



**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

<b>Honesty</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Integrity</b>	<b>Respect</b>
		<b>Responsibility</b>	

Welcome to November! Our school year continues and everyone is adjusting to the protocols and guidelines that are in place.

Thank you to all parents for completing the **COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire** at home each day before your child leaves for school. NOTE: There is a new screening questionnaire and it has directions for you to follow if your child has symptoms. [COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist - updated October 2020](#) You also received a letter from AHS that was sent to you from WRPS yesterday with further information.

Thank you also to the parents who signed up and participated in our **Term One phone call conferences**. Due to Covid-19 we are unable to have our parent conferences in person. However, all GSS teachers organized phone call conferences to discuss your child’s learning with you. **The conferences were scheduled to take place between October 13 and November 12.** If you haven’t booked your conference with your child’s teacher yet please contact them to arrange a time. Communication between home and school is key to student learning success.

Understanding your child’s learning is much more than seeing your students’ marks in PowerSchool or their report cards that go home three times a year. **Student learning is linked to regular ongoing assessment that happens many times a day, every day in a classroom.** Teachers use a variety of formats for assessment including quick checks as students leave the classroom, questions, assignments, projects, class discussions, and one to one conversations with students as well as quizzes and tests. As teachers gather information about their students’ learning, they plan lessons and interventions to meet students’ needs every day. You can gather more information about your child’s learning through the Term One phone call conferences, regular communication with your child’s teacher and **accessing your child’s marks through PowerSchool** at <https://wrps11.powerschool.com/public/home.html> on our GSS website. Your child’s Term One report card will be sent home on November 27th.

If your child has an Individualized Program Plan (IPP), they were sent home with elementary students last week. The IPP's for junior high students are being sent home with students today. These IPP's are another way for you to gain an understanding of your child's learning.

We will not be having a Remembrance Day assembly this year due to Covid. However, our students will be participating in a variety of learning experiences related to the importance of Remembrance Day throughout the month of November. We will also be marking the act of Remembrance at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10 with the Last Post, 1 minute of silence and Reveille, over the intercom. Some of our grade 8 students will be working with the Legion members for the No Stone Left Alone project. Thank you to the Millet Legion for their partnership with our school!

Griffin School Clothing is back! Go to <https://griffiths-scott-school.myshopify.com/> to order. **The online order is open until November 26th.** Check out the custom Griffins masks and other items. Griffin Pride is alive!

**Our Tech user agreement forms for students and the Walking Field Trip forms are overdue.** These forms are located in your Parent Portal Account at the link on our GSS website at <https://wrps11.powerschool.com/public/home.html> Thank you to those parents who have set up their accounts and completed the online forms. **We are not sending paper copies of these forms home, so your only way to complete them is online. If these forms are not complete, your child will not be able to participate in these class activities.**

If you have set up your account follow these steps to complete the forms.

- 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.**
- 9) **Once forms are complete and in the Cart, go to the Checkout to finalize and submit.**

**If you have not set up your account please contact the school office to get your username and password. We can also provide you with further information about how to set up your account. We can even set up your account for you! Just give us a call.**

**School Photos** If you ordered your child's school photo prior to October 22, the photos will be sent to the school and then we'll send them home with your child. For those students who had retakes, your child will bring home a proof and there will be an order date. We have not received the retake proofs yet.

**If you did not order your child's photos before Oct. 22, you can still order.** On your child's proof there is a QR code that you can scan with your phone and that will take you to the site to order your child's photos. You can also go to <https://online2.edgeimaging.ca/> to order. You will need the portrait code and passcode that are located on your child's proof. These orders will be sent directly to your address.

We are enjoying this beautiful weather for these few days but we know what is just around the corner! **All students from K - 8 are outside every day for every recess and they all need to be prepared for the weather.** That includes a jacket that is suitable for the outdoor temperature / wind and outdoor footwear. When the cold weather and snow return students will need to Take Five for Recess which means wearing these five items: a warm jacket, mittens, a toque / hood, snow pants and winter boots. **All students (K - 8) are required to have appropriate indoor and outdoor footwear at school every day.**

Please note 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 next Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting will be a Zoom meeting on November 26th at 7:00 p.m.** 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 if you would like to have the Zoom link to participate in the meeting.

Stay healthy, stay safe and stay warm! Please contact us if you have any questions.

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