



# SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Message:

It has been a very exciting start to our new school year. I appreciate the warm welcome that I have received from community members, families, staff and especially from our students - it is GREAT TO BE A GRIFFIN!!

Thank you to our families that were able to join us on our Meet the Staff evening on September 13th, we had a great turn-out to meet our team and see our learning spaces. If you would like to get involved in our school more - parents are encouraged to join us for our first Parent Advisory Committee meeting of the year on September 26th in our library at 7:00 pm.

If you have questions or would like to discuss your child's learning as the year progresses, please do not hesitate to reach out to me to meet with you. I would love to have a conversation and help your child succeed!

Warm regards,  
Trevor Van Someren  
Principal



# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Labour Day: Schools Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Meet the Staff Night!	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Rod Drebert Cross Country Meet	21 GS Golf Team Tournament	22 PLC Day: No School	23
24	25	26 PAC Meeting Volleyball Home Game (Boys & Girls)	27 Orange Shirt Day	28 Picture Day!	29 School Recognition for the National Day of Truth & Reconciliation: School's Closed	30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

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# OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 LDAA Cross Country Meet  Volleyball Girls @ NW Boys @QE	4	5	6  PLC Day: No School	7
8	9  Thanksgiving: Schools Closed	10  Volleyball Girls @ QE Boys @GSS	11	12	13	14
15	16	17  Volleyball Girls @ GSS Boys @ CV	18	19	20	21
22	23	24  Volleyball Girls @ GSS Boys OFF	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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# SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS

## PICTURE DAY

For Staff and ALL  
Students  
September 28th

Please Note: Both Mon/Wed  
Kindergarten classes will attend for  
pictures ONLY. Tues/Thurs  
Kindergarten will stay for the day!



- We are collecting toonies for cancer research in honour of Terry Fox!
- The run will be on September 26th during our last recess.





# CLASSROOM & UNESCO ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GRADE 2: MS. GOODRICH

Grade 2 is off to a great start this year. In October we will be starting our grow tower. The students will be planting lettuce, spinach, and some other vegetables that are going to be grown in our class throughout the year. We will be snacking, making salads, and enjoying our hard work. Stay tuned for our updates throughout the year.

## GRADE 1: MRS. SENDECKI

We have had a wonderful start to the year so far. We have been working on numbers to 20 and recognizing our letters and sounds. The grade ones have also had a chance to do an apple stamping picture with paint and build a plasticine bunny. In science, we explored weighing apples with pan balances and looking closely at them with magnifying glasses. October will include Thanksgiving, Fire Safety and of course our Halloween party!



## GRADE 1: MRS. GREKUL

The Little Hoots have had a great start to the year! We are settling into routines and working on becoming more independent. We have been working really hard on learning our letter names and sounds. We are learning about vowels and consonants. We have also been working on recognizing numbers to 20 as well as counting to 20.

## UNESCO CLUB

The UNESCO Club is pleased to announce that our first fundraising event will be a Halloween dance on October 31 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Please bring a donation, if you can. We are raising money for the Downie Wenjak Fund in support of Truth and Reconciliation. Parents are welcome to attend.

## GRADE 2: MRS. PUMM

Grade 2s have been settling in to our classroom routines! In October, Kirby McRibbit will be heading home with students. In Science we will be working on Building Things!

# CLASSROOM & UNESCO ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT...

## GSS Golf Team

For the first time in Griffin history, six Grade 7 and 8 golfers entered in the LDAA golf tournament at Montgomery Glen Golf and Country Club on September 21. Thank you to Triple Creek Golf Club for donating practice rounds to the team to let them develop their golf skills.

## Social 8

Now that we have determined what the feudal system and mediaeval ages looked like, we will begin to learn about the bright new age of European history welcomed by the Renaissance, all the challenges to societal structure, Imperialism and Colonial attitudes, as well as the worldview of the people living at this time. Currently, students are designing a one-pager on Canva to summarise their learning about the Feudal hierarchy, manorial systems, the impact of religion, as well as how challenges to this system like the Black Plague and Peasants Revolt offered pathways to a new way of living.

## ELA 7, 7-8

In ELA 7 and 7-8, we are studying short stories and literary elements! We just finished a review of the literary elements we will be annotating, connecting, and analysing throughout our studies of short stories in the coming months.

I am very excited to teach these groups of young minds—they are so eager to be here and learn!

Thank-you!

Miss Penman



# CLASSROOM & UNESCO ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT...

## Math 6, 7, 8 with Mrs Langford

We are well into our first units in all of our math classes! We have been busy starting routines in math such as daily warm up, and we have even tried out vertical math surfaces a few times!

Math 6 has been exploring positive and negative numbers, number lines, and most recently have been looking at Quadrant one on the Cartesian plane, and how to graph coordinates.

