



# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Message:

It is hard to believe that we have already reached our November Break! We have had a busy start to our school year and we are gearing up for a fantastic winter season. Families are reminded that we head outside at Griffiths-Scott School for fresh air during our recess breaks unless it is -25 Degrees Celsius or colder including the wind-chill factor. As such, it is important that your children come to school with clothing that will keep them warm for a 20-minute span of time outside. If you require assistance to acquire winter clothing please contact the school and we can help to ensure that your children have winter gear to keep them warm.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs. Heck who has decided to retire from teaching; we also accepted the resignation of Mrs. Langford who has decided to return to University to work on her Masters degree. We wish them both all the best in their new adventures! We are happy to welcome back Mrs. Pumm as our Grade Two teacher, as well as welcome back Mrs. McGrath as our Grade 6 - 8 Math teacher for the remainder of this school year.

Warm regards,  
Trevor Van Someren  
Principal



# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Hot Lunch	2 Volleyball Boys Quarter Finals!  PAC Meeting @4:00 pm	3 Last day of Quarter 1  Remembrance Day Assembly	4
5  Day Light Savings Ends: Fall Backward	6 Fall Break: School's Closed Nov 6-10	7 Fall Break: School's Closed Nov 6-10	8 Fall Break: School's Closed Nov 6-10	9 Fall Break: School's Closed Nov 6-10	10 Fall Break: School's Closed Nov 6-10	11 Remembrance Day
12	13  Back to School	14	15	16  Parent Teacher Interviews	17  PLC Day: No School	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25  GSS Parent Council XMAS Market
26	27	28	29	30		

Your paragraph text

**RED = SCHOOL'S CLOSED**

**GREEN = PLC DAYS - NO SCHOOL**

**BLUE = GS SCHOOL EVENTS**

# SCHOOL-WIDE UPCOMING EVENTS

## Hot Lunch!



Hot Lunch is Edo Japan!

The order deadline was  
October 26th,

Students will be enjoying their  
Hot Lunch on Wednesday,  
November 1!

## Remembrance Day Recognition Assembly

We are having an assembly in  
Recognition of Remembrance Day.

It will be on Friday, November 3rd  
in the Gymnasium.

**Time of assembly TBA**

Parents/Guardians Welcome!



## Fall-Break!

Fall break is November 6 - 10.

The School will be closed  
during that time.

Students will return Monday,  
November 13.



## GSS Christmas Market

Parent Council is putting  
together a Christmas Market  
at GS!

It will be on Saturday,  
November 25th  
in our Gymnasium!



# CLASSROOM & UNESCO ANNOUNCEMENTS



## GRADE 1: MRS. SENDECKI

We have been working on numbers to 20, adding numbers and patterns in Math. We are almost done learning all the Jolly Phonics sounds and are starting to sound out some CVC (consonant/vowel/consonant) words. The grade ones had lots of fun practising some Math and phonics skills on the chrome books. I hope everyone has a wonderful November break!



## GRADE 1: MRS. GREKUL

We are nearly finished learning all our Jolly Phonics sounds! Please keep practising letter names and sounds with your child daily. As we move into reading and sounding out words it is so important that they know all their sounds. We continue to work on numbers to 20. In the month of November we will start working on numbers to 50. Thank you for sending a pumpkin for your child. We had so much fun investigating and painting them to make owls out of them. Enjoy your November break!



## GRADE 2: MS. GOODRICH

Both grade 2 classes have been focusing on balancing equations in math. They are getting really good at it. We also have been enjoying reading with our reading buddies (2G is reading with 5/6G and 2P is reading with 6G).





# CLASSROOM & UNESCO ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT...



## GRADE 2: MRS. PUMM/HECK



Mrs. Heck shares a message with the GSS community:

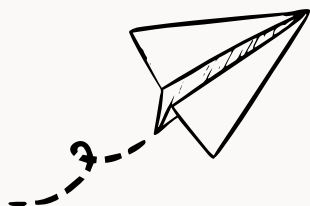
To All Parents and Students of Griffiths Scott School and the Millet Community,

It is with mixed feelings that I tell you about my decision to retire from teaching! After a long career of 34 years, it is time for me to move on to the next phase in my life! Part of that includes some travel to warm, sunny locations as well as being a grandma to my granddaughter, Memphis, who just turned one!

I would like to thank all of you for helping make my teaching career such a wonderful, fulfilling time of my life! I have taught many in this community and even some of your children!! Wow, that is special!

