



April 2022

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

"A Journey of Learning"

We hope that all of our Griffin families had a safe, relaxing and fun Spring Break! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Guess How Many contest in March. All funds raised will be donated to Voices of Children which is currently providing support for children of war in Ukraine. Congratulations to our Griffins Basketball team for winning the Bronze medal in their league!

Now that April has begun, we are ready to finish up Quarter 3 which ends on Thursday, April 14. The last quarter of the year, Quarter 4, begins on Tuesday, April 19th.

Quarter 3 questions for parents: (Some answers will depend on the age of your child.)

- ★ Are you well aware of your child's current academic progress at school?
- ★ Do you talk to your children about their learning and their school work?
- ★ Are your children aware of their recent marks on assignments, quizzes, projects, etc?
- ★ Do you review completed work, projects, assignments with your child when they bring them home?
- ★ Do you set learning goals with your child to help them stay on track with their school work?
- ★ Are your children aware of what they need to do at home to improve their learning? (practice questions, play a card game to practice their skills, re-do assignments, read their textbook, practice math facts, study for tests, etc.)
- ★ Are you in contact with your child's teacher if you have questions about your child's school work?
- ★ Does your child experience books and stories by reading or being read to every night?
- ★ Do you know your username and password for the Parent Portal in PowerSchool?
- ★ Do you regularly check your students' academic progress through PowerSchool?

Quarter 3 summaries of student learning will be online in PowerSchool for you to view by **Friday, April 22.**

We are currently planning a Celebration of Learning for our Griffins and their parents on **Thursday, April 28th, between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.** This will be an in-person event if it is still safe to gather at that time. You will receive more information later this month about booking a time to come into the school with your child to see their classroom and some of their recent school work. We will limit the number of students and parents in the classrooms and school to keep everyone safe. As well, you will have the chance to sign up for some time with office staff if you require assistance in navigating the parent portal of PowerSchool. This event will be changed or canceled if needed, depending on the Covid situation at that time.

If you have students in grades K - 6 add the date **May 2** to your calendar! GS is hosting an **online Family Literacy Night** that evening. This is an evening of fun learning for you and your children. There will be an online session at 6:00 - 6:50 p.m. for grades K - 3 followed by a session for grades 4 - 6 at 6:55 - 7:45 p.m. This event is provided through a company called Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks. The \$10 kit of materials for the sessions will be provided free by the school. Families can keep the materials after the sessions to continue their learning and fun at home! Watch for more information about registering for this exciting event.

Our Griffin values are part of being a UNESCO school and we will focus on our value of Responsibility for the month of April. Griffins are responsible for their words, actions, and behavior in the classroom, gym, learning commons, hallways, boot rooms and playground. Students are responsible for their learning and school work. They are expected to focus on their learning and try their best at all times. Griffins are also responsible for their words and actions as a citizen of their community, country and the world. We are also responsible for caring for our planet and **International Mother Earth Day is on Friday, April 22**. At GS we will honor this day through student learning, classroom activities, and by participating in a community clean up this spring.

Do you know why we are proud to fly the blue UNESCO flag?

- Our membership with the UNESCO ASPnet (United Nations Education, Science and Community Organization Associated Schools Project Network) began in 2004.
- It was started by two former teachers of GSS, who worked with students and staff to earn this prestigious designation.
- Griffiths Scott School is **one of eight** UNESCO member schools in Alberta.
- Our goal as a UNESCO school is to enlighten our students, staff and parents about local, national and world issues.
- We work with our students to help them think about how they can make a positive difference in their school, community and the world around them.
- We focus on the four Pillars of Learning: learning to know, learning to do, learning to be all that one can be, and learning to live together sustainably.

We are starting to plan for the 2022-23 school year. If you know of any families who have Kindergarten aged children (5 on or before December 31, 2022) please let them know that they can register online on our GS website.

Thank you to our GSS PAC for everything they do for our school! Our next PAC / HAGSS meeting will be Thursday, April 21 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 link for the meeting. The PAC is planning a Hot Lunch Day for later this month and another spring fundraiser. More information will be provided at a later date.

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

Mrs. Coleman

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