

GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL



Principal's Message

Spring is here and excitement is in the air as we continue to have a wonderful year of learning here at Green Valley School. As always, we greatly appreciate the combined efforts of all as we support our students in their journey of learning.

A special THANK-YOU to all of our parents, students and staff that attended and organized our first ever Learning Expo for grades 5-8. It was a wonderful evening of celebrating the learning and accomplishments of our middle years students. We capped off the night with our grade 9 orientation evening for our grade 8 students and parents. Thanks to Mr. Gerbrandt for organizing and facilitating the evening of tours and registration. We thank all of our grade 9 teachers and high school students for taking part in the evening and welcoming our up and coming grade 9 students for September 2018.

GVS staff and students will continue to be extremely busy finishing off this school year. As a staff we are already in the process of planning next year. We kindly ask all of our parents to review the course selection forms that our students from grade 8-11 have filled out for next year. We highly value parental input and engagement when it comes to students selecting their courses. We also would like to remind parents of students in grades 5-7, that we will be creating next years classes in the next month. If you have any concerns about your child's academic or social/emotional well-being please contact our middle years resource teacher Mrs. Kerri Schroeder or your child's homeroom teacher this year before May. We will work extremely hard in creating classrooms that fit the learning needs of each of our students. There are many factors that are considered when creating homerooms. This process takes a lot of time and consideration from our classroom teachers, our resource/guidance departments, student services department and from school administration. All requests and accommodations will be given serious consideration, but may not always be possible to fulfill.

As we head into the final stretch of the school year and the weather continues to improve, we have to constantly remind ourselves that there are still three months of school left, and busy months they are! The staff is providing many exciting opportunities for students to enrich their school experience through events such as track & field events, class learning excursions and school based activities. Our focus continues to be on student engagement and creating lessons and activities that provide opportunities for our students to communicate, collaborate, be creative, solve problems, and think critically. As always, I encourage you to talk to your child(ren) about school and the things he/she is learning, and maintain open lines of communication.

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!!

MONTH AT A GLANCE

April 2

First Day of Classes

April 6

SY & MY Admin Day
(No Classes)

April 13

SY Report Cards Issued

April 19

SY Parent Teacher
Interviews

April 19

Art Show

April 20

Community Clean-Up

April 20

Grade 5 Night at the
Museum

Music News

Course selections for next year are in process. If you are in grade 9 - 12 next year, have you considered being part of the GVS choir?

GVS has a strong and growing choir program. I would especially like to invite all of the current grade 8 students, as well as anyone in grade 9 - 12 that is not yet a part of the choir to consider joining for next year. You can join choir at anytime, even if you haven't taken choir previously. Did you know that singing in choir teaches you the same foundations for singing that you would receive with a private voice teacher? There is nothing like singing with a group of music enthusiasts and using nothing but your voices to create beautiful and powerful music. If you would like to receive a credit for singing, this is the place for you.



Grade 6 Band Selections

In April we will be doing a unit in grade 6 about what happens in grade 7 band. Students will be introduced to the different instruments of the band.

If you would like your grade 6 student(s) to join band, feel free to email Mr Neufeld already. It's never too early to register.

From Mr. Gerbrandt's Office

Rotary Career Symposium

This career symposium will be held at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg on April 16 in the evening and April 17-18 during the day. This can be a great opportunity for students to find out about who is hiring, the prospective job market in Manitoba and across Canada, and the post-secondary training that may be needed to land these jobs. Go to: <http://careersymposium.ca/> for more information.

Sensitive Issues

Both the grade 5 and grade 7 students will take part in sensitive issues classes during the months of April and May. These will be conducted in same gender groupings. Parents are encouraged to speak with their children about what they are learning and answer any questions their children may have.

Library

Please remember to look for lost or overdue Library books over the break and return them when school resumes in April. As well; for students who signed out extra books, please remember to bring them back as well.

Thank you.



Sports News

SY Sports

A very successful basketball season has come to a close. The season ended off with the Varsity Boys Basketball team competing at Provincials in Gretna on March 15, 16 and 17. The boys worked hard at Provincials losing two close games to Frontier and Gimli. The valuable experience that our athletes gained through competing at the Provincial level will pay dividends in the future. Thanks to all of our coaches for the time, dedication and hard work in developing our student athletes!

JV Boys – Steve Elias and Josh Gruninger
Varsity Girls – Earl Shilling and Kevin Wiebe
Varsity Boys – Jon Rempel and Evan Friesen



Our High School Badminton team is busy preparing for the upcoming season! We will be attending two mini-tournaments (March 21 at ICSP, RB, April 11 at SRSS). South Finals will be at ICSP and RB in Ste. Pierre April 17, followed by JV Zones April 19 in Whitemouth and Lac du Bonnet. The Zone 13 Championships will be played April 24 in Whitemouth and Lac du Bonnet. Good luck to all our players on their upcoming season!

