



# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Message:

With our first true tastes of cold temperatures in this past month, we had to quickly remind ourselves of the need to dress in layered clothing that is appropriate for winter weather. Thank you to the different families who reached out to us to offer up some donations of extra winter clothing for students who may need it - we greatly appreciate it!

Our Grade 6 - 8 basketball teams are in full swing as a part of the LDAA junior high basketball league. If you have not yet had a chance to see our Griffins in action, please come out to cheer on our students - it is highly entertaining and our young athletes would appreciate your support. The schedules for the girls and boys basketball teams are posted on our website.

A big thank you goes out to the host schools for our recent Gr. 4 to 6 mini-basketball tournament last week. We sent four teams into Wetaskiwin and they got a fantastic opportunity to experience a team atmosphere as well as some game exposure along with participating WRPS schools. Thank you to Mr. Gill, Mrs. Snowden, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Schneider for coaching our teams!

\*\*\*We will be hosting our first **G.S.S. Open House** for Kindergarten Registration, Hockey Academy Information, School Tours and New Registrations on: **Monday, March 4th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Griffiths-Scott School!** Please share this information out to interested families that you may know!!\*\*\*

Warm regards,  
Mr. Van Someren



# SCHOOL-WIDE UPCOMING EVENTS



## Basketball

### Boys B-ball Practice:

Mondays, 3:45-5:00 pm

### Girls B-ball Practice:

Wednesdays, 3:45-5:00 pm

### Games are on Tuesdays

Please see our website calendar



## NO SCHOOL

### Teachers Convention:

**February 8 & 9**

PLC Day:

**February 16**

Family Day:

**February 19**

## Rabbit Hill Ski Trip Grade 5 to 8

Deadline to submit  
permission form and  
payment is Tuesday,

**February 5, 2024.**

Ski Trip is  
**Monday, February 12**

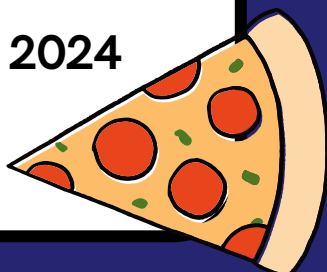


## February Hot Lunch

Leanne's Pizza

Tuesday

February 6th, 2024



## Valentines Dance Hosted by the UNESCO Club

Wednesday, February 14th

1:00pm to 2:00pm

Raising money for

The Downie-Wenjack Fund.

Students are welcome to  
bring a small donation.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Jr. Boys Basketball Practice 3:45pm - 5:00pm	6 P.A.C. Leanne's Pizza Hot Lunch  <u>Basketball Games</u> Jr. Boys @ Clearvista Jr. Girls vs. Warburg @ GSS	7 Jr. Girls Basketball Practice 3:45pm - 5:00pm	8 <b>Teacher's No School</b>	9 <b>Convention No School</b>	10
11	12 Rabbit Hill Ski Trip Grades 5 to 8 Jr. Boys Basketball Practice 3:45pm - 5:00pm	13 <u>Basketball Games</u> Jr. Boys vs Kisipatnahk @ GSS Jr. Girls @ Kisipatnahk	14 <b>Valentines Day</b> Jr. Girls Basketball Practice 3:45pm - 5:00pm	15	16 <b>PLC Day No School</b>	17
18	19 <b>Family Day No School</b>	20 <u>Basketball Games</u> Jr. Boys vs Norwood @ GSS Jr. Girls @ Parkdale	21 Jr. Girls Basketball Practice 3:45pm - 5:00pm	22	23	24
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**RED = SCHOOL'S CLOSED**

**GREEN = PLC DAYS - NO SCHOOL**

**BLUE = GS SCHOOL EVENTS**

# OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT

We are selling Dreams Take Flight tickets!

**\$5.00 per ticket**

Tickets can be purchased at the GS office.



## FIELD TRIPS

We have posted many forms online!

Please make sure you are filling them out correctly and on time! Always read the forms carefully.

