



# JANUARY NEWSLETTER

# 2024



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January

## Principal's Message:

Thank you to our Parent Advisory Committee for their strong support towards our students this year, we greatly appreciate the fantastic Christmas Dinner before the break and their Christmas Market fundraiser at the start of the Holiday season.

It is worth celebrating that our student leadership group's candygram sales allowed us to donate \$750 to the Millet Food Bank; and our UNESCO bake sale raised over \$400 for the Downie-Wenjack Foundation!!

A new calendar year offers a chance to try new ideas with renewed enthusiasm. With a growth mindset and a positive attitude, we know students can embrace new challenges and start 2024 strong.

We are looking forward to our Junior High Basketball season starting, most of our games will be scheduled for Tuesday after school, so please feel free to come and cheer on our Griffins!

Mr. Van Someren,  
Principal



December 8, 2023

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

On December 6, 2023, the Board of Trustees, during the Regular Board Meeting, approved motions to begin a process of consultation on school consolidation and up to and including closure. This process also includes the potential for new schools to be built in Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools jurisdiction.

The motions passed on December 6, 2023, were:

Whereas Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools has submitted an application for a new K-12 build at Buck Lake,

1. That the Board directs the Superintendent to proceed with further consultations on the consolidation of K-6 Schools in the Buck Lake Family of Schools. Consultation will include the Pigeon Lake Family of schools so as the impact is fully understood. The Superintendent will provide recommendations to the Board by March 31, 2024.

Whereas an application has been made for a new K-8 build in the city of Wetaskiwin,

2. That the Board direct the superintendent to proceed with further consultation on the consolidation and potential reconfiguration of K-6 and K-8 schools in the city of Wetaskiwin and provide recommendation to the Board by March 31, 2024.

3. That the Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to provide recommendations including the approval of new builds and the denial of new builds across WRPS.

We are committed to advancing discussions through consultations regarding potential new builds and considerations for no builds in the context of consolidation. The dates for consultation will be sent next week.

Your participation, and input in these discussions are invaluable as we collectively shape the future of our educational community. We hope that you find the time to come and engage with us so that we can gather your feedback on the future of our schools.

Warm regards,

Mike Wake  
Superintendent of Schools  
Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools



# SCHOOL-WIDE UPCOMING EVENTS



## Basketball Practices

Boys B-ball Practice:  
Mondays, 3:45-5:00 pm

Girls B-ball Practice:  
Wednesdays, 3:45-5:00 pm

## P.A.C Hot Dog Lunch

Hot Dog Hot Lunch  
by Parent Council  
on  
Tuesday,  
January 16th  
(forms online)

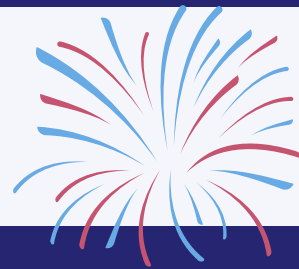
## Basketball Field Trip

Basketball field trip for all  
basketball team members  
&  
Students from Grades 7& 8  
Friday,  
January 26th





# JANUARY CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day!	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Back to School!  Jr. Boys Basketball Practice 3:45pm - 5:00pm	9	10  Jr. Girls Basketball Practice 3:45pm - 5:00pm	11	12	13
14	15  Jr. Boys Basketball Practice 3:45pm - 5:00pm	16 P.A.C Hot Dog Hot Lunch  <u>Basketball Games</u> Jr. Boys vs Clearvista @ GSS  Jr. Girls @ Parkdale	17  Jr. Girls Basketball Practice 3:45pm - 5:00pm	18	19	20
21	22  Jr. Boys Basketball Practice 3:45pm - 5:00pm	23  <u>Basketball Games</u> Jr. Boys @ Norwood  Jr. Girls vs Thorsby @ GSS	24  Jr. Girls Basketball Practice 3:45pm - 5:00pm	25	26 Basketball Field Trip for Team Members and Grade 7/8 class	27
28	29  Jr. Boys Basketball Practice 3:45pm - 5:00pm	30 Last Day of Quarter 2 & Semester 1  <u>Basketball Games</u> Jr. Boys @ Kisipatnahk  Jr. Girls - BYE	31 First Day of Quarter 3 & Semester 2  Jr. Girls Basketball Practice 3:45pm - 5:00pm			

**RED = SCHOOL'S CLOSED**

**GREEN = PLC DAYS - NO SCHOOL**

**BLUE = GS SCHOOL EVENTS**





## DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT

We will begin selling Dreams Take Flight tickets in the New Year!

