you are in the middle of your class google meet??? Then your cat wants the camera solely on them! We have had "theme days," nature walks, and a lot of laughs over the past 3 months. These grade 5 students entered Greystone for the first time in the fall and now they are finishing grade 5 at home but having learned a great deal. I am incredibly proud of the work they have done and even more proud of how they have reached out to each other and always been a friend to their classmates. Well done grade 5's! Can't wait to see you all in grade 6.



# GREYSTONE FOODIES

## GCMS Foods Option

Our students in Grades 7 and 9 who took part in the Greystone Foods Option learned some new technique and made tasty treats!

They prepared a turkey dinner for some very important guests in November. They also fed the staff an incredible meal in February.

Normally our "Greystone Foodies Unite Cookbook" would be printed, but this year we're doing things a bit differently. Everyone gets to enjoy this collection of tasty recipes; maybe you'll find your family's next favourite meal inside! Get the cookbook here: <https://bit.ly/3evZjji>

Thanks to our students who took part in our Foods CTF course this year, the incredibly talented and patient Mrs Kennedy and Mrs. Putt, Mrs. Lang and Miss Archer for all of their help this year.



## Jumpstart Bon départ

# CANADIAN TIRE JUMPSTART

Jumpstart has reopened the Individual Child Grant application as of June 18, providing financial support to Canadian families looking to safely re-engage in sport and recreation programming..

Jumpstart has made some process changes and updates to its' program:

- Expanded Eligibility - Jumpstart has expanded our eligibility requirements to allow families who receive the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) to apply for funding.
- Proof of Financial Need Documentation - Jumpstart has expanded the list of eligible proof of financial need documentation to include the Canadian Child Benefit (CCB) Statement and proof of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).
- Application Review - All applications will be reviewed by Jumpstart to confirm that the sport/activity has been cleared to resume by regional health authorities and the service provider (payee) is operating. Please allow for additional time for review of all applications and please do not share approval until confirmed by Jumpstart.
- Online Program Funding - Jumpstart will continue to support registration fees for in-person sport and recreation programs in locations where governments, and public health authorities have deemed it safe to do so. However, at this time, Jumpstart is unable to support online-delivered sport or recreation program registration fees.

Apply [here for individual Jumpstart Funding](#)  
Visit the [Play from Home Hub](#)



# SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES



**Health Link**  
**Phone:** 811

## Crisis Hotlines

Most of these services are available 24/7 to both families and individuals in need. Click on the name of each service to learn more about it. Always call 9-1-1 if someone is in immediate danger.

### Mental Health Help Line (24/7)

This help line provides toll-free, 24/7 confidential and anonymous telephone service for Albertans with mental health concerns. Callers can get information about mental health programs and services, and be referred to other agencies if necessary.

**Phone:** 1-877-303-2642



## COVID-19 Support

The following resources have been developed specifically to help those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Always call 9-1-1 if someone is in immediate danger.

### Text4Hope

Text4Hope is a free Alberta-based service providing three months of daily Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)-based text messages written by mental health therapists. This evidence-based tool helps people identify and adjust the negative thoughts, feelings and behaviours a pandemic might be expected to provoke.

**Text:** COVID19HOPE to 393939



### Kids Help Phone (24/7)

Kids Help Phone is Canada's only 24/7, national support service. They offer professional and confidential counselling, information and referrals, and volunteer-led, text-based support to young people. You can connect with them by phone, text or live chat, whenever you want, however you want.

**Phone:** 1-800-668-6868T

**Text:** Text CONNECT to 686868

**Live Chat:** kidshelpphone.ca

### Provincial Support Line

Provides referrals to community and government support as well as social services

**Phone:** 211

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Greystone School  
<https://www.facebook.com/GCMSGCMS>

# TRI-REGION YOUTH AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Parkland School Division is working with our amazing community partners to support families struggling with food security during the current COVID-19 period. Children, youth and families can receive support through local supports that are working together to ensure children and youth have food security while school buildings are not open:

## Parkland Food Bank

Parkland Food Bank assists with monthly food hampers. Call 780-962-4565 for intake and pickup appointments. Existing clients can register online at <https://parklandfoodbank.org/need-help/>

## Auggies Cafe

Auggies Café assists with lunches on Tuesday and Friday through a brown bag lunch program. Call 587.879.6154 to register and arrange pickup/delivery. Apply online [www.auggiescafe.org](http://www.auggiescafe.org)

## NeighbourLink Parkland

NeighbourLink assists with greater emergency or crisis needs for food and delivery services. Call 780-960-9669.

*This funding has been generously provided by the Alberta Government School Nutrition Program and the Alberta Healthy Schools Wellness Fund.*

**Please Note:** Every individual's information will be handled according to privacy laws. Only authorized staff and volunteers have access to client information, based only on their need to deal with the information for the reason it was obtained. Safeguards are in place to ensure that the information is not disclosed or shared more widely than is necessary to achieve the purpose of providing food security. All staff and volunteers at these organizations have signed confidentiality agreements to keep all information about children, youth, and families confidential.