There is one confirmed field trip coming up:

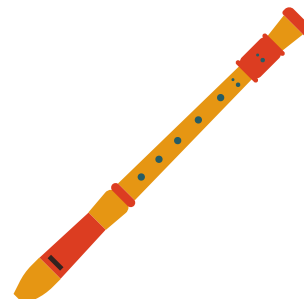
- Rabbit Hill Ski/Snowboard  
Day for Grades 5-8  
February 12th, 2024
- Please fill out the "Walking Permission Form" if you have not already done so



## FEES

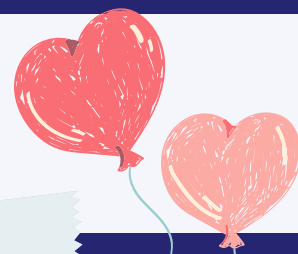
Available online!

- Milk Card = \$12
- Recorder = \$10





# CLASSROOM & UNESCO ANNOUNCEMENTS



## GRADE 3/4 - MRS. WILLIAMS

Brrrr! January has been such a cold month. We braved the weather and had a field trip to the Millet Museum. We have been learning about the Earth's Surface for Social Studies and Science. The experiments learning about erosion were a lot of fun! Next month we look forward to Valentine's Day.

## GRADE 1 - MRS. SENDECKI

It is hard to believe we are in February already! This month we will work on some Valentine crafts and do a Groundhog Day graph based on our predictions of whether or not Mr. Groundhog will see his shadow. In Language Arts, we are learning some more digraphs and new high frequency words. We are also working on writing 3-5 sentences from a picture prompt. In math, we are finishing up our unit on equalities and are about to start our next unit on addition to 20. We are also learning to count to 100 by 1s and skip count by 2s to 20, 5s and 10s to 100.

## GRADE 5/6 & 6 - MR. GILL AND MR. GRANGER

Mr. Gill and Mr. Granger are looking for parent volunteers to participate in guided reading a couple days a week.



## WOOD SHOP WITH BOB

This last term has been great. Before Christmas students were working on Christmas themed wood projects, ornaments and gifts. After Christmas students moved towards working on a class project, each contributing by building their own part of a wooden car and continuing other projects, individually and with groups.

Most classes were able to complete a wood project in their classroom prepared by Bob Maynard in the woodshop or in his home shop. Bob has continued volunteering several times picking up wood supply donated by Bigstone Cabinets for use in the school shop. We are very thankful for these donations as they mean that our students have the opportunity to work with some very high quality wood stock that would otherwise be out of their reach. A community woodworking program organised by Bob and supported by the Town of Millet is held on Thursday evenings in the school. We are thankful for the opportunities provided by the work of our volunteers like Bob.

We are looking forward to a new class of kids as the semester changes. Every student from grade 5-8 has the opportunity to participate in wood shop. Grades 1-4 have the opportunity to complete wood projects in their class throughout the year. We will be starting spring themed projects as we transition out of winter including raised flower planters supporting the UNESCO clubs seed project. Stay tuned for more info on the seed project.

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**The UNESCO Club is hosting a Valentines Dance on February 14th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. to raise money for The Downie-Wenjack fund. Students are encouraged to bring a small donation. There will be a draw for a few prizes.**



## GRADE 2 - MRS. GOODRICH

**Our grow tower is doing great. We have swiss chard, spinach, lettuce and parsley growing like crazy. We have been able to sample the spinach so far and most of the kids just love it. We are planning on making a salad and enjoying all of our fabulous greens.**



## GRADE 1 - MRS. GREKUL

In the Little Hoots class we have learned 4 of our reading strategies: Stretchy Snake, Eagle Eye, Lips the Fish, and Chunky Monkey. They help us to figure out unknown words. We have started our Home Reading program where students should be reading everyday at home.

In math, we finished up our patterns unit and have been working on skip counting by 2s, 5s, & 10s. We have started to learn about shapes, cycles, and collecting data. Soon we will start focusing on our numbers to 100! Students should be able to count, write, and identify all their numbers to 100.