**\$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 are two confirmed field trips coming up soon in the New Year:

- Basketball Watch Party for Grade 7 & 8, as well as any Grade 6 Basketball team students
- Rabbit Hill Snow Day for Grades 5-8



## HOT LUNCH

Hot Dog Hot Lunch by Parent Council, form available online!

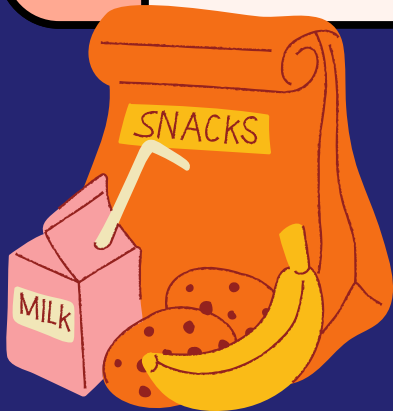
**When:** Tuesday, January 16th

**Deadline to Submit:** Tuesday, January 9th at NOON! (day after returning from Christmas Break)



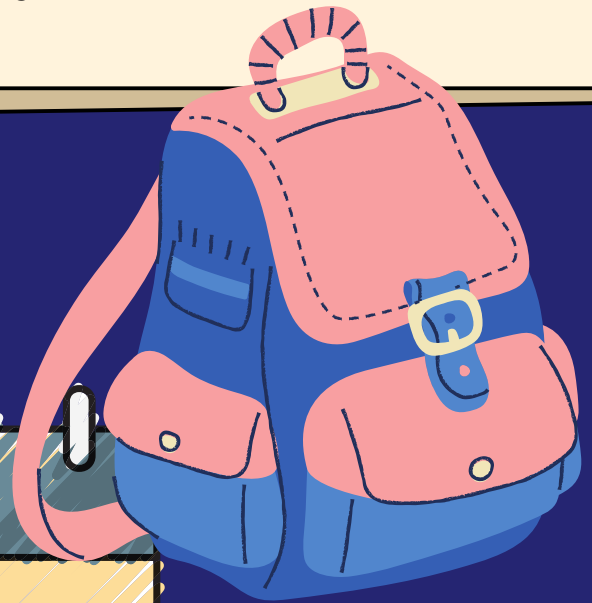
## GRADE 1 - MRS. GREKUL

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas spent with their loved ones! The Little Hoot classroom is very busy! When we return to school we will begin learning our numbers to 100. We will start our Home Reading program and continue to learn more reading strategies. It is so important that you are reading with your child daily. We will move on to a new Social Studies unit where we will learn about all the groups that we belong to in our community. We will get to go on field trips to various businesses in our community. I will need volunteers to go on these trips so please make sure to get your volunteer forms filled out and turned in to the office so you can help out.



## GRADE 2 - MRS. GOODRICH

The grade 2 spent time planting lettuce, spinach, swish card and parsley. Once the seeds germinated we were able to start our grow tower.



Happy New Year Everyone!



## **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. Sendecki's Gr. 1 and  
Mrs. Snowden's Gr. 5 classes**

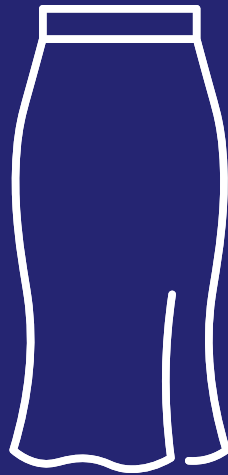
### **November Winners:**

**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**





Tansi, Miyo Manito Kisikaw, Merry Christmas

What an amazing group of parents! Thank you for everything you do! After speaking with parents we've decided to have a ribbon skirt sewing afterschool program. It will start in February. I'll go and speak with Perry at the Wild West store in Wetaskiwin. He's good at giving discounts. I'll give you the list of supplies to purchase. This is sooo Exciting!

