

GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear GVS Parents and Community,

Welcome back to Green Valley! Greetings to everyone, whether you are new to Green Valley School or we've worked together for the last few years, welcome to an exciting new school year! This has been a busy summer for the administrative team and staff participating in professional development, planning activities for character education, designing lessons for the new school year, and working hard to put the best possible staff in place for our students. I am so excited about the 2018-2019 school year with approximately 490 students currently enrolled at GVS.

It is our mission to help every child feel welcome and connected as part of our GVS school community. We strive to challenge each student to grow in their social, emotional and academic abilities while attending GVS. At GVS we have GREAT teachers who spend hours planning and creating learning activities to engage our students in their learning journey. Our teachers utilize research-based best practices and analyze academic data to determine current skill levels and to help set goals for growth and improvement for all of our students. We believe that once our students leave GVS they will be prepared for the demands of post secondary education, meaningful careers in the trades industry and to be positive contributing citizens.

Our staff is eager to work with your children this school year, we consider it a privilege to be a part of their lives. GVS is fortunate to have the following new staff members bring their talent and experiences to our school: Mr. Kevin Hiebert (grades 9-10 ELA), returning back to GVS will be Ms. Lisa Hildebrandt (gr.7 Math/Science) and Ms. Katelyn Corbin will be switching from one of our grade 7 teachers to join our team of grade 5 teachers. We hope that you will find our website helpful and informative. Parents are reminded that all extra-curricular practice and game schedules can also be found on our school website. Daily announcements are also posted and updated every day.

In order for us to serve our students in the best way, it is necessary that you update information unique to your family each year. Please login into HSD Parent Portal or contact our school office if you have had address or contact information changes over the summer months.

Please note our school hours for the 2018-2019 school year: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. If you are driving your student to school in the morning please drop them off after 8:25 am. Adult supervision will begin at 8:25 am daily. Another very important safety announcement regarding student drop offs: **NO vehicles will be permitted in our bus loop (the front of our building and parking lot) between the following times: 8:20-9:00 am and 3:25-4:00 pm.** There will be signs out to remind our school community about this new safety procedure. We want to ensure that our bus traffic and passengers have the safest environment for unloading and loading our students on a daily basis. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in helping us achieve this.

Throughout the year we send many pictures and updates via Twitter. If you are interested in getting those fun posts, please follow us on Twitter at @GrnValley.

I am honored to be entering my sixth year as principal at GVS. I am blessed to serve such an amazing school community where staff, parents, students and community members strive to build positive lasting relationships that support academic and social growth in all of our students. It is truly a privilege to belong to a community that truly believes: "It takes a village to raise a child." Please feel free to contact me at 204-434-6415 or aschinkle@hsd.ca. Once again, welcome back! Let's make it another great year at GVS for all of our students!

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 6

SY AWARDS ASSEMBLY @ 11 AM

SEPTEMBER 13

PARENT GRAD MEETING @ 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 14 & 17

STRONG CONNECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 18

PICTURE DAY

FCC FOOD DRIVE BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 20

GR. 5 INDIGENOUS DAY

SEPTEMBER 25-26

GRAD RETREAT @ CAMP
CEDARWOOD

SEPTEMBER 27

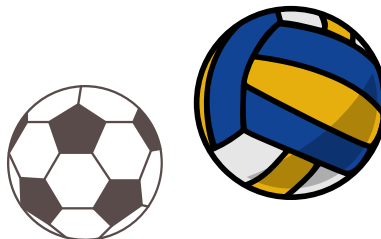
TERRY FOX ASSEMBLY @ 11 AM
TERRY FOX RUN

SPORTS NEWS

SY SPORTS

The Green Valley School athletic department is looking forward to the beginning of the 2018-2019 athletic season. We are very excited to have a full slate of teams competing in volleyball, soccer and cross country running to start the year off. Practices will begin September 5 and 6 with the following teams:

- Sept. 5 JV Boys Volleyball 6-8 @ GVS
- Sept. 5 JV Girls Volleyball 6-8 @ South Oaks
- Sept. 6 Varsity Boys Volleyball 4-6 @ South Oaks
- Sept. 6 Varsity Girls Volleyball 6-8 @ South Oaks
- Soccer Practices TBA (refer to Pirates calendar on website)



Our soccer teams will be entering their third and final year as a co-op with ICSP this year and will continue to play under the title "GVSP." The girls will kick off their league play Monday, September 10 as they travel to Niverville to take on the Panthers. The boys will begin their league play as they host Lorette September 11 at Tri-star field in Grunthal. Game times are scheduled for 5:30 pm.

At the beginning of the athletic season, our student athletes will be presented with a player contract. This contract outlines the athletic, academic and behavioral expectations of students in order to be eligible to play for our teams. It also contains some important information for parent conduct, as well as fee information. Please make sure you review this with your student athlete, sign the contract, and have it returned with the fee to the general office before your student athlete plays their first game for the team.

For further information on dates and times for practices, tournaments and games as well as results for your Green Valley Pirates, please visit gvs.hsd.ca and click the athletics tab.