I will miss being in the school setting, but hope to do lots of substitute teaching at Griffiths Scott School. So, I will still see you in the hallway for a hug or a high five! Continue to do and be the best you can be!

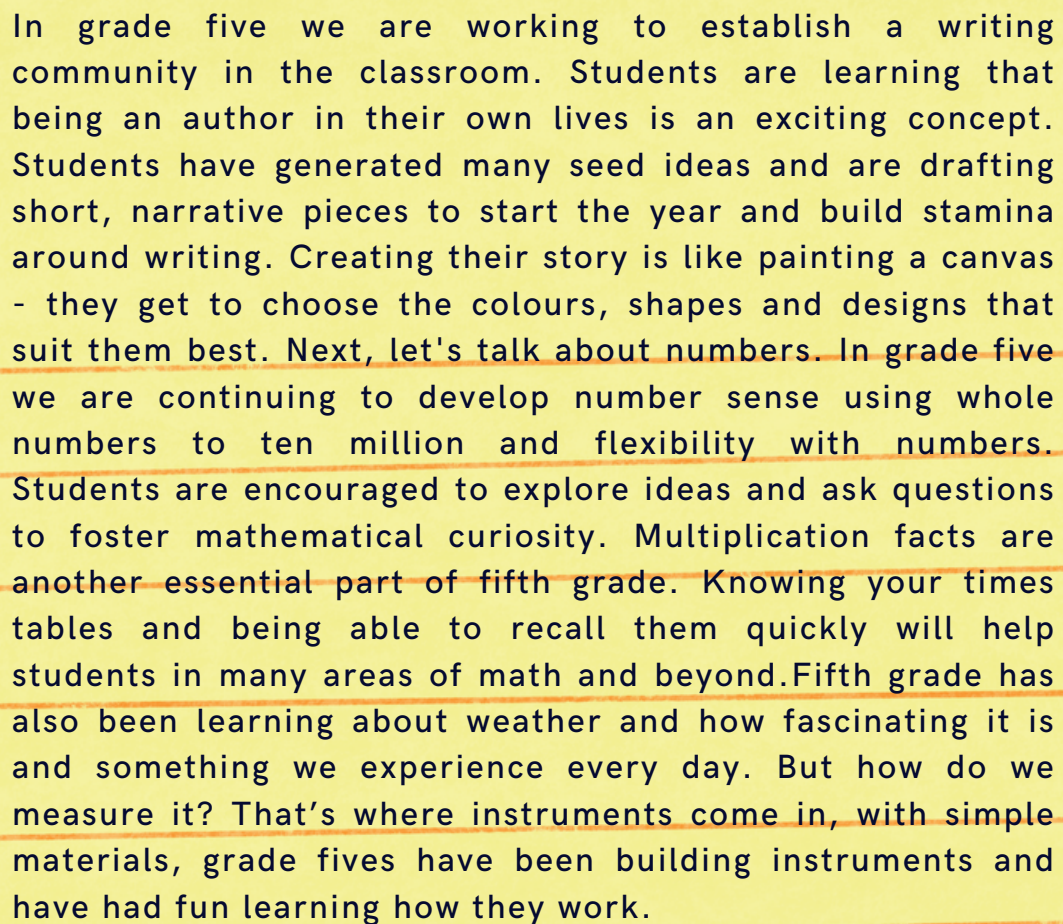
With love,  
Mrs. Heck





# CLASSROOM & UNESCO ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT...

## GRADE 5: MRS. SNOWDEN



In grade five we are working to establish a writing community in the classroom. Students are learning that being an author in their own lives is an exciting concept. Students have generated many seed ideas and are drafting short, narrative pieces to start the year and build stamina around writing. Creating their story is like painting a canvas - they get to choose the colours, shapes and designs that suit them best. Next, let's talk about numbers. In grade five we are continuing to develop number sense using whole numbers to ten million and flexibility with numbers. Students are encouraged to explore ideas and ask questions to foster mathematical curiosity. Multiplication facts are another essential part of fifth grade. Knowing your times tables and being able to recall them quickly will help students in many areas of math and beyond. Fifth grade has also been learning about weather and how fascinating it is and something we experience every day. But how do we measure it? That's where instruments come in, with simple materials, grade fives have been building instruments and have had fun learning how they work.

