



Wetaskiwin Regional Public School Division
Griffiths-Scott School
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"A Journey of Learning"



September 2022

Welcome to “A Journey of Learning” at Griffiths-Scott School for the 2022-23 school year! Welcome to all of our returning families and to our new families who have joined us. Welcome to our new staff members (Ms. Penman, Mrs. Thompson, Ms. Rout, Mrs. Felske) and to all of our returning staff members. Our Griffins were excited to be back and we are having a great first week! Thank you to the Town of Millet for handing out freezies to our Griffins during last recess yesterday. A nice treat on a very hot day!

THANK YOU TO PAC/HAGSS! Our new outdoor tables are wonderful and the new swings are busy every recess. A special thank you to Michelle Hougestol for her leadership and hard work in getting our outdoor classroom / playground area completed over the summer.

Our Mission statement, Vision and Values are part of who we are at GSS. We work with our students to help them understand the meaning of these words and why they are important to us. Our values are much more than just “words on the wall”. They are part of how we learn, play, behave and care for others in our classrooms, hallways and on the playground.

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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As a UNESCO school we engage our students in their learning of the curricular outcomes and we encourage them to learn about who they are as individuals, how they can contribute as a Griffin to our school, their community, and the global community. Students are responsible for how their words and actions impact themselves and those around them.

School starts at 8:34 and ends at 3:35. It is expected that all students be in their classroom at 8:34 because that's when teachers take attendance. Students who arrive after 8:34 are marked as Late. Please use Safe Arrival to report your students' absences. We encourage families to follow the easy process of signing up for SafeArrival as outlined [here](#). We are aware that Safe Arrival was not working for some parents yesterday. We have reported that to the Division Office and someone is looking into it.

Entry and Exit - As indicated by the recent safety letter from WRPS all of our outside doors are to be locked at all times. Staff members will open them in the morning to greet students as they arrive but the doors will remain locked. If students arrive late they can ring the doorbell (located at the right side of our front door). That doorbell rings in the office and a staff member will come to let the student in.

This is the same process for any visitors / parents / guests who come to our school. All visitors must sign in at the office. Our Drop Off box is located outside the front door each morning if parents need to drop something off for their students. We check the box throughout the day but you can text (780-216-1474) or call (780-387-4101) the school to let us know if you drop something off in the box.

Safety protocols - The recent letter from WRPS also stated that no hats or hoods are to be worn in school. All backpacks must be placed in students' lockers when they arrive at school and stay there until the end of the day. Students are not allowed to carry backpacks/bags around with them during the day.

GS is a closed campus. Students may go to their own home to eat with parent permission. **Junior High students are not allowed to leave the school grounds at noon, unless they are going straight to and from their own home for lunch.** Students are not allowed to go to another student's home for lunch. All students must sign out (with parent permission) when they go home for lunch and when they return. It is important that we can account for all of our students throughout the entire day.

We will continue to monitor the health and safety of our students and staff members. 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. Regular hand washing is essential for good health and sanitizer is available for those who choose to use it.

Clothing and Footwear - Students should be dressed in clothing that fits and is suitable for school wear. It cannot include inappropriate language or references to drugs and alcohol. All students from K - 8 will go outside for all three recesses every day. They all (K - 8) require a pair of outdoor shoes / boots to wear outside and then they will change into their indoor shoes when they are in the building. Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes at school

at all times. They will also require suitable outdoor gear for all types of weather. They need to be prepared and dressed appropriately to enjoy their time outside.

Lunchtime - All students from Kindergarten to grade 6 will go outside to play before they eat their lunch. Lunch recess starts at 12:15 and ends at 12:45. Then they will come inside to eat their lunch in their classroom from 12:45 - 1:05. Students in grades 7 and 8 will eat their lunch at 12:15 - 12:35 and then go outside for recess from 12:35 - 1:05. There are no microwaves for student use.

Forms - There are some online forms for parents/ guardians to complete. They include:

- **Locker Use Agreement Notification Form 354-1**
- **Technology Responsible Use Agreement Form 140-1**
- **The Freedom and Protection of Privacy Act Form 180-1**
- **Informed Consent / Permission form for Education Trips**

They are or soon will be located in the PowerSchool Parent Portal which you can access from [Griffiths-Scott School: Home](#) . Click on the Power School Parent/Student Login tab to access your account. If you need information about how to set up or access your account please contact the school office at 780-387-4101. **NOTE: Students will not be allowed to use school Chromebooks until their tech form has been completed. Students will not be allowed to leave the school grounds with their class for walks or outdoor lessons/activities until the form for education trips has been completed.**

Join us for our GS Open House! Stop by on **Wednesday, September 14 between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.** to see your child's classroom and meet their teacher.

Our Annual Parent Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. at GS. 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 contact us if you have any questions.

Mrs. Coleman

Ms. Micklich

Griffiths-Scott Staff (2022-2023)

Principal	Mrs. Coleman
Vice Principal	Ms. Micklich
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. S. Johnston
Kindergarten	Mrs. Kirk
Grade 1G	Mrs. Grekul
Grade 1S	Mrs. Sendeki
Grade 2	Mrs. Leming
Grade 3	Mrs. Mandseth
Grade 4	Ms. Nicol
Grade 5	Ms. Snowden
Grade 6	Mr. Granger Grade 6, Jr. High Options
Grade 7	Ms. Penman (LA 7 and 8, SS 7, Options)
Grade 8	Mr. Whitton (Math 7 and 8, PE, Options)
SS 8, Music/Band for 1 - 8	Mr. Tindall
SC 7 and 8, PE, Options	Mrs. Thompson
Inclusion Coach/Literacy Teacher	Mrs. Becker
Educational Assistant	Mrs. J. Johnston
Educational Assistant	Ms. Rout
Educational Assistant	Mrs. Schmidt
Educational Assistant	Mrs. Felske
Family School Liaison Worker	Mrs. Leeuw
Wellness Coach	Ms. Peek
Custodian	Tara Thulin
Custodian	Gord Rayco

Bell Schedule

8:34	School starts	- Block 1
9:15	Block 2	
9:55	Block 3	
10:35	Recess	
10:50	Block 4	
11:35	Block 5	
12:15 - 12:45	K - 6 Recess	12:15 - 12:35 Lunch for 7 and 8
12:45 - 1:05	K - 6 Lunch	12:35 - 1:05 Recess for 7 and 8
1:05	Block 6	
1:50	Block 7	
2:30	Recess	
2:45	Block 8	
3:35	Dismissal	