



**Griffiths-Scott School**  
**"A Journey of Learning"**  
**October 2020**



**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**

THANK YOU! The Griffiths-Scott School staff want to express our gratitude to all of our Griffins and their families for a great first month of school! Thanksgiving is coming up and we have so much to be thankful for. Our students are engaged in their learning and following all of our new routines and protocols. The weather has cooperated and we've enjoyed as much fresh air and outside time as possible. The students have been awesome at being active and finding creative ways to have fun with their classmates at recess!

Thank you to all of our parents for your understanding and care in following the new protocols when students are sick at school or develop symptoms at home. We know this has been and will continue to be disruptive to your child's attendance at school. However, it doesn't have to be disruptive to your child's learning. When students miss one day of school, homework might not be sent home and their teacher will help them get caught up on missed work. If students miss two days or more of school, teachers will inform students and parents of work that can be completed at home. We are trying to decrease the amount of paper items that are sent home and returned to school. So your child's homework may include online resources that your child can access at home, it might be scanned and emailed, or be posted in Google Classroom when all teachers have those set up. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Thank you to all parents for completing the **COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire** at <https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/edc-covid-19-screening-questionnaire-english.pdf> each day with your children before they leave for school or get on the bus. If your child is experiencing symptoms in the morning please keep them home for the entire day.

The following document called Responding to Symptoms at <https://www.wrps11.ca/download/303327> will be very helpful in determining the steps you need to take if your child develops symptoms at home or at school. This chart is also posted on our Griffiths-Scott School website along with other AHS and WRPS Covid-19 information.

Even though we are separated into individual classes all day we are still planning some school wide fun activities to unite us as Griffins. We would like to thank our staff members for organizing some Griffin Pride activities to enhance our days at school. On September 29th, all of our classes spread out and gathered outside in the back field in their separate locations to celebrate Orange Shirt Day. Our next school wide event is Western Day on Friday, October 16. More information on Western Day and Halloween celebrations will follow later this month.

We had a very well organized Picture Day this week with our new photographers from edge imaging. You will receive a proof picture in about a week or so. The proofs will be sent home with your children when they arrive at school. Then you will do all orders online and nothing is returned to school. If you are not satisfied with your child's proof, they can have a retake on Wednesday, October 21. If your child requires a re-take please return the proof to school with your child. They will need to give it to the photographer on retake day.

For the safety of students and staff, parents, visitors and other service providers should only enter the school if absolutely necessary. If you need to drop something off please contact the office. We have a bin outside where items can be placed or an office staff member will meet you outside. All visitors including parents must make an appointment before coming into the school. All visitors who have an appointment must wear a mask and complete the self-screening tool before they enter the school.

Last month all parents received an email from Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools (WRPS) about setting up your Parent Portal in PowerSchool. PowerSchool is our student information system and reporting system for student learning. **This year the student Technology responsible use form and our parent permission form for in town walking field trips are located in the Parent Portal. Please complete the following steps on our GSS School Website at <https://www.griffithsscott.ca/>.**

- 1) **Click on PowerSchool Parent Student Login (located on the right side of your screen).**
- 2) **Click on the tab for School Fees and Forms on the left hand side of the screen.**
- 3) **Click on your child's name.**
- 4) **Click on Walking Field Trip Form.**
- 5) **Complete it and click on Add To Cart.**
- 6) **Click on Technology Form.**
- 7) **Complete it and click on Add to Cart.**
- 8) **Complete each form for each one of your children who attend GSS.**

**NOTE:** You can contact the school office to get your child's Access ID and Access Password to set up your account if you have not already done so. **Please complete the forms online by Thursday, October 8.** Contact the school office if you have questions.

We are happy to announce that the Nutrition Program is now in place at GSS. If your child requires breakfast or lunch on a regular basis they have access to that each day. We also have individually packaged items if your child requires a healthy item to supplement their lunch once in a while. All safe food procedures are being followed and food distribution is done by a staff member. It is not self-serve for the students. Please contact Mrs. Coleman if you have any questions.

Our Parent Advisory Committee annual meeting is on October 15 at 7:00 p.m. The link will be shared with all parents prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcome to become involved with our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and our fundraising society, Helpers at Griffiths Scott School (HAGSS). It has been a great start and we are looking forward to continuing our Journey of Learning with parents and families as our partners! Please contact the school by phone (780-387-4101), text or call at (780-216-1474), or email.

Enjoy this beautiful sunshine and we wish everyone an early Happy Thanksgiving!

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