

January 27, 2017

Calendar of Events

January

Jan. 31 – Report Cards go home

February

Feb. 06 – PTO Meeting 3:15 in Media Center

Feb. 06 – **Firehouse Subs Spirit Night**

Feb. 06-10 – School Counselor week

Feb. 13 – Work Day – No School

Feb. 13 – Blood Drive

Feb. 14-17 – Share the Love Week

Feb. 16 – Doughnut sale begins

Feb. 17 – **Box Top Contest deadline**

Feb. 24 – Bingo Night

**GPS Spirit Night Out at Firehouse Subs in Elizabeth City will be Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm. Fliers will be send home next Friday for this event.**

**PARENTS:** There are still several families that have not returned or purchased Fall picture packages. **Please do so NOW**, the due date was November 1, 2016. Journey packages were distributed this week to families that have returned or purchased Fall pictures only. The due date for Journey packages will be February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Thank you.



Our next Box Tops Contest will end on **Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please send in all of your valid Box Tops to your child's teacher by this date. Place your child's teacher name on the bag of Box Tops so that classroom will get credit for the ones you send in with your child. The classroom in each grade level will receive a treat party for their efforts. The GPS PTO thanks you.

**B  
E  
A  
R  
  
T  
R  
A  
C  
K  
S**

**Details to schedule an appointment are on the back!**

**Grandy Primary School**  
Phone 252-331-4838  
Fax 252-338-5449

At Grandy Primary School our students will develop a love for learning, build a solid academic foundation, and prepare for the future.



A big thank you goes out to everyone who donated food items for the Food Drive. The students enjoyed adding items to the Food Train each day to see how far it would go.

**2016-2017 GPS PTO Officers**

Candice Beckner – President    Lindsey Fisher – Vice-President    Karin Cummings – Secretary  
Melissa Perez – Treasurer    Alison Harris – Fundraising Coordinator

Use [gpspto@yahoo.com](mailto:gpspto@yahoo.com) for comments, questions, suggestions, or for Bear Tracks news. Also view Bear Tracks on the GPS website. Check us out on our GPS PTO Facebook page.



Another reminder that the GPS PTO along with the CIS PTO will be sponsoring the Share the Love Week during the week of February 13<sup>th</sup>. We will recognize bus drivers from both schools along with the cafeteria workers and custodians during that week. To help us with sharing the love, we are asking parents to donate any of the following items to assist the bus drivers in keeping their bus clean and our students healthy: **disinfectant wipes, boxes of tissues, rolls of paper towels, and bottles of hand sanitizer.** Please send in as many of these items as you can to your child's teacher by Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be making a bag of love from these items for each bus driver and the items will be distributed evenly among all of our bus drivers. The PTO thanks you for your continued support of our events and our school.



**The GPS PTO needs you!!** Election for the officers for the GPS PTO for next school year (2017-2108) will be at the regular PTO meeting in April. All PTO positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) are needed. The term for the positions is July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Parents are needed to join the team and fill these positions so this organization can function efficiently and support our students, staff, and school. If you are interested or know of someone who would be, please contact the PTO via email or you can call the school and leave your name and phone number. Thank you.



The American Red Cross Blood Drive in honor of Kaylee Rios and Cayla Williams (two students at GPS) is scheduled at Grandy Primary School for Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm. To schedule an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code **Grandy**. Or you can call Candice Beckner, GPS School Nurse, at (252) 331-3848. Please give the gift of life!! Thanks for your support of this great cause.

**SAFETY  
MATTERS**

Just a reminder that all visitors and volunteers must check in at the front office to receive a pass even after being buzzed in the front door. Students will not be released to parents after 2:30 pm unless there are extreme emergencies. Students picked up before school is out may miss valuable classroom instruction. We appreciate your cooperation.

Also, please be sure you get in the proper lane of traffic in the afternoon to pick up your child for the safety of everyone. Right line of traffic is for first and third grade students and the left line of traffic is for Kindergarten and second grade students. For pickups at both doors, please get in the right line of traffic first for the pickup at the cafeteria door and then pull up to the lobby door. A staff member is out there to help guide you through the traffic.



Mr. Lazar would like to thank all the staff for their continued support of assisting the students in the mornings getting out of their car. The staff is out there in all kinds of weather and he really appreciates them.