



Griffiths-Scott School
"A Journey of Learning"
March 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

Almost one year ago, our world changed when schools were shut down in March 2020. In March 2021, we are happy to have students in our building each day and thank students, staff and families for their dedicated support in keeping everyone safe and healthy!

Parent involvement is an important factor in student learning. We know that so many things have changed but there are still meaningful ways for you to be involved in your child's learning.

- ★ Talk to your child about their learning each day. Ask specific questions such as, "What did you read about today?" "What did you write about?"
- ★ READ, READ, READ - Make time for reading every day in your home. Read with your child. Listen to them read. Ask them questions after they read. Talk about books.
- ★ Decrease your child's screen time. Less screen time is healthier and means more time for other things.
- ★ Engage your child in activities where they can apply their learning such as baking, simple science experiments, building, nature walks, crafts, music, writing letters, sewing, puzzles, and helping with daily chores. (Adding in reading and math to any of these activities will inform you of your child's skills.)
- ★ Let your child think and problem solve on their own for a bit when they encounter a challenge. Don't give them the answers right away. We learn when we think.
- ★ If your child is away from school for a few days, ensure that they complete the assignments provided by their teacher.
- ★ Check your child's Google Classroom.
- ★ Check your child's academic progress in PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Term Two report cards will go home on March 19. You will receive information from your child's teacher about parent conferences later this month.

We have a great group of parents who are very involved with our Parent Advisory Committee. Thank you for their dedication and support of all of our students' learning!

Our Helpers at Griffiths Scott Society (HAGSS) has planned an exciting fundraiser. **The Digital Farmers' Market will be on our school website during March 8 - 29.** You will be able to purchase a variety of items from local businesses and support GSS. Each vendor will be donating a percentage of their sales to our HAGSS. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of benches and tables for our outdoor classroom. Happy shopping!!

Our next PAC online Zoom meeting is on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend. Email Mrs. Coleman if you would like the meeting link which will be sent out on the day of the meeting. Check the March calendar for upcoming events at school. Spring Break starts on March 25 (for students) and our first day back is Tuesday, April 6.

Nominations for WRPS Trustee Election on October 18

The nomination period for the 2021 general election opened on January 1, 2021 and runs until NOON on nomination day, which is Monday, September 20, 2021. WRPS promotes and encourages its interested citizens to run for the office of elected school board trustee. The Division is committed to providing an environment that will give all candidates fair access to the electorate. For more information and for nomination forms, please refer to our Election [webpage](#).

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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