



**May 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”**

It's a warm and windy start to May! This warm weather makes it feel like summer is near but we have to remember that we still have 6.5 weeks of school left. With our shortened school year, the next six weeks are filled with learning. We don't have time to lighten up until the very end of the school year. It's important for students to remain focused on their learning, get enough sleep and eat healthy food to keep their brain going.

May 1 - 5 is Education Week (“Learning Uplifts All”) and Mental Health Week. We are promoting positive mental and physical wellbeing through morning messages on the Announcements. The messages focus on “Move Your Body, Practice Mindfulness, Expand Your Mind, Fuel Your Body and Build Assets”. This information is applicable for every day of the year, not just this week. For additional information go to [Mental Health Week - CMHA National](#). Later this week we'll be celebrating Education Week with another school wide Numeracy Event. Another chance for our students to use their numeracy skills in a game setting with peers. Next week we will be spreading some positive cheer to the community of Millet with sidewalk chalk messages.

If you have not re-enrolled your students for the 23-24 school year please go to [Griffiths-Scott School](#) and click on the Student Registration Information on the right hand side of the screen.

If you have children who will be 5 by December 31, 2023 please register them for Kindergarten for the 23-24 school year. If you know of students within our community who are eligible for Kindergarten please let them know to register online.

Congratulations to our Griffins and families for surpassing our fundraising goal for Jump Rope For Heart! The goal was \$2000 and at last report we had raised almost \$6000! The online fundraising is still open for this week. At school our students have been busy practicing their jump rope skills in class and outside at recess. They have also been earning Healthy Hearts tickets for being active at recess. Prizes will be distributed next week to the lucky winners. As well, the prize for reaching the fundraising goal is a school wide movie. We will all be watching a movie on the afternoon of May 12. Thank you to Camille, Mrs. McGrath and our school Jump Rope for Heart committee for their hard work. Way to go, Griffins!

Our 22-23 Class Photos will be this week. All classes will have their class pictures taken on Wednesday, May 3. The Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten class will have their picture taken on Thursday, May 4. There is no cost for the class photos which students will receive before the end of the school year.

Our Movie Night had to be canceled in April due to a variety of busy schedules! Our Leadership Team is looking at other fundraiser ideas to support Voices of Children, which is a charitable foundation that provides support for children of the Ukraine who have been affected by the ongoing war.

The GS Parent Advisory Committee has a great fundraiser that will be open to parents May 5 to 14 online. All students at GS created a special piece of art in class recently. The artwork has been sent to Connection In Color for scanning. Later this week you will receive an order card that will give you information on how to order products (greeting cards, mugs, clothing, etc.) that will have your own child's artwork on. All orders will be placed and paid for online **from May 5 to May 14**. You will only have access to your own child's artwork and your students' artwork / information will not be shared with anyone else. The orders will be delivered to the school for pick up on **May 24 - 26**. Thank you to the PAC for setting this up! A portion of the proceeds from your orders will go towards HAGSS, our GS fundraising society.

The PAC / HAGSS have also organized two more hot dog days for May 12 and 26. All orders must be placed online and no refunds will be given if your child is not in attendance on that day. We are also not accepting any donations of meals. Please purchase hot dog meals for your children only. **All orders must be placed online by Sunday, May 7 for the May 12 Hot Dog Day. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Please respect the work of the PAC members and office admin assistants by not asking for any exceptions. We are thankful for the work of all the people who make this happen and it is unfair to ask them to do extra. The May 26 form will be placed online later this month.

Track and Field for junior high students is on Tuesday, May 23. The Track meet will take place at the Leduc John Bole Athletic Track (rain out on May 25). Mr. Whitton will be qualifying students in events they wish to compete in during PE. Those who qualify will be given permission forms through the parent portal for signing (updates to follow). Practices will be during recess.

The GS bands are busy preparing for two upcoming events. The Grade 6 Band and the Junior High Band will be performing at the Band Festival on May 24 at the Manluk Centre in Wetaskiwin. They will be leaving the school by bus at 1:15 and will return to the school before the end of the day. Online permission forms will be available soon.

Both bands and all of our music classes from Grades 1 - 5 will perform at the **GS Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 30. All parents / guardians are welcome to attend! The time is yet to be confirmed but please mark it on your calendar. It will be held sometime during the school day and there will not be an evening performance.**

**Our GS Annual Awards Evening is on Monday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m.** Some students in grades 5 - 8 will receive year end awards. **We will also honour our Grade 8 class on that evening before they leave us for high school. Another date to mark on your calendar!**

Did you know that you have access to your child's marks online every day throughout the school year? That is available to you through your Parent Portal in PowerSchool. It's the same account you use for fees, milk cards and permission forms. Your child's teacher regularly inputs marks on current assignments and assessments that provide you with information on your child's learning progress. Please check your child's account regularly to stay up to date on their marks, successes and areas of difficulty. You can access your PowerSchool account from [Griffiths-Scott School](#) . 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. We will be happy to help you!

Congratulations to Mr. Van Someren who will be the new principal at Griffiths-Scott School for the 23-24 school year! He is working with Ms. Micklich (vice-principal) to prepare for the new school year.

What's coming up at GS this month?

- May 3 Class Photos
- May 4 Class Photos for the T/TH Kindergarten class
- May 5 School Wide Card games
- May 7 Last day for Hot Dog orders (for May 12)
- May 5 - 14 Online Orders for HAGSS Fundraiser with Connection in Colour
- May 8 - 12 Community Sidewalk Chalk Messages
- May 12 Hot Dog Day
- May 12 School Wide Movie (Jump Rope for Heart prize)

- May 17            Grade 6 LA Provincial Achievement Test for LA Part 1
- May 18            PLC Day / No School for students
- May 19 / 22      No School
- May 23            Track Meet for Grades 7 and 8 in Leduc
- May 24            Band Festival (Gr. 6 and Junior High) in Wetaskiwin
- May 26            Hot Dog Day
- May 30            GS Spring Concert (Time to be determined.)

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Mrs. Coleman

Ms. Micklich