For all Zone 13 athletics results and information results please visit: <http://z13aa.weebly.com>

For all Provincial High School Sports results and information, Top 10 Provincial rankings and news please visit: www.mhsaa.ca

We want to wish everyone an excellent start to the school year and remember, GO Pirates GO!

LIBRARY

A reminder to all students who participated in the GVS Summer reading program: you must return your library books before you can take out additional books for the 2018-2019 school year.



BREAKFAST CLUB

The Grunthal Lions Club will be hosting a fundraiser for the GVS Breakfast Club program on Sunday September 30 from 5:00-8:00 pm at Bigg Smoak. Tickets cost \$25.00 and are available to purchase at GVS and at Bigg Smoak. Each ticket will get you one meal which includes steak, baked potato, caesar salad, garlic toast and a beverage of your choice. There will also be a silent auction.

Please consider coming to support our Breakfast Club.

BUS LOOP & TRAFFIC

Please note that the bus loop is closed to traffic and student drop offs during 8:20 to 9:00 am and 3:25 to 4:00 pm. Student drop-offs can happen on the west entrance of the building on Oak Ave. Please be reminded that the speed limit on Oak Avenue and Park Street is 30 km/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. Please drive safely and slowly.



STUDENT COUNCIL

GVS Student Council will be throwing a back to school celebration on September 13. Big Smoak BBQ will be at the school during the noon hour for students to purchase a lunch. Also, we will have Bubble Soccer free of charge for the students to enjoy.

TECH ED.

In an effort to witness empathy, serve the community and build for practical applications the grade eleven students are looking for building projects in the community. This is an experimental project and we are just searching out options right now. Depending on the project, there may be material fees required. Building blocks for a daycare? Planters for a community garden? Park bench for a senior centre? Please email Kurt Hangle: khangle@hsd.ca

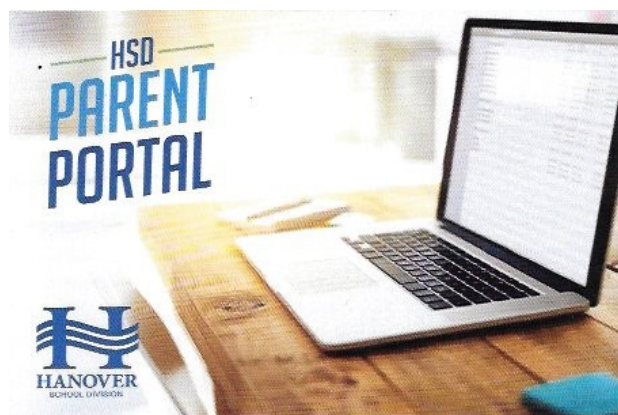
TERRY FOX

Terry Fox Run and BBQ will be on September 27. We will start the run with an assembly at 11:00 am. Please remember to bring a "Toonie for Terry" in support of the Terry Fox Foundation.

INDIGENOUS DAY

The grade five classes will be participating in our annual Indigenous Day Celebration and Education Event on Thursday, September 20. We will be looking for parent volunteers to help make the day a success. Parents who are interested in volunteering for this event (or any other throughout the year) will need to check in at the school office to ensure that they have filled out appropriate forms. Please look for further details in your child's agenda in the next week.

PARENT PORTAL



The HSD Parent Portal Information page is now available at <http://hsd.ca/schools/parentportal/>.

Stay connected and informed. The HSD Parent Portal continues to be a communication tool designed to enhance and increase parent/guardian involvement in the education of their children by providing secure online access to their child's student information, report cards, consent forms and accounts, including payments.

Please contact our school office to request account setup assistance.

FCC FOOD DRIVE @ GVS

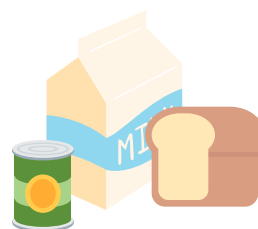
In recognition of World Food day, our school is once again participating in the Farm Credit Canada Drive Away Hunger program by collecting donation of non-perishable food for people who are hungry in our area. We are so thrilled to be partnering with Grunthal Caring Hands Food Bank to ensure that the food collected is distributed to families in our area.

Collection of non-perishable food donations will take place from September 18 to October 5. Last year we were able to collect over 5000 lbs in donations. We would like to be able to do that again this year, so keep your eyes open for good deals and stock up early. For ideas of most needed food items, check out the following websites:

www.FCCDriveAwayHunger.ca. (Most Needed Items)

<https://grunthalcaringhands.org/donations.phb> (Things to Donate)

More information will follow closer to September 17 to help the student body prepare. Thank you in advance for your participation in this great project for our community!



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PEANUT AWARE ZONE



Please remember to avoid peanuts and
peanut products due to allergies.

Green Valley School is a Peanut Aware School. Please do not send peanuts or peanut products to school with students. Senior High students who leave campus during breaks also need to make sure they are not bringing peanut products back into the school. Thank you for your help in keeping our school safe for all!