



Wetaskiwin Regional Public School Division  
**Griffiths-Scott School**  
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**“A Journey of Learning”**



**October 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**

**Motto**

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Welcome to October! The vibrant colours of nature and warm days have given us a beautiful fall season. We had our GSS Terry Fox Run on Friday. Donations will be accepted until Thursday, October 7. Families can donate online at <https://secure.terryfox.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=950371> or students can bring a Toonie for Terry to the school office.

All of our students enjoy recess outside every day. Please ensure that your child (K - 8) is dressed for the cool fall weather and has indoor and outdoor footwear at school each day. Students cannot wear wet outdoor footwear into the building. It is a safety hazard as our cement floors are very slippery. Wet shoes also track in grass and dirt which creates extra work for our custodians who are already very busy with their duties to keep our school clean and healthy.

Thank you to parents and guardians for your daily use of the AHS [COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) before your children leave for school each day. Please note that pages 3 and 4 of this link are for children under the age of 18. Thank you also to families for using the [SafeArrival to Report Absences](#) . If you haven't done so yet, please follow the easy process of signing up for SafeArrival as outlined [here](#). This is a very effective and consistent way to communicate your child's absences from school.

All staff and students in grades 4 - 8 are required to wear masks in common areas of the school. Please help your child remember to bring a mask from home each day.

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.

September is always a busy month at school as teachers get to know their students, classroom routines are established and assessments are completed to further understand students' literacy and numeracy needs. Now that October has arrived, we are well into the school year and part way through Quarter One. All WRPS schools are now using a four quarter system instead of a three term system. The quarters are as follows:

Quarter 1 (September 1 - November 5)

Quarter 2 (November 6 - January 31)

Quarter 3 (February 1 - April 14)

Quarter 4 (April 15 - June 14)

Another change this year in WRPS is that we will no longer be printing or sending home paper report cards with all students at the end of each reporting period or quarter. Instead, you have access to your child's academic progress at all times through your Parent Portal Account in PowerSchool. Teachers will update PowerSchool on a regular basis. It is important to note that assessment and reporting is much more than just students' "marks". **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. Please check your student's progress in [PowerSchool - YCIS Schools](#) on a regular basis and contact your child's teacher if you have questions. Refer to the [WRPS Assessment and Reporting Handbook](#) for more information.

To enhance your understanding of your child's learning during Quarter One, you will be able to sign up for a phone call with your child's teacher. The quarter one phone conferences will be scheduled between Oct. 25 - 29 and November 1 - 4. You will receive more information about the online scheduling for the phone conferences later this month.

If your child has an Individualized Program Plan (IPP), they will be sent home this week for you to review, provide input and sign.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who have already created their Parent Portal Accounts in PowerSchool. If you have not been able to do this yet please try again or contact Susan Johnston in the office for support. The instructions have been attached to the email. You will not have access to your child's academic progress in PowerSchool until you create this account.

School photos were completed last week. We are expecting our proofs back by this Thursday, October 7. You will receive information about ordering your photos online. Retake Day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12. So it is a quick turnaround between when you receive your child's proofs and retake day, with no school days in between! If you decide your child requires a retake please return the paperwork with your child on Tuesday, Oct. 12. The photographer let us know that students will require the paperwork to get a retake.

**Our Annual Parent Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on October 14 at 7:00 p.m. It will be an online 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 email me if you wish to participate in the first meeting of the 21-22 school year. The Zoom link will be shared with you on the day of the meeting.

Thank you for your support of your child's education. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Mrs. Coleman

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