## CTF: Thompson & Langford

CTF options Art and Computing Science joined together for a fun STEM class Thursday Oct. 19. Groups were given the challenge of creating a free standing structure that could fit a group member inside. The kicker, they were only given newspaper and masking tape! Groups did a wonderful job but only one group wa





# CLASSROOM & UNESCO ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT...



## GRADE 7/8: SOCIAL & L.A.

Grade 7-8 just started a new chapter in Social 8 - Humanism (a post-Renaissance style of thinking and a huge step toward individual thinking and learning resulting in much of the learning we do today)

In grade 7-8 ELA, we just finished our first essay, which will be used for benchmarking and feedback only. Students were asked to come up with a new piece of technology and persuade the reader to buy it. Advertising techniques were explored and implemented as they convinced me their product was better than the competition.

In grade 7 ELA, we wrote our first letter -a thank you letter. Students were asked to write to a character we have studied or whom they have connected with, a person, pet, or imaginary person. Students rose to the occasion and wrote inventive passages! This will be used for benchmarking and feedback only.

In PE, both classes will be moving into a fitness unit before Christmas, after finishing hockey and indoor soccer this month



The Griffiths-Scott Choir has started at Griffiths-Scott. Students rehearse on day 3 during period one. All students are welcome to join from Grades three and up with teacher permission.

Honour Band has started for Band students in Grade 7-8. This program is running every Wednesday from 4-5pm at QE school in Wetaskiwin. All band students who have one year of experience are welcome to join. Current grade 5-6 students are welcome to come play in quarter 3 this year



# INDIGENOUS SUPPORT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Tansi/Hello

I'm so excited to have so much support from staff, students, and parents. We had guests Ms. Sarah Potts from Maskwacis, and I shared a message from Susan Newmann who has put together the reconciliation banner at the Wetaskiwin District Museum.

Cree Club is a lot of fun for the students, many have made creations to bring home. Students in Gr. 1-3 have enjoyed cultural stories and teachings.

You've probably noticed the 7 teachings in the foyer. The first teaching we're going to learn about is the Buffalo (Respect). The students will be given coupons for showing to other students what they have learned about the buffalo.

Parents/guardians are welcome to have a visit with me on Thursdays. Just let the office know.

Ekosi/Done

Ayhay/Thank you

Gloria Rogers (ISW)



# WELLNESS COACH ANNOUNCEMENT

## *Hello Winter*

W inter reminds us the truth that  
I f we can endure the coldest of times  
N othing can dim the warmth of our spirit  
T he air may be cold, but it can't  
E xtinguish the fire within our souls  
R emember, you are strong and capable



### Mindfulness Exercises for Well-being in Winter

- 1) Cozy Gratitude Practice - Make a warm cup of tea or hot chocolate and find a cozy place to relax for ten to fifteen minutes. Take time to reflect on all the people, places, and things you are grateful for.
- 2) Take a Mindful Walk - bundle up and head outdoors. As you walk, notice the colours, sounds, and temperature. How do your body and heart feel?
- 3) Mindful Eating - Enjoy your favourite warm meal. How do your mind and body feel as you eat the first few bites? Take the time to enjoy and appreciate your food and all of the nutrients it provides to you and your body.

Copy and paste this link into your internet browser for some mindful exercises:

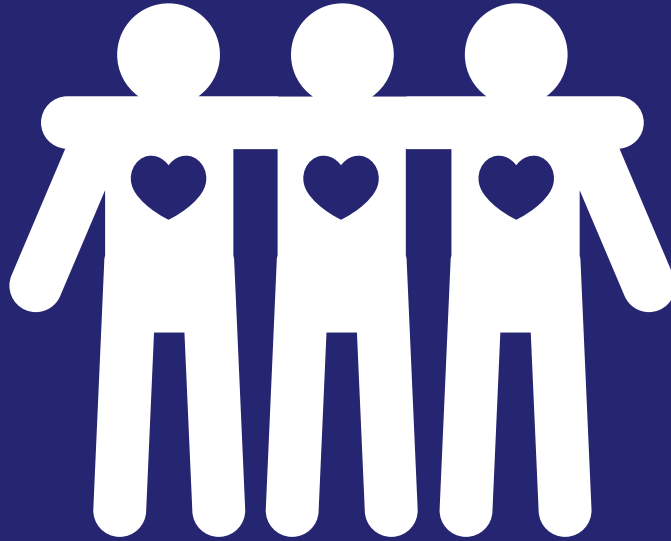
<https://mindfulness Exercises.com/6-mindfulness-exercises-for-wellbeing-in-winter/>

Thank you,

Natalie Peek



# FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON



## Family School Liaison:

Thank you to the students and the families for welcoming me back to Griffiths-Scott School! It has been a busy first couple of months of the school year as I get reacquainted with students and families that I have supported in the past, as well as building connections with new students and families. Please know that I am available to speak with students in the school if they are needing a supportive adult to talk to. Additionally, I am also available to speak to parents to support with community resources and referrals as well. If you have any questions or are looking for support, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Alicia Cardinal  
Family School Liaison





# W.H.A. HOCKEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our hockey program, our students have been hitting the ice to work on various skills. We've been focusing on skating, passing, and teamwork in small area games and stations, and it's been great to see the students making impressive improvements.



