



Griffiths-Scott School
"A Journey of Learning"
January 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.

	<u>Values</u>	
Honesty	Integrity	Respect
Reason	Responsibility	

2021 has arrived, Happy New Year! Once again our hallways and classrooms are quiet but we were happy to see so many students online this morning. We are looking forward to having everyone back in person next Monday, January 11.

Thank you to our Griffin families for your incredible support of our Christmas Giving project last month. We had overflowing bins of food and toys for the Millet Food Bank and the Millet Lions' Club. We would also like to thank the GSS Parent Advisory Committee for providing individually packaged cookies and milk for our students. The cookies and milk were a delicious snack on our Movie Afternoon. Our Christmas activities were different this year but our students enjoyed them!

The month of January is always a good month for learning, even if we start online this year. The students are well settled into their classrooms and have completed one term of learning with their teacher. Now we are well into Term two and the learning journey continues. Thank you to our teachers for their hard work in preparing learning packages that were sent home with all of our students in K - 6 before Christmas. Their careful planning and preparation of learning materials will make this week of online learning a success. I attended meets in all classes today from grades K - 8 and we had great attendance! Students were happy to see their teachers and were engaged in their learning. We understand that attending online meets may be difficult for some families but thank you to everyone who is able to make it work. We also know that there may be some technical difficulties as the entire province is learning online this week. If your child is unable to attend the online meets, they still have their paper learning package to complete this week. Please contact your teacher or the school if you have any questions.

Your child's learning happens in many different ways throughout the school year. Teachers regularly gather information about their students' learning through a variety of assessment tools. Assessment is much more than tests and quizzes at report card times! Teachers may listen to your child read, review their math work, have a conversation about a

science project, or observe students working together on an assignment to get more information about their learning. This information helps teachers understand their students' learning and plan further lessons to continue the learning process. Please see the [GSS Assessment Handbook](#) that is attached to today's email for more information about our assessment practices at GSS.

We are certainly enjoying some beautiful January weather! We hope that our Griffins get some outdoor breaks at home this week. When we are all back in school our regular recess breaks outside will continue for all students in K - 8. Just a reminder that students need to be dressed appropriately for the weather. In K - 6 all students will require the 5 essential pieces of winter gear for every recess, every day! That includes a winter coat, winter boots, a toque / hood, mittens / gloves and ski pants. Our grades 7 and 8 students will require a winter coat and boots along with all accessories needed to stay warm. It's very important for students to get plenty of fresh air throughout the day and they need to be dressed so they can be active and enjoy their outside time. When students are dressed in winter gear, they keep our school cleaner and safer for everyone. Our custodians are very busy and we don't want to create extra work for them.

Our next Parent Advisory Committee meeting will be on Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. This will be an online meeting. Please email me to let me know if you want the link to attend the meeting. All parents / guardians are welcome to attend!

Thank you to everyone for their continued support of our school. We are so fortunate to work with our Griffins! Please contact the school if you have any questions.

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