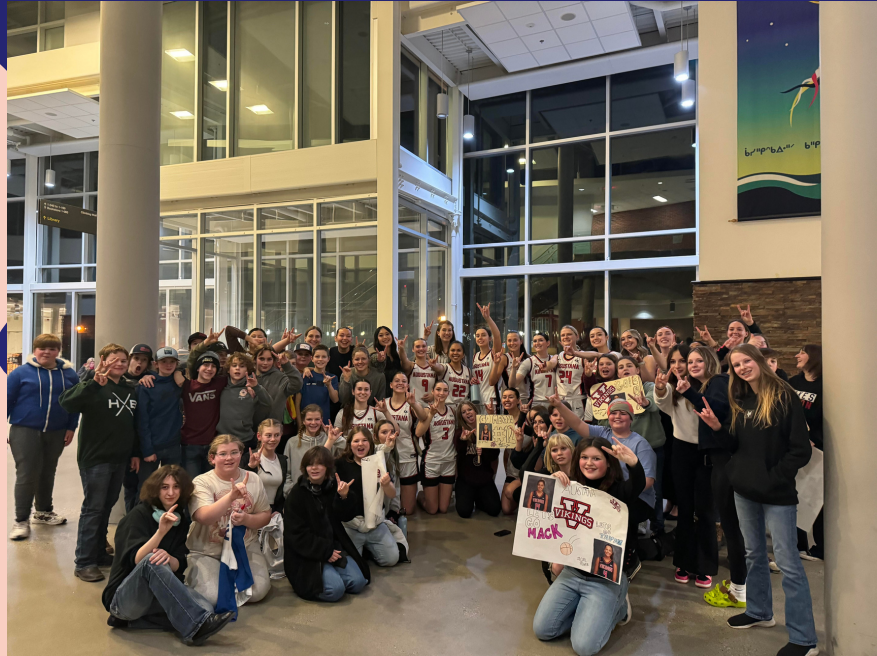
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## GRADE 7/8 - MRS. PENMAN

**Hey Griffins!**

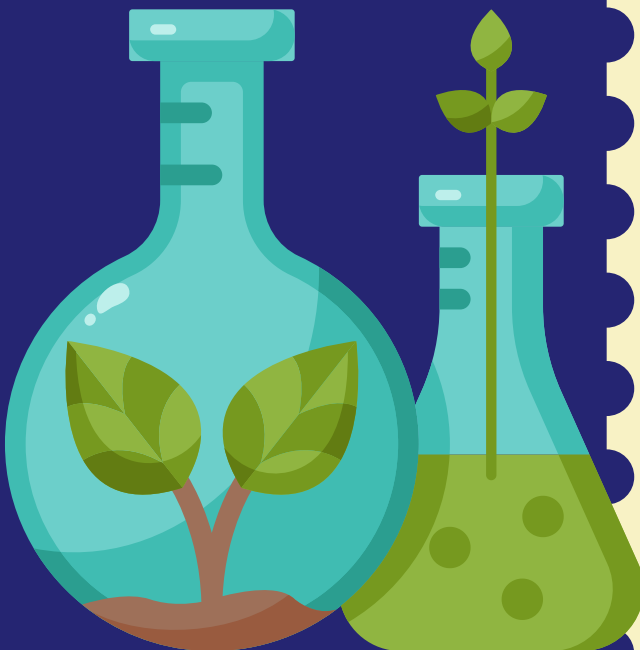
The 7-8s and grade 6 basketball players had a fantastic time at the Augustana Vikings basketball game, watching the ladies and mens Vikings take on the King's University Eagles.

Grade 7, 7-8 ELA classes are working toward finishing their novel study units, and moving into exploring poetry and figurative language soon after. Social 8 just wrote their midterm exam, and are beginning their Aztecs and Spanish unit next week.