The High School Baseball team is also busy preparing for their upcoming season. Games will begin end of April 26 and will be played on Thursdays. The full schedule will be out as soon as all teams have confirmed entry into the league. Baseball Zone Finals will be played May 22nd and 23rd at Stahn Field in Mitchell.

The Girls Fastpitch team has been hard at work preparing for their upcoming season. Practices run from 6-8pm at South Oaks on Mondays and Wednesdays, as well from 4-6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at South Oaks. Fastpitch Zones will be held May 22 and 23.



MY Sports

This years basketball teams had a lot of fun this season thanks to our hard working coaching staff. Big thanks goes out to Ed Giesbrecht, Mike Braun, Ryan Funk, Malorie Fisher, Melissa Gerbrandt and Doris Wiens for stepping up to coach our future basketball players. Our grade 7 boys team this year was the talk of the town as they were one of the top 3 teams in the whole Division! This team will be challenging for a banner next season. Our grade 8 teams just missed out on the playoffs this season and will be looking to make the jump to JV ball next year



Badminton season is fast approaching. Randy Fast has been running practices for the grade 7 team for the past 3 weeks. After Spring Break all teams will be practicing a couple times per week. The Grade 7's will practice on Tuesdays and Fridays while the grade 8's will go on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Hanover Badminton Tournament will be held Tuesday, May 1, with top four competitors moving on to Playoffs on Thursday May 3.

Numeracy Month continues...

At GVS everyone counts! Numeracy Month will be continuing until April 13 at GVS. Students have been taking part in activities and special days to highlight and celebrate Math. We kicked off Numeracy Month with Pi Day on March 14. To celebrate, volunteers from each middle years' class took part in a pie eating contest in the gym at lunch. Eating pie is pretty sweet, except when you can't use your hands. Brody Neufeld our pie eating contest winner for 2018, was happy to accept his prize... half an apple pie. I guess he hadn't had too much pie.

Pi Day also gave us the opportunity to explore the number Pi (3.14), circles and other Pi related topics. 7LS shared some of their "Pi-ku" poems. These were 3 line poems created with the first line having 3 syllables, the second line having 1 syllable, and the last line having 4 syllables. They were terrific!

Other important dates for Numeracy Month:

April 4 : Wear a Pattern Day

April 11: Wear a Geometric Shape Day

April 13: Wear a Number Day again, we will host the Middle Years' Math Olympics, and the winners of the "Guess the Number of Candies in the Jar" will be announced.

"Why did the 90-degree angle win the argument?" – Because it was "Right"!

Traffic

Please be reminded that the speed limit around GVS is 30km/h. This is a high traffic area in the mornings and after school with cars entering and leaving GVS, buses carrying students, students being dropped off and pedestrians crossing the road. Additionally, when buses have their flashing red lights on and their stop sign out, traffic must stop. This includes dropping off students or loading students on the parking lot at the beginning and end of the day.

Please drive safely and slowly.



Yearbook

The Green Valley School 2017-2018 yearbook will be on sale from April 2 to April 30, 2018.

The price of the yearbook is \$30 and there will no longer be the option of personalization. The yearbook will also be a little smaller than previous years at 64 pages. However, we are confident that it will still showcase all the events and memories made during the school year.

Students can purchase a yearbook by bringing their order form and money to the office.

To purchase a yearbook, please complete the attached form and submit it with your purchase. You will receive your yearbook in September 2018. Cheques can be made payable to Green Valley School.

Dear Students and Parents:

There are a few changes to the Green Valley School Yearbook this year. The first change is that they are going on sale right at the beginning of the school year. The Green Valley School 2017-2018 yearbook will be on sale from April 2, 2018 to April 30, 2018.

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If you own a business and would like to purchase an advertisement in the yearbook, please contact Ms. Harder at 434-6415. **An advertisement of \$125.00 or more allows you to receive a free yearbook while also receiving a receipt for income tax purposes.**

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sarah Harder at (204)434-6415.

2017-2018 Yearbook Order Form

Please Print Clearly

Student Name: _____

Homeroom: _____ Number of yearbooks ordered: _____

Advertising in the yearbook? (Please fill out the form on the back.)

Business Name: _____

Amount: \$ _____

2017-2018 Green Valley School Yearbook Advertisement Form

Please Print Clearly

Business Information:

Business Name: _____

Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Amount: (Check the box that applies.)

- Yearbook Supporter \$50
- Yearbook Sponsor \$75
- Yearbook Patron \$125
- Yearbook Pillar \$175
- Other \$ _____

All cheques should be made out to Green Valley School.

Please send a current business card/advertising logo along with this form and payment. You can also submit a digital copy of your logo/business card to sharder@hsd.ca

Yearbook Delivery:

If you are advertising for \$125 or more, you will receive a free yearbook. Please fill out this portion if it applies.

Do you want the free yearbook that comes with your donation? Yes? _____ No? _____

Will this yearbook be sent home with a student?

If yes, student name and grade: _____

Will you be needing delivery of this yearbook, or will you pick it up at the school?

Thank you so much for your support of our yearbook!