

DIVISIONAL AND SCHOOL PRIORITIES

Trauma Assumed Practice and First Four Weeks of School

Further to our February 2nd PD that explored a school-wide trauma assumed approach, staff engaged in learning on April 14th around the importance of establishing common routines and practices to support students' first 4 weeks of school. This learning will continue on the May 3rd PD. Staff will engage in a half day of learning, exploring how to set up the first day and subsequent 4 weeks in a way that promotes students safety and well being as well as establishing common student expectations. In the afternoon, teachers will use this new knowledge to work with their partner teachers to start planning for the students they will be welcoming in September. This work aligns with our school goal to reduce student reported feelings of anxiety and depression. It also aligns with our work towards fostering inclusive classrooms and teaching practices that respond to the diversity within our classroom communities.

Literacy

We have teamed up with the divisional School and Classroom Support Team to support literacy, both in French and in English, at EGM. After reviewing our school wide assessment data, we have identified small groups of students requiring short term literacy intervention in a small group setting. This intervention will begin shortly. Our ELA teachers have recently completed 4 days of literacy training to support classroom-based interventions for all students.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

The grade 6, ,7 and 8 girls ringette tournament will be held April 22-28.

Grade 7 and 8 badminton has begun.

The next grade 7 and 8 sports will be track and field.

TRANSITION TO 2024/25

- École George McDowell Open House will be held on April 17th at 7pm.
- Staff have begun sharing information for transition purposes to inform class placements.
- Class configurations for next year are as follows:
 - 4 grade 6 classes
 - 6 grade 7 classes
 - 4 grade 8 classes

** There will be no grade 7/8 combined classes next year.

GRADE LEVEL/SCHOOL OUTINGS

- The grade 8 students will be going to Camp Stephens (Lake of the Woods) June 19-21. There will be a parent info night on April 4th at 6pm in the school library.
- The grade 6 students will be going to Camp Manitou for the day on June 10th.