



March 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"

Welcome to March! There is a lot going on before we all get to enjoy Spring Break at the end of the month.

Congratulations to our GS basketball teams for an amazing season! A special thank you to our volunteer coaches (Shaylea and Kathryn) for the hours they spend supporting our teams. We had a fun GS pep rally last Tuesday to send both teams into their league playoffs. The girls' lost their playoff game but they worked hard all season and we are so proud of them! The boys' team won two playoff games last week and will be playing in the League final on Tuesday, March 7. We will be hosting this game at GS after school so fans are welcome to come out and cheer on the Griffins!

Unfortunately our ski trip had to be canceled last month due to weather. We are still waiting to find out whether we will be able to get it rescheduled for another time. If we are not able to go then the ski trip costs will be refunded to parents. We will let you know more when we get confirmation from Snow Valley.

This year our school goal is focused on Numeracy. You may have heard your child talk about playing Snakes and Ladders at school and most recently the whole school played the card game War. Those games are part of our Numeracy goal. We want our students to practice and use their Numeracy skills in a variety of ways beyond the classroom. There's so much more to Numeracy than just "doing math". It's sad to hear a young child say, "I'm not good at Math,"

when actually they just need more time to develop and refine their numeracy skills. So when they can practice numeracy skills in a game with other students it is much more fun than doing a worksheet! We look forward to sharing more of these numeracy experiences with our Griffins in the next few months.

We are excited to let you know that you can also join your child in their Numeracy learning through an upcoming Parent Night. On Tuesday, April 11 we will be having an evening where parents and children can learn and play a variety of games which will increase students' numeracy skills. This will be an in person session with our friends from Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks. Last year we did an online session focused on literacy. This year it will be in person and will focus on numeracy. More information will be shared later this month. Mark the date on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you there!

Literacy is always a priority at GS. We always want our students to read, read, read! So the return of the Book Fair to GS is great news. Thank you to our PAC for organizing the Scholastic Book Fair this month. Students will have an opportunity to visit the book fair with their class and purchase books. Flyers will be sent home this week to families. More information will be shared about the Book Fair hours later this week.

We are starting to prepare for the 2023-24 school year. You will be verifying your students' registration at GS for next year through the Parent Portal. You can also register Kindergarten for next year online. New Kindergarten students and their parents are invited to stop by GSS on Thursday, March 16 between 1:30 and 3:30 for a Kindergarten Open House. If you know of children who will be 5 by December 31, 2023, please let their parents know!

It's really important that all parents have access to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. That way you can have access to your child's academic progress at all times of the year! You also need to access forms and pay fees through the parent portal. Hot Lunch forms and milk cards will soon be available on Parent Portal as well!

You received an email from WRPS directing you to the Parent Portal to verify your child's attendance at GS next year. 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.

Our next Parent Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5 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). Check out the [March letter.pdf](#) for more information about everything our parent group is doing!

What's coming up at GS this month?

- Griffins Basketball - March 7 (Wear your Griffin gear to school today!)

- Grades 4-6 Basketball tournament at QE - March 11 (More information to follow.)
- Book Fair - March 13 - 16
- Kindergarten Open House - March 16 at 1:30 - 3:30
- PLC Day - No School - March 17
- Hot Lunch Day - March 23
- Spring Break - March 24 - April 2
- Back to School - Monday, April 3

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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