



March 9th, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:



The staff of Gill Elementary would like to extend a huge thank you to the parents of Gill Elementary PAC for the wonderful spread of food, the cards, and the Spring flowers given to us on Friday, February 24th. Your gesture of kindness was very thoughtful.

Thanks to your support, Gill Elementary students raised \$1,864.39 for the Variety Club Telethon! The boys shocked everyone (***ESPECIALLY*** Mrs. Kruks!) by bringing in a **LOAD** of money the final day of the "Pie in the Face" contest. Sadly for her, Mrs. Kruks was the recipient of one delicious coconut cream pie (donated by Erica Senger) thrown smack dab into the middle of her face!! Fun was had by all and it was for a great cause. Thank you for making our Coin Drive a success.

**Student Drop Off**

Parents are reminded to drop their children off in front of the gymnasium. Please **DO NOT STOP** in the bus lanes as it impedes the flow of traffic and causes a safety issue. In addition, some parents are parking in the staff parking and children are running across the parking lot to go to school. As this is very dangerous, please drop children off in front of the gym.

**Report Cards**

Students will be bringing home report cards this week. Please be sure to return the envelope as soon as possible.

**Reading Tip:**

Improving student reading skills continues to be one of our school goals. We encourage families to read a favourite novel or picture books over Spring Break. When your child reads, remember to ask questions by using the "5 Ws" of **who, what, why, when, where** or ask your child to retell the story to you in his/her own words, or ask questions to get at underlying messages, when possible.

**Rollerblading - March 13<sup>th</sup> (this Friday)**

As a special treat our Grade 1 - 5 classes will be going rollerblading this Friday. Skates will be provided for all students who do not have their own.

: (For safety reasons helmets are mandatory, and must be worn if students wish to participate.)



<b>Group 1</b> <b>9:15 - 10:15</b>	Mrs. Clark - Gr. 1/2, Mrs. Wetmore - Gr. 3, Mr. Chase - Gr. 5, Mrs. Berlinski, Gr.4, Mrs. Coleman - Gr.1
<b>Group 2</b> <b>10:30 - 11:30</b>	Ms. Hutchison - Gr. 1, Ms. Pozzebon - Gr. 2, Ms. Dievert - Gr. 3, Mr. Robinson - Gr. 5

### Jump Rope for Heart - April 17th

Gill students will again be skipping as a means of supporting the Heart & Stroke Foundation in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Jump Rope for Heart Program.

This year, students will not be involved in the canvassing and sponsorship type of fund raising. Instead they will simply be asked to make an individual contribution. Thank you for your support!



### Choir Festival

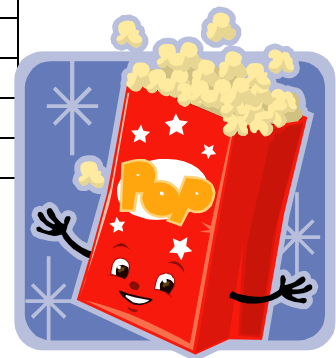
On Thursday, April 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. choir members will be taken by school bus to ADSS auditorium to rehearse. The evening concert starts at 7:00 pm at ADSS. Students must arrive by 6:45 pm, and the concert will be finished by approximately 8:15 pm. Admission is by donation.



We are looking forward to listening to the choir perform once again! Hope to see you there!

### Upcoming Events

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March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Girls Floor Hockey Tournament (Glenwood)
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Boys Floor Hockey Tournament (Glenwood)
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 1-5 Rollerblading Popcorn Day
March 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Backwards Day PAC Meeting 1:00 p.m.
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Choir Fest
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jump Rope 1:00 – 2:45 p.m.
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pro Day
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Potlatch 10:00 – 2:15 p.m.



**Have a safe and wonderful Spring Break!!!!**

Mrs. Kruks  
Vice Principal

Mr. Olson  
Principal

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### NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP

Please return this slip for a chance to win a book prize for your child(ren).

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Parent's name

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Student(s) name