



Griffiths-Scott School
"A Journey of Learning"
February 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

We have had some recent reminders about winter with the cold weather last week so it is nice to see a bright sunny day as February begins.

Throughout the month of February there are special days to remind us about treating others with kindness and respect. At GSS, our younger students share Valentines with their classmates and later in the month we honour Pink Shirt Day. However, our school vision and values (listed above) are part of every day of the entire year. They are not just words, they are the basis of everything we do as Griffins every day. As a UNESCO school, we help our students understand the privilege of flying the light blue flag outside of our school, and what it means to live our values, not just say them. This understanding starts when we greet our students each day, continues in daily classroom lessons and is highlighted during school wide activities throughout the entire school year. Fair play and sportsmanship is focused on in Phys. Ed. classes and while playing with others at recess. We learn about getting along with others in school, and how we can make a positive difference in our community, as a Canadian, and as a global citizen.

Even in this year of separation due to Covid, we have found ways to connect as Griffins and ways to make a difference beyond our school walls. In November our students made Christmas cards which were sent to members of the Canadian Armed Forces who are serving abroad. In December more handmade cards and positive messages were sent to seniors living in nearby care homes. We supported our local Millet Food Bank and Lions Club through our annual Christmas Giving Project. Last week our students wrote about their “dreams for the world” and added their “dream” to a shared bulletin board in our front foyer. This month we will be sharing some positive messages with the community of Millet. These are not just things we get our students to “do”. They are ways our students learn about kindness, respect and helping others while demonstrating our Griffin values each day at GSS and in the community.

Your child’s teacher will provide more information about Valentine’s Day in their classrooms which includes the Covid restrictions and protocols that will need to be in place.

Some classes may also be celebrating the 100 day of school this month. On Friday, February 12, the whole school will participate in “Read” and White Day. Students are welcome to wear “red and white” and we will be adding some extra reading into our regular school day. Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday, February 24th.

Our next Parent Advisory Committee meeting will be on Thursday, February 18 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 our families for your continued support of your children’s learning and our school. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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