

GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL



Principal's Message

February has been a very exciting and busy month.

THANK YOU to all of our families for coming in and supporting our Scholastic Book Fair during our "I Love to Read" month. A huge shout out to Mrs. Tracey Friesen and all of her volunteers for the many extra hours they put in to make this year's book fair a huge success. Thank you to all of our teachers who also put together a variety of activities to help promote literacy in our school community.

As we bid farewell to all of the fun activities that took part in February for "I Love to Read" month, March will be just as exciting with Numeracy Month. Please feel free to look online to see all of the awesome numeracy activities that will be taking place during the month of March. One favorite day that many of our students look forward to is "Pi Day" which takes place on Thursday, March 14.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Vernon Neufeld and our GVS Band for being invited to next year's National Band Competition. The GVS band had a great showing at this year's Optimist Festival in Winnipeg.

Our GVS Pirate basketball teams are all gearing up for Regional play-offs that will be taking place this coming weekend in Warren and Carman. We wish both the girls and boys teams all the best as they make their drive to make it to the "AA" Provincial Basketball Championships later on this month.

We would like to remind all of our parents with students in grades 5-8 about our Middle Years' Learning Expo that will be taking place on the first day of spring, March 20. Along with the Learning Expo, we will also be hosting our grade 9 Orientation Evening. The Learning Expo will take place in the gym and stage areas from 4:30-6:45 pm. We will then host the grade 9 Orientation at 7:00-8:30 pm. Our grades 9-12 Parent Teacher Interview evening will take place on April 17 from 4:00-7:00 pm. Please note that this date has been moved from the 18th to the 17th. You will receive further emails and calls for interview requests and bookings.

Just a reminder that Spring Break takes place from March 25-29. Classes will resume April 1. We wish all of our staff and students a safe, healthy and active kick off to the spring season.

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 8

MY Admin Day/SY PLC/PD Day
Grad Pictures
No Classes

March 14

Spring Concert

March 15

MY Report Cards

March 20

MY Learning Expo
Grade 9 Orientation

March 22

Last Day of Classes
Before Spring Break

March 25-29

Spring Break

From Mr. Gerbrandt's Office

Graduation Portraits

Grad portraits are being taken on Friday, March 8 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm in the GVS gym. All grads are reminded to check the schedule and be in the gym 10 minutes prior to their appointment time. Graduates should dress appropriately, read their information pamphlets carefully, and bring a cheque (written to Lifetouch Canada) to cover their sitting fee. The sitting fee is \$20.00. Grads may also order a composite photo of all grads at this time. The cost for this composite picture is \$15.00.



Grade 9 Orientation

For all students currently in grade 8, and their parents, we have a grade 9 Orientation evening. Students and parents will get to meet teachers, go into classrooms, hear about high school, and find out more about credits and how to be successful in high school. This event is a great way to transition into high school and help students feel comfortable with the transition. Students will have an opportunity at this event to sign up for their grade 9 courses. Please come out to this on Wednesday, March 20th.

Students Going into Grade 10 Next Year

For all students in grade 9, going to the SRSS is an option in grade 10 if the student is majoring in a vocational program. Interested grade 9 students will be taken on a tour on Thursday, March 7th. There