## Schedule for WHA - Millet Hockey Students

8:00 - 8:20	Equipment drop-off time for families at school	GSS
8:30-8:35	Load Bus and Depart School	GSS
8:35 - 8:45	Arrive at Rink/Get Changed/Meet Staff	Arena
8:45 - 9:55	On-Ice Instruction (~70 Minutes)	Arena
9:55 - 10:05	Get Changed/Load Bus/Leave Rink	Arena
10:05 - 10:10	Bus Returns to School	GSS



# PARENT COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the  
Parent Council

## Helpers at Griffiths-Scott School (HAGSS)/ Parent Council

I hope all the students enjoyed their Edo Hot Lunch on November 1st and the parents enjoyed not having to make lunch after Halloween.

## Volunteers are needed:

November 25th marks our 2nd annual Trade Fair and Craft Market (Griffiths-Scott School Winterfest) check it out on Facebook.

- We need a few parents to help run the silent auction table and our guessing game. If you can help please reach out to Michelle H @ 780-905-4374
- Please share this date with family and friends so we have lots of shoppers coming through our doors.
- We still have room for a few more vendors however space is becoming limited, let Michelle know if you would like to book a table.

## Upcoming events:

- Holiday meal, turkey, ham and all the trimmings will be served to all the students and staff before the Christmas break.
- Parent council meetings will be held in the School Library the last Thursday of each month at 4:00pm. All parents are welcome to attend.







# 2023-2024 STAFF LIST



## Administration:

- Principal: Mr. Trevor Van Someren
- Vice Principal: Ms. Michelle Micklich
- Admin. Assistant: Mrs. Sharon Fehler
- Admin. Assistant: Ms. Olyvia McLeod

## Teachers:

- Kindergarten: Mrs. Danielle Romaine
- Grade 1: Mrs. Kim Grekul
- Grade 1: Mrs. Ronda Sendeki
- Grade 2: Mrs. Samantha Pumm
- Grade 2: Mrs. Nichol Goodrich
- Grade 3: Mrs. Cindy Mandseth
- Grade 3/4: Mrs. Monica Williams
- Grade 4: Ms. Shirley Nicol
- Grade 5: Mrs. Hayley Snowden
- Grade 5/6: Mr. Pindy Gill
- Grade 6: Mr. Patrick Granger
- Grade 7: Ms. Cindy McGrath
- Grade 7/8: Ms. Chelsea Penman
- Inclusive Learning/Literacy Teacher: Mrs. Kristine Becker
- Music: Mr. Marshall Tindall
- Science: Mrs. Natasha Thompson
- Gym/Hockey: Mr. Nicholas Schneider

## Additional Staff:

- Family School Liaison Worker: Mrs. Alicia Cardinal
- Wellness Coach: Mrs. Natalie Peek
- Indigenous Support Worker: Mrs. Gloria Rogers

## Educational Assistants:

- Mrs. Kim Betournay
- Mrs. Sue Schmidt
- Mrs. Jennifer Kadyk
- Mrs. Doreen Felske

## Custodians:

- Ms. Natalie Evans
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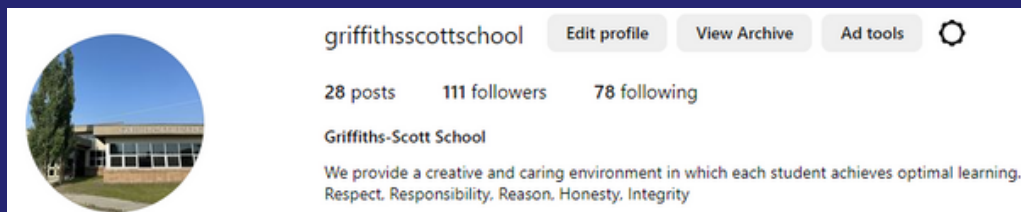
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