



Wetaskiwin Regional Public School Division
Griffiths-Scott School
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"A Journey of Learning"



Welcome to "A Journey of Learning" at Griffiths-Scott School for the 2021-22 school year! Welcome to all of our returning families and to our new families who have joined us. Welcome to our new staff members (Ms. Micklich and Mrs. Sendeki) and to all of our returning staff members. Our Griffins were excited to be back and we had a good first day!

Our Mission statement, Vision and Values are part of who we are at GSS. We work with our students to help them understand the meaning of these words and why they are important to us. Our values are much more than just "words on the wall". They are part of how we learn, play, behave and care for others in our classrooms, hallways and on the playground.

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

Reason

Integrity

Responsibility

Respect

Motto

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As a UNESCO school we engage our students in their learning of the curricular outcomes and we encourage them to learn about who they are as individuals, how they can contribute as a Griffin to our school, their community, and the global community. We ask students to consider how their words and actions impact themselves and those around them.

School starts at 8:35 and ends at 3:35. It is expected that all students be in their classroom at 8:35 because that's when teachers take attendance. Students who arrive after 8:35 are marked as Late. We have a new system in place called SafeArrival. Check this link for more information on how to use this system to report your child's late arrivals or absences from school. [SafeArrival to Report Absences](#) We encourage families to follow the easy process of signing up for SafeArrival as outlined [here](#). Starting **Wednesday, September 1, 2021**, please report absences in advance using **SafeArrival** instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the

school. Please let your child's teacher know if you are picking your child up before the end of the day.

Students may go home to eat with parent permission. Junior High students are not allowed to leave the school grounds at noon, unless they are going straight to and from their own home for lunch. All students must inform the office staff when they go home for lunch and when they return.

We are following the [2021-2022 WRPS School Year Plan](#) which was previously emailed to you. It's also located on our GSS website at [Griffiths-Scott School: Home](#).

Thank you to all parents for completing the [COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) each day with your children before they leave for school or get on the bus.

Students and staff are to stay home when sick. Parents/guardians play an essential role as you support actions in the home such as keeping children/students home when sick. If your child develops symptoms at school we will contact you to pick them up. They should not return to school until they are feeling well.

Our students are learning the importance of regular hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer which is provided by WRPS. Everyone must perform hand hygiene (hand sanitizer) when entering and exiting the school and classrooms. Hand hygiene is also required many times throughout the day. Please see the WRPS School year plan for more information.

Please note that the WRPS plan includes information about visitors entering the school.

- Parents and visitors are permitted to enter the school, provided they contact the school in advance. Please contact us before you arrive at school.
- Meetings will be held virtually where possible (i.e., via telephone or video conferencing).
- Transfers of items shall be arranged at the front door. You can use the drop box located outside our front doors and call to let us know.

There are some online forms for parents/ guardians to complete. They include:

- **Locker Use Agreement Notification Form 354-1**
- **Technology Responsible Use Agreement Form 140-1**
- **The Freedom and Protection of Privacy Act Form 180-1**
- **Informed Consent / Permission form for Education Trips**

They are or soon will be located on our school website [Griffiths-Scott School: Home](#) Click on the Power School Parent/Student Login tab to access your account. If you need information about how to set up or access your account please contact the school office at 780-387-4101.

We have changed our lunch recess this year. All students from Kindergarten to grade 6 will go outside to play before they eat their lunch. Lunch recess starts at 12:15 and ends at 12:45. Then they will come inside to eat their lunch in their classroom from 12:45 - 1:05.

Students in grades 7 and 8 will eat their lunch at 12:15 - 12:35 and then go outside for recess from 12:35 - 1:05. There are no microwaves for student use.

All students from K - 8 will go outside for all three recesses every day. They all (K - 8) require a pair of outdoor shoes / boots to wear outside and then they will change into their indoor shoes when they are in the building. Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes at school at all times. They will also require suitable outdoor gear for all types of weather. They need to be prepared and dressed appropriately to enjoy their time outside.

Our **Annual Parent Advisory Committee Meeting** will be in October. You will receive more information about the date and format of the meeting. All parents and guardians are welcome to become involved with our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and our fundraising society, Helpers at Griffiths Scott School (HAGSS).

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Mrs. Coleman

Ms. Micklich

Griffiths-Scott Staff (2021-2022)

Principal	Mrs. Coleman
Vice Principal	Ms. Micklich
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. S. Johnston
Kindergarten	Mrs. Kirk
Grade 1	Mrs. Grekul
Grade 1-2	Mrs. Sendeki
Grade 2-3	Mrs. Heck
Grade 3 - 4	Mrs. Mandseth
Grade 4 - 5	Ms. Nicol
Grade 5	Ms. Snowden
Grade 6	Mr. Granger Grade 6, Options, Math 7
Grade 7	Mrs. Killen (LA 7 and 8, SC 7 and 8, Options)
Grade 8	Mr. Whitton (Math 8, PE, Options)
SS 6, 7 and 8 / Music/Band for 1 - 8	Mr. Tindall
Inclusion Coach/Literacy Teacher/Math 7	Mrs. Becker
Educational Assistant	Mrs. J. Johnston
Educational Assistant	Mrs. Wait
Educational Assistant	Mrs. Schmidt
Family School Liaison Worker	Mrs. Leeuw
Wellness Coach	Mrs. Ganske
Custodian	Tara Thulin
Custodian	Tammy Hoyle