



**May 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”**

May is our last full month of school in the 2022-23 school year! This is a very important month for students' learning as we continue to increase their skills, finish up programming, and assess students' learning on a regular basis. We understand that families are busy with extracurricular activities, but we still need our Griffins at school and ready to learn each day. They need to be rested, focused and engaged in their learning. Thank you for helping your child be ready to be successful in their learning!

May 2 - 6 is Education Week! The theme for this provincial week is “Learning Is A Journey”. At GSS, we are always on our “Journey of Learning” as that is our daily motto. This week we want to highlight the following:

- ❖ Thank you to the GSS staff for everything they do for our Griffins! Teaching and supporting students is hard work. Our staff put in extra hours, extra care and extra attention to ensure that our students progress on their journey of learning each and every day.
- ❖ Thank you to our students who come to school to learn and do their best each day. We recognize that not all students are at grade level, but we want to celebrate the small steps they take each day to improve their learning. Small steps take them further on their journey of learning!
- ❖ Thank you to the families who attended our Celebration of Learning last week! It was nice to have families back in person at GSS.
- ❖ Thank you to the families who are participating in the online Family Literacy Night tonight! Students who practice their literacy skills regularly are more successful in school.
- ❖ Thank you to the PAC / HAGSS group for all of their hard work and support of our school.

- ❖ Thank you to the community of Millet! We are proud to work closely with our community partners in a variety of ways. (Last week, our Griffins helped with the Community Clean Up.)
- ❖ Together (staff, students, families, community) we make GSS a school to be proud of!

Planning is underway for the 2022-23 school year. **Thank you to parents who have completed the Re-Enrollment Form 2022-23. If you have not completed the form yet, please go into your Parent Portal in PowerSchool to do so.** That form helps us determine staffing and class configurations for next 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.**

This week we are recognizing World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday, May 3. All classes will have the chance to do a quiz to learn more about making sure that what they read online or in the press is actually true, based on true facts. Thank you to Mrs. Sendeki, Mr. Whitton and the UNESCO Club for promoting global awareness and the importance of being a UNESCO school.

We are also honouring the importance of good mental health on Wednesday, May 4. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their hats to build awareness on Hats On For Mental Health Day.

We will be celebrating our GSS Band and Music program on May 31! Parents and community members are welcome to attend our GSS Music Recital on Tuesday, May 31 at 1:30 p.m. All music classes from grades 1 - 6 will be performing along with the GSS choir and Junior High Band. Join us for a lovely musical afternoon!

With the spring weather, our bike racks are full each day. **Please note that all students must wear helmets if they are riding scooters, bikes, skateboards, roller blades etc. to and from school.** We care about our students' safety and it is consistent with the Legislation in the Vehicle Equipment Regulations as stated below.

■ ***Division 5: Bicycles: Bicycle safety helmet***

***111(1) No person who is less than 18 years old shall operate or ride as a passenger on a bicycle unless that person is properly wearing a safety helmet.***

***(2) A parent or guardian of a person who is less than 18 years old shall not authorize or knowingly permit the person to operate or ride as a passenger on a bicycle unless that person is properly wearing a safety helmet.***

***(3) No person shall operate a bicycle on which a passenger who is less than 18 years old is riding unless the passenger is properly wearing a safety helmet.***

Thank you to our GSS PAC for everything they do for our school! Our next PAC / HAGSS meeting will be Thursday, May 19 at 9:00 a.m. at the school. . All parents and guardians are invited to attend. The PAC will be finalizing some year end plans at this final meeting for the year.

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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