## GRADE 7/8 - MRS. THOMPSON

Grade 7/8 has started our newest unit, Cells and Structures. We have already had lots of fun exploring the tiny world of cells. Students collected both plant and animal cells of their own to observe under high magnification. We really feel like scientists with all of our protective gear on! Grade 7 is ready to start the exciting unit on Plants - so many fun labs to come. Lab days are Day 2 if any parents want to come join our fun :)







## **Golden Garbage Can Winners**

**Thank you to all our students  
and staff who help to keep our  
school clean! The Golden  
Garbage can winners receive a  
can stuffed with bags of chips as  
a thanks for “chipping in”  
around the school.**

### **September Winners:**

**Mrs. Langford's Gr. 7 and  
Mrs. Grekul's Gr. 1 classes**

### **October Winners:**

**Mrs. Sendeki's Gr. 1 and  
Mrs. Snowden's Gr. 5 classes**

### **November Winners:**

**Mr. Granger's Gr. 6 and  
Mrs. Grekul's Gr. 1 classes**

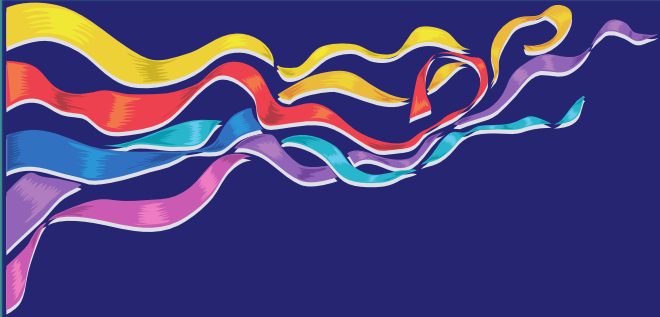
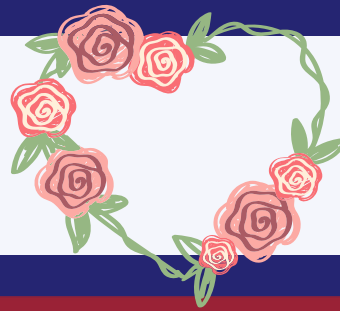
### **December Winners:**

**Ms. Penman's Gr. 7/8 and  
Mrs. Mandseth's Grade 3 classes**

### **January Winners:**

**Mr. Gill's Grade 5/6 and  
Mrs. Pumm's Grade 2 classes**





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Ribbon Skirt Making for Parents/Guardians

Thursdays from Feb 15-Mar. 21 6:30-8:30

Register at the School 10 spots available. I will leave a supply list at the office

You can also email me at [gloria.rogers@wrps11.ca](mailto:gloria.rogers@wrps11.ca) for more information

I am available to come with you to pick up supplies Feb. 8 or 9. We can go to Wild West in Wetaskiwin or Fabricland or Marshalls in Edmonton.

There will be a smudging on our first night Feb 15 to begin the project in a good way.

One requirement! We are going to have fun!

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Gloria Rogers

## Ribbon Skirt Supply list

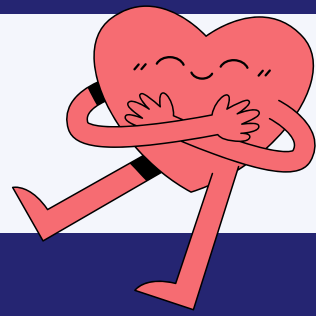
- 1) 2 meters of material or more depending on size
  - 1 meter if making a child's
- 2) Thread matching your material not ribbons
- 3) Decide how many ribbons you would like on your skirt
  - 3 meters per ribbon
- 4) One inch elastic one pkg or 1 meter
- 5) Bias tape if you'd like 2 pkg's
- 6) Straight pins
- 7) Kindness
- 8) Patience
- 9) Laughter
- 10) Fun stories!







# FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON



## Family School Liaison:

I hope that everyone is staying warm as we make our way through these winter months! Remember that the shortest days of daylight are now behind us, and each day ahead is getting a little bit longer. I continue to be available at Griffiths-Scott School on Wednesdays, Thursdays and alternating Fridays to support students and their families as needed. Some supports that I can provide are one-on-one conversations with students regarding topics such as anxiety, peer conflict, self-esteem, emotions, etc. Additionally, I can work with families to support families to get connected to government agencies, counselling, food bank, etc.

