



Wetaskiwin Regional Public School Division
Griffiths-Scott School
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"A Journey of Learning"



November, 2021

Mission

To provide a creative and caring environment in which each student achieves optimal learning.

Vision

Together we embrace UNESCO values and learn in respectful, positive ways.

Values

Honesty

Integrity

Respect

Reason

Responsibility

Motto

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November has arrived. Every day in November with sunshine and without snow is a gift!

Thank you to our families who donated to the Annual GSS Terry Fox Run. We collected \$285.55 which will go toward cancer research.

We would also like to thank Cargill who recently donated \$1500 in gift cards to GSS. The gift cards will be used to support three projects. Cargill first contacted us back in 2019-20 (pre-Covid) and were going to support our UNESCO project of that year which was raising funds to plant trees in Millet. That project was finally completed in June 2021 when Ms. Nicol's class planted trees along Highway 616, with our Town of Millet partners. We will be placing a plaque at that site which our new Cargill grant will be used for. Any extra funds will be used to support this year's UNESCO project. The Cargill grant will also support our current PAC project of the outdoor classroom area which is projected to be completed in the spring of 2022. Lastly, some of the Cargill grant will help to fund our Food for Students account. Those dollars help to supplement our Nutrition program if needed. We are so grateful for the support of our community partners!

The month of November always provides us with opportunities to connect with another one of our community partners, the Millet Legion. We use the month of November to help our Griffins learn about the importance of Remembrance Day and the act of Remembrance. Throughout the month teachers may have their students participate in the annual Legion poster and literary contests. Some classes may be writing Postcards for Peace or making Christmas cards to send to current members serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. Our grade 8 class will be joining the Millet Legion at the cemetery on November 8 to participate in the No Stone Left Alone project. Thank you to Steve and Tracey Bredlow for donating the bus to take our students

to the cemetery on that day! On November 10, we will have our annual GS Remembrance Day ceremony. Due to Covid restrictions we will not be having a whole school assembly but we will still observe the act of Remembrance with music and a minute of silence through our PA system. As a UNESCO school we want to ensure that our students understand how fortunate we are to live in Canada and the importance of Canada's role in past wars and current peacekeeping operations. Take time to remember.

November 5 is the last day of Quarter 1. Thank you to those parents who have participated in the Quarter 1 parent phone call conferences. We are not sending home printed report cards this year. You can check your student's academic progress regularly through your Parent Portal in PowerSchool. By the end of the day on Monday, November 8, you will see an online quarter 1 summary of your child's progress in the Parent Portal. Please review the letter that is attached to the email for more information about assessment and reporting of your child's learning. Quarter 2 starts on Monday, November 8.

Now is the time to make sure that your child (K - 8) has winter boots and winter gear because all students go outside for recess every day! Students cannot wear wet outdoor footwear into the building. It is a safety hazard as our cement floors are very slippery. Wet shoes also track in grass and dirt which creates extra work for our custodians who are already very busy with their duties to keep our school clean and healthy. **All students (K - 8) need to remove their wet shoes / boots when they enter the school and require a pair of indoor shoes.** NOTE: As of Tuesday, Nov. 2, the grade 8 students will be entering and exiting the school through the Art Room Door. They will be leaving their outdoor boots / shoes on the mats in the Art Room.

Thank you to parents and guardians for your daily use of the AHS [COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) before your children leave for school each day. Please note that pages 3 and 4 of this link are for children under the age of 18. Thank you also to families for using the [SafeArrival to Report Absences](#) . If you haven't done so yet, please follow the easy process of signing up for SafeArrival as outlined [here](#). This is a very effective and consistent way to communicate your child's absences from school.

All staff and students in grades 4 - 8 are required to wear masks in common areas of the school. Please help your child remember to bring a mask from home each day. We have a few students who are using up several of our disposable masks (provided by the school division) every day. If you are unable to provide a non-disposable mask for your child please let the office know and we can help out. **The mandatory mask usage is a directive from the government of Alberta and is in effect until further notice.**

Students and staff are to stay home when sick. Parents/guardians play an essential role as you support actions in the home such as keeping children/students home when sick. If your child develops symptoms at school we will contact you to pick them up. They should not return to school until they are feeling well.

Thank you to our Helpers at GS Society (HAGSS) for organizing a fundraiser for the month of November. **You can shop online (just in time for Christmas) at the Christmas Vendor Event from November 1 - 30.** It is divided into two parts so please check out the letter attached to the email for more information. Thank you for your support! All funds raised will go toward the Outdoor Classroom project that will be completed in the spring of 2022.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/706113856709591>

Our next Parent Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on November 25 at 7:00 p.m. It will be an online meeting. All parents and guardians are welcome to become involved with our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and our fundraising society, Helpers at Griffiths Scott School (HAGSS). Please email me if you wish to participate in the November meeting. The Zoom link will be shared with you on the day of the meeting. Congratulations to Kathryn Weremey who was recently elected as the Trustee for our area!

Thank you for your support of your child's education. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Mrs. Coleman

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