



January 2023

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"

Happy New Year! Welcome back to GS after Christmas holidays. I hope you all had a relaxing break with lots of time with family and friends.

December was a busy month at school. Thank you to everyone for their contributions to our Christmas Giving project. This year we supported the Millet Food Bank. We collected 315 pounds of food and \$1988.24 in cash donations. We are so happy to support our local community!

I would like to thank Ms. Micklich and her Leadership group for all of their work during the Christmas season at GS. A large part of our Christmas Giving donation was raised from their sale of Candy Grams. It takes a lot of time to prepare over 1000 candy canes for delivery! Thank you to the GS students and staff for decorating our GS Christmas tree which was entered into the Town of Millet Christmas Festival. It was beautiful! Thank you to Mrs. Thompson for getting this organized and to the Town of Millet for giving the students a treat for their hard work! Thank you to Christine and Dan Sych plus all the volunteers who prepared and served a delicious Christmas turkey dinner to all staff and students on December 16. Thank you to Mr. Tindall, GS staff and students for an excellent Christmas Concert!

I would also like to thank Ms. Penman and Mr. Whitton for coaching our GS Volleyball teams in the fall. The boys and girls' Griffin teams were great representatives of our school and

they learned a lot. Congratulations to our boys team for winning the banner for the LDAA District League championship!

January is the last month of Quarter 2 in our school year. Quarter 3 begins on January 31. This quarter our communication to parents re: your child's learning progress will happen through online reporting in PowerSchool. By the end of the day on February 2, please check the Parent Portal in PowerSchool for your child's Quarter 2 marks and comments from their teacher(s).

You can access your PowerSchool account from [Griffiths-Scott School: Home](#) . Click on the Power School Parent/Student Login tab. If you need information about how to set up or access your account please contact the school office at 780-387-4101. If you require a paper copy of your child's quarter 2 progress you can contact the office and we can print a copy to send home with your child. Please refer to the

[GS Copy of WRPS Assessment and Reporting Handbook 2022-2023](#) for more information about our assessment and reporting procedures.

Basketball season has begun at GS. Thank you to Mrs. Kathryn Weremey, Shaylea Mohr and Ms. Penman for coaching our Griffin teams. Their season openers are on Tuesday, January 17th after school when the girls will travel to QE to take on the Parkdale team. The boys will be at home to play against Covenant Christian.

We have some special field trips happening this week for Junior High students. The students in the Curling CTF class will be traveling to Camrose on Thursday with Mrs. Thompson to watch a draw at the Grand Slam Curling event. Ms. Penman will be taking a group of students to Camrose on Friday to watch a University Basketball game. Thank you to our staff and volunteers for organizing and supervising these events.

It is so nice to have our volunteers back at GS! Almost every day we have volunteers helping out in a variety of ways. The work you do by helping students, listening to them read, or supervising at special activities makes a positive difference! THANK YOU!

Thank you to our GS PAC for their work. They had a successful Christmas Market and Beef Jerky fundraiser before Christmas. **Our next Parent Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.** 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).

With my extended absence in the fall I did not send out the GS 22-23 Parent Handbook. So here it is now! Please refer to this link for information about GS and what we do every day.

[Parent Handbook 22-23](#) If you have any questions please contact the school.

I would also like to let you know that 2023 will bring some changes to GS. I will be retiring at the end of this school year and a new principal will be in place for the 2023-24 school year in the fall.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Mrs. Coleman