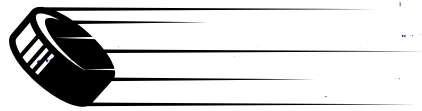
Alicia Cardinal  
Family School Liaison Worker



# W.H.A. HOCKEY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**The hockey season is going very well.  
We are looking forward to the rest of the season.**

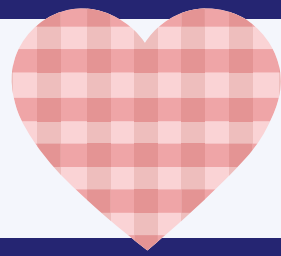


## Schedule for WHA – Millet Hockey Students

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



# W.H.A. GRIFFINS HOCKEY CALENDAR



**February 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 On-Ice @ Agriplex	3
4	5	6 On-Ice @ Agriplex	7	8 Teacher's Convention (No School)	9	10
11	12 On-Ice @ Agriplex	13	14 On-Ice @ Agriplex	15	16 PLC Day (No School)	17
18	19 Family Day (No School)	20 On-Ice @ Agriplex	21	22 On-Ice @ Agriplex	23	24
25	26 On-Ice @ Agriplex	27	28 On-Ice @ Agriplex	29	Mar 1 On-Ice @ Agriplex	



# PARENT COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Helpers at Griffiths-Scott School (HAGSS)

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To everyone that collected Beef Jerky orders, we were able to raise \$1700.00.

Where do the funds we raise go....

We have a few standard initiatives every year that we support:

- Start of the year Hot dog lunch
- Snack baskets for the front of the house concert winner (thank you to Pipestone Links Golf course for supplying this year)
- Milk and cookie day
- Staff Bursary to use during teachers convention (we all know they put a lot of their own funds into the classroom and to the students)
- extra items required in the school, we are currently looking for new lobby couches and tables for the students
- Year end BBQ
- Other big projects that are required, like the outdoor classroom and swing that we were able to complete.

## Upcoming events:

- Pizza Lunch Tuesday February 6th
- Next PAC meeting is on February 29th at 4:00pm in the school library, childcare is provided, everyone is welcome.
- Ongoing Bottle Drive, If you have any bottles you would like to donate we would happily come and collect them from you. Reach out to Michelle at 780-905-4374 to arrange a pick up time.
- Beef jerky pick up on February 13th after school

Enjoy the spring weather



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GREET, PHOTO OPS**  
Plus - specialty kids snack packs available at  
the canteen



**COSTUMES  
ENCOURAGED**  
Featuring Ariel, Elsa, and Belle



March 17th, 2:00

Tickets: \$25

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# COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED...

## **U16 Female Tackle Football**

**Ages:** Female Players ages 13–15 (Birth years 2009 to 2011)

**Season:** Regular Season & Playoffs – End of March through Mid-June

**Practice:** Starting mid-February – Tentative days are Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30–8:00pm

**League Games:** 1 per week on either Saturday or Sunday (starting end of March or early April)

## **U19 Female Tackle Football**

**Ages:** Female players ages 16–18 (Birth years 2006 to 2008)

**Season:** Regular Season & Playoffs – End of March through Mid-June

**Practice:** Starting mid-February – Tentative days are Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30–8:00pm

**League Games:** 1 per week on either Saturday or Sunday (starting end of March or early April)

**Ashley Berndt**

**Director, Communications**

**Leduc Cats Football**

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**U16 & U19  
FEMALE  
TACKLE FOOTBALL**

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NOW**

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# 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. Debbie Wagar
- Mrs. Carol Wait

## Custodians:

- Ms. Natalie Evans
- Mr. Gordio Rayco



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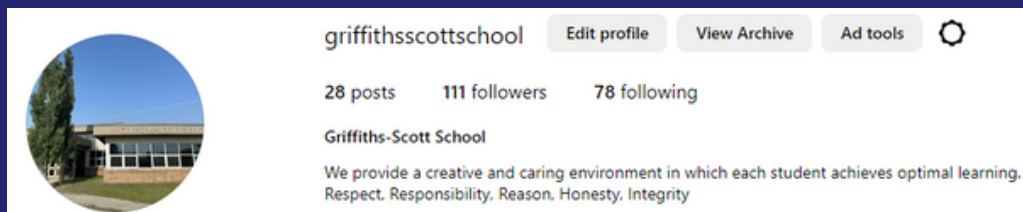
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