In Math 7, we are currently working on our graphing unit, and have completed a graphing my name activity, and most recently started learning Transformations. This week's transformation on the graph was translating. We will be looking at reflections and rotations in the next few weeks.

In Math 8, we started the year off with square roots, perfect squares, and Pathagorean Theorem. It is a shorter unit that we should be wrapping up in about a week. Our second unit will focus on Integers.

## Griffin Leadership News

This year the students in grades 7 & 8 at GS have the opportunity to participate in the Student Leadership Team as a CTF option. This allows the team to have dedicated time weekly to create and develop fun and exciting activities for all Grtiffins.

So far in the month of September, the team had a school-wide Name that Tune contest where every morning after announcements clips of songs were played and classes had to guess the name of the song. Congratulations go out to the 7L class as winners of our first round of Name That Tune.

In the upcoming months, the team will be organizing and leading our monthly assemblies, sharing announcements over the PA system, and hosting a variety of theme days and spirit-building activities for the whole school community to enjoy!

Stay tuned (watch your emails) for information on upcoming events at Griffiths Scott School.



# INDIGENOUS SUPPORT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Tansi/Hello Everyone,

I'm so excited to be a part of Griffith Scott School this year. I'll be here every Thursday. I'm Mrs. Rogers, your ISW (Indigenous Support Worker) . I've worked in several schools in our district. I'll be sharing Indigenous Culture with your kiddos. We'll have stories, crafts, and games and maybe make some bannock to share. If you have any cultural ideas please let me know. To begin the year I will be sharing stories of residential schools and reconciliation ideas. At the assembly on the 27th I've invited a knowledge keeper Sarah Potts from Maskwacis and Sue Newman from the District Museum in Wetaskiwn to share stories. In October I will begin to share the seven teachings, these teachings will continue throughout the year. You'll notice in the foyer a display set up sharing what animal and teaching we will be learning about each month.

Ayhay/Thank you

Gloria Rogers (ISW)

# WELLNESS COACH ANNOUNCEMENT



As the leaves continue to change and fall, it is an important reminder to reflect on the importance of letting things go and letting change into our lives. However, this can be a challenging and strenuous process.

Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Your reactions and responses to change and forgiveness are up to you.
- Acknowledge the emotions that arise from changes in your life, take time to reflect and take care of yourself and what you need in the moment.
- View change and the art of letting go as avenues for new areas of personal growth and self-reflection

Mrs. Natalie Peek

"Change is constant. Though sometimes hard to acknowledge, in the end, how it works out in each of our lives is pretty much up to us" (Fox, 2011).

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10.5860/rbm.12.2.357.



# FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON



Family School Liaison:

Hello Everyone!

My name is Alicia Cardinal and I am the Family School Liaison at Griffiths-Scott School this year. I am so excited to be here! Some of you may remember me, as I was here for the 2019-2020 school year as well. It is nice to see a lot of familiar faces, although it is amazing to see how quickly the students have all grown over these last few years.

I am at Griffiths-Scott on Wednesdays, Thursdays and alternating Fridays. My role here is to support students within the school, as well as supporting students and families outside of the school. I can provide individual and small group support within the school, as well as support families with community resources and referrals. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you ever have questions or would like to connect.

Alicia Cardinal  
Family School Liaison



# W.H.A. HOCKEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first on ice lesson will be on  
**Monday, October 2, 2023.**

Please make sure all students are prepared  
with all of their hockey equipment,  
stick and water bottle.

## 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 ANNOUCEMENTS

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

Welcome to a new school year! Thank you to all of the parents, staff and students for their support last year. We are looking forward to all the exciting events for 2023/2024.

HAGGS will be having their first meeting Tuesday September 26th at 7:00pm in the school library. I would like to extend an open invitation to all parents that are interested in joining us.

This is a great opportunity to connect with the staff and other parents from Griffiths-Scott.

## Volunteers are needed:

Our first event of the year is going to be a free hot dog lunch for the staff and students on Wednesday September 27th. We are looking for volunteers that can help with the cooking and distribution of the hot dogs to all the classrooms. If you can spare some time that Wednesday morning please reach out to Kyrsten Stewart (780) 952-0175.

## Upcoming events:

- We are hoping to bring back some exciting events from last year and maybe a few new ideas. If you have any suggestions please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday September 26th.

We are all looking forward to another great year!



# 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: Mrs. Jennifer Langford
- Grade 7/8: Ms. Chelsea Penman
  
- Music: Mr. Marshall Tindall
- Science: Mrs. Natasha Thompson
- Gym/Hockey: Mr. Nicholas Schneider

## Additional Staff:

- Inclusive Learning/Literacy Teacher: Mrs. Kristine Becker
- 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

## Custodians:

- Ms. Natalie Evans
- Mr. Gordio Rayco



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