



Wetaskiwin Regional Public School Division
Griffiths-Scott School
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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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Happy New Year and welcome back to all of our Griffins and Griffin families! We hope that you had a peaceful, restful and healthy Christmas break. We are happy to be back at school. Everyone enjoyed the fresh air and fresh snow at recess today!

Our focus on our Griffin values continues in the New Year. This month we will continue to review our value of RESPECT. As I said in the December newsletter, 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.

All of our classes will be participating in some anti-bullying lessons with Mrs. Ganske, our Wellness Coach, and their classroom teacher during the next two weeks. The classes will work on using common language in the appropriate context and bullying vs teasing / conflict. Mrs. Ganske and the classroom teachers will also emphasize bystanders' actions, empathy, friendship building, social problem solving and assertiveness. We will send out a parent letter later this month so that you can have the same terminology and understanding of our lessons when you are having conversations with your children at home.

As we know, Covid is still impacting all of us. You received an email from Superintendent Barron on Friday with information from Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools.

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With the new highly contagious variant, the importance of all students and staff following all Covid protocols continues. Thank you for monitoring your child's health daily before they come to school. [COVID-19 information : daily checklists](#) **Staff and students are required to stay home if experiencing any of the symptoms in the checklist.** Students who exhibit symptoms at school will need to be picked up immediately.

Masks continue to be required for staff and all students in grades 4 - 8. Masks are also required by all students on buses, and are highly recommended for grades K - 3 students in schools. The new medical grade masks that the government will be providing are scheduled to arrive at school this week or next. The rapid tests will be sent home when they arrive.

All visitors to schools, including parents, are allowed to enter the school only if they have contacted the office in advance. If you need to drop off or pick up items for your child, please call the school and we will meet you at the front door. If students arrive late to school, office staff will meet them at the front door and help them to their classroom if needed. Parents are not allowed to walk their children to their classrooms at this time.

We are encouraging all students to bring a water bottle from home rather than using the shared water fountain for drinks. Please also remind your child that all items such as toys, stuffies, etc. should be left at home and not brought to school to be shared with other students.

Please also remember that students in K - 6 are not allowed to use phones or devices at school during the school day. It is best if they keep their devices at home instead of bringing them to school. Students in grades 7 and 8 are allowed to use their phones at recess but the phones must be returned to their lockers at the end of break time. Anyone who does not follow these rules will lose the privilege of having their phone at school. The school is not responsible for any phone or device being lost or stolen.

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 Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. It will be a Zoom meeting. All parents and guardians are invited to attend. Please email me if you would like the Zoom meeting link for the meeting.

Thank you for your support of your child's education. We enjoy working with our students everyday and supporting them on their Journey of Learning. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Mrs. Coleman

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