Have a wonderful Christmas Break.

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Mrs. Gloria Rogers



# WELLNESS COACH ANNOUNCEMENT



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## 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**



**"Happy New Year to all of our Griffiths–Scott students and families!"**

**Please remember that I am available at Griffiths–Scott School on Wednesdays, Thursdays and alternating Fridays to support students and their families as needed. If you ever have a question or are looking for some support, please do not hesitate to contact me!"**

**Alicia Cardinal  
Family School Liaison Worker**







# W.H.A. HOCKEY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**We are excited about the successful first annual Griffith-Scott Classic that was held on Wednesday, December 20th! Our Griffins participating in the hockey program showcased the skills they've honed throughout this year. We really appreciate the support from our school's students, staff, and parents at this event.**

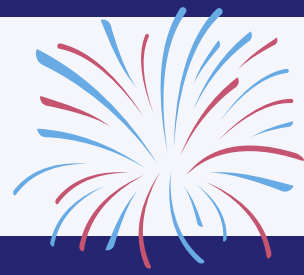


## Schedule for WHA - Millet Hockey Students

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

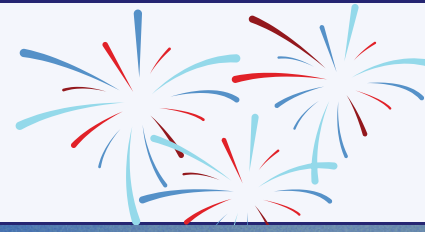


# W.H.A. GRIFFINS HOCKEY CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day! No School	2 No School	3 No School	4 No School	5 No School	6
7	8	9 On-Ice @ Agriplex	10	11 On-Ice @ Agriplex	12	13
14	15 On-Ice @ Agriplex	16	17 On-Ice @ Agriplex	18	19 On-Ice @ Agriplex	20
21	22	23 On-Ice @ Agriplex	24	25 On-Ice @ Agriplex	26	27
28	29 On-Ice @ Agriplex	30	31 On-Ice @ Agriplex			





**Wow, what a busy month it has been for December!**

**Turkey Lunch - Huge thank you to all the families, businesses and associations that donated to our Turkey lunch. The staff and students enjoyed their sit down meal immensely. Special thank you goes out to the Sych Family for cooking and organizing the meal for the last 12 years, we will miss you next year. Thank you to Millet Lions Club, Wetaskiwin Ready Mix and Millet Storm Hockey for their cash donations towards the meal.**

**Front of the House Seating - Thank you to everyone that entered for a chance to sit in the front row for the Christmas Concert. We were able to raise \$517.00 to go towards our Society.**

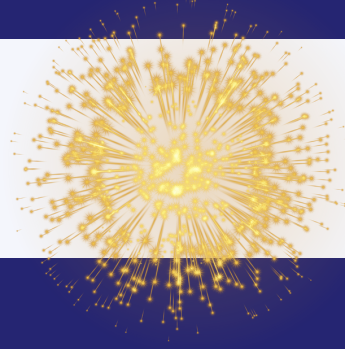
**Upcoming events:**

- **Hot Dog Hot lunch January 16th, forms are available on Power School now**
- **Wilhaulk Beef Jerky fundraiser is back by popular demand. Order forms will be going out towards the end of the January.**
- **Next PAC meeting is on January 25th at 4:00pm in the school library. Childcare is provide, 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.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone!**





## 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
- Mr. Gordio Rayco



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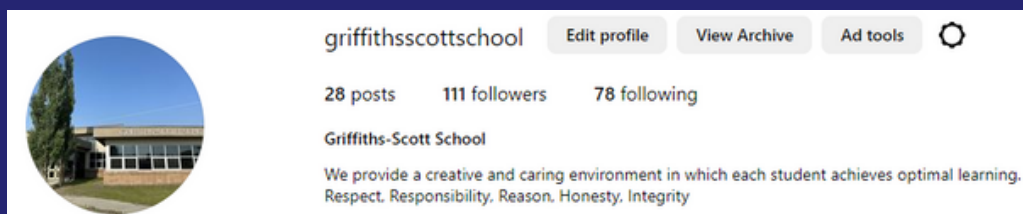
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