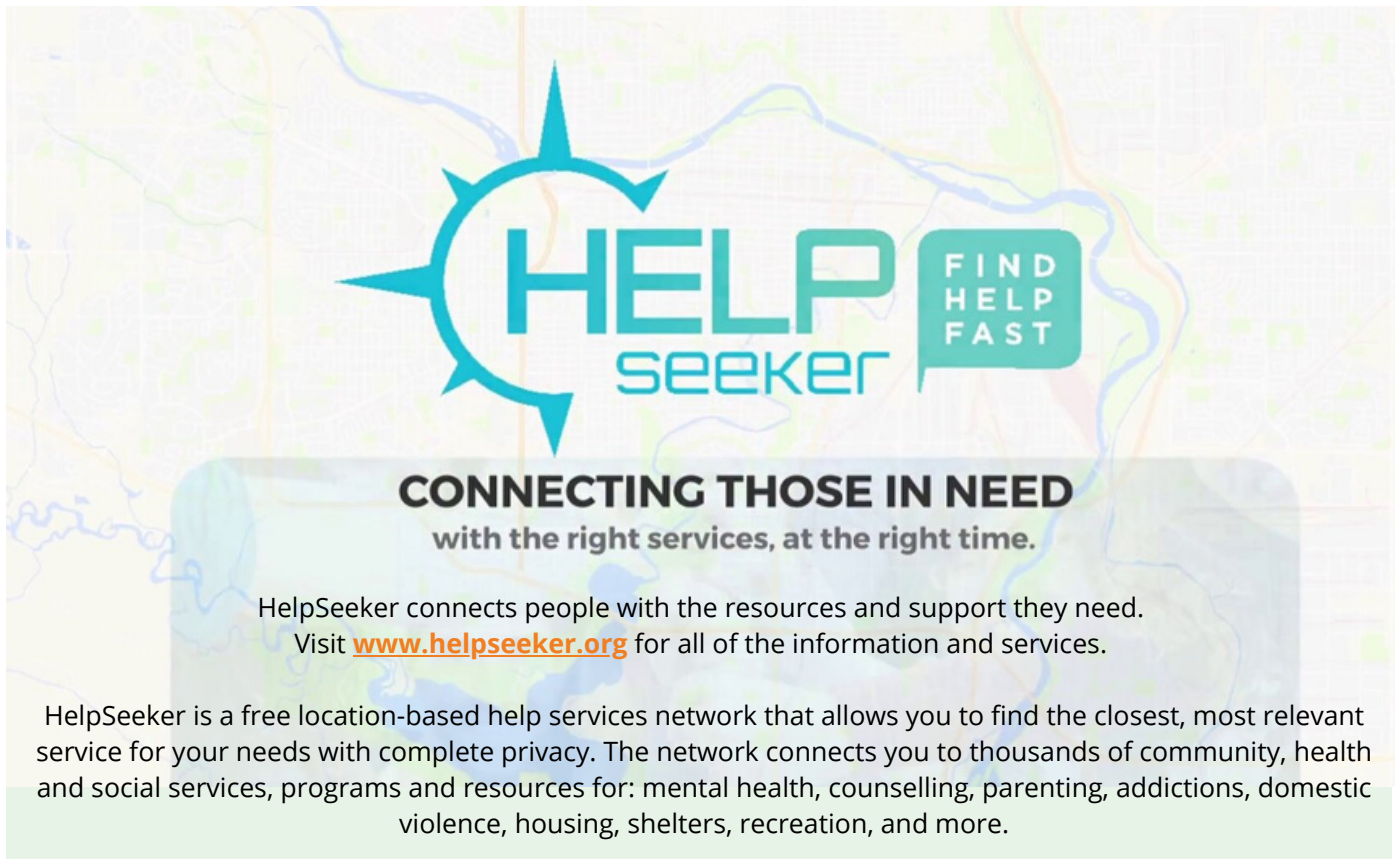
## Boys and Girls Clubs

Summer Camp registration is open for in-person and virtual summer camps! There are some differences, and camps will adhere to AHS guidelines. Follow this [link](#) to register

## Tri-Leisure Centre "Motivation to Move" (ages 6-11)

After being stuck in the house we have more reason than ever to get out and get active. Join us as we motivate your kids to discover play, movement, and creativity. Whether we are making crafts, playing games, or spending time outside, this week will offer a little bit of everything to keep your kids motivated and moving. Register [here](#)

## MORE SUPPORT RESOURCES



**HELP seeker** FIND HELP FAST

**CONNECTING THOSE IN NEED**  
with the right services, at the right time.

HelpSeeker connects people with the resources and support they need.  
Visit [www.helpseeker.org](http://www.helpseeker.org) for all of the information and services.

HelpSeeker is a free location-based help services network that allows you to find the closest, most relevant service for your needs with complete privacy. The network connects you to thousands of community, health and social services, programs and resources for: mental health, counselling, parenting, addictions, domestic violence, housing, shelters, recreation, and more.

### Caring Hearts Connection

Caring Hearts Connectors is a safety net for residents of Stony Plain and Parkland County to connect to supports during times of crisis.

Services will include: fielding calls from residents in need, providing registration of residents at risk of needing support, follow up on isolated residents, general inquiries about local resources.

Working with community supports and local organization, we can ensure that all residents are supported.

Connect to Stony Plain FCSS at 780-963-8583 or [pfcss@stonyplain.com](mailto:pfcss@stonyplain.com)



### Community Compass

visit the Parkland Community Compass for information on programs, activities and supports available in the Parkland County, Stony Plain and Spruce Grove Region. There are some amazing videos and stories shared here as well!

<https://www.facebook.com/TheCommunityCompass/>

# HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

**Thank you to our students, families and community for a great, if unusual 2019-2020 school year. It has certainly ended in a way that none of us would have expected.**

**We are grateful to have been a part of your children's learning journey, and we are thankful for all of your support this year. We know it has been difficult at times to keep engaged and to keep learning. Thank you for sharing your children with us.**

**Enjoy a summer full of laughter and memories! We will see you back at GCMS on August 31, 2020!**

**Stay safe!**

***Share your Summer Memories with us!***  
***#GCMSSummer2020***