



Wetaskiwin Regional Public School Division
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"A Journey of Learning"



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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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On the first day of Christmas . . . at GSS we wore red and green! December has arrived and we are counting down for the 12 Days of Christmas at school. Thank you to Ms. Micklich and the GSS Spirit Club for organizing these 12 days of fun and Christmas spirit! Please check the link to help your child be prepared for each day. [12DaysOfChristmasEDITABLE.pdf](#)

Covid continues to impact student learning at our school. We currently have five active cases in total. Ms. Nicol's grade 4-5 class will be moving to online learning effective December 6 for one week. This is in accordance with AHS regulations that if one class has 3 or more cases in 5 consecutive days, they need to move to online learning. We will keep parents informed as we receive more updates from AHS.

It is important for parents to monitor their child's health each day prior to coming to school. Please complete the AHS checklist [COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist - updated September 2021](#)

All staff and students in grades 4 - 8 are required to wear masks in common areas of the school. Proper mask wear helps to keep us all safe. Please help your child remember to bring a mask from home each day. We have a few students who are using up several of our disposable masks (provided by the school division) every day. If you are unable to provide a non-disposable mask for your child please let the office know and we can help out. **The mandatory mask usage is a directive from the government of Alberta and is in effect until further notice.**

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.

We have posted our GSS Learning Success Story on our school website. This is our 21-22 year plan to support and focus on our student's learning and wellbeing. This is the third school year that our students' learning and wellbeing have been impacted by Covid. Our goal is to have our Griffins have a positive sense of wellbeing so that they can be successful in their academics. I have attached a copy of Our Learning Success Story with this email. Please review it and contact the school if you have any questions.

Each month we will be focusing on one of our GSS values. For the month of December and into January we will focus on the value of RESPECT. Teachers will review what respect looks like, sounds like and feels like with their students. Every Griffin (students and staff) deserves to be treated with respect and every Griffin is expected to treat others with respect. The Griffin values (see at the top of this newsletter) are the foundation of everything we do at school. They form the basis of how we learn, play, and interact with each other. Staff support students to "live" the values, not just "say" them.

One of the ways that we can all support our students is to help them learn how to proactively resolve conflict with peers if issues arise. All students have the **right** to learn in a safe and caring environment and they also have the **responsibility** to ensure that they are contributing positively to that environment. It is the responsibility of the staff to create and maintain a safe, caring, respectful and welcoming learning environment. That includes responding when students are experiencing difficulties following the Student Code of Conduct and peer conflicts occur. Open communication between home and school is a key factor in students' success.

If you have any concerns please contact your child's teacher. If the issue is not resolved, then administrators may become involved. It's important for parents and staff members to work together to resolve issues as soon as they arise. We cannot respond to things if we don't know about them. We also cannot respond to anything that is posted on social media and that is not helpful in resolving issues at school. The school name, staff names or students' names should never be posted on social media, as that is a breach of confidentiality and the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act. We work together with families in a proactive and positive manner so that our students can be successful in their learning.

Our winter weather has arrived! **All students K - 6 must wear their winter jacket, ski pants, boots and winter gear for all recesses. All students (K - 8) need to remove their wet boots when they enter the school and require a pair of indoor shoes.** We are looking for a few pairs of ski pants (youth size 10 - 16) for students to use when they forget theirs at home. Please contact the school if you have some to donate to us.

Thank you to our GSS and PAC for everything they do for the school! Thank you to families for supporting the recent fundraiser. Our next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. It will be a Zoom meeting. All parents and guardians are invited to attend.

Thank you for your support of your child's education. Please contact us if you have any questions. We wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Coleman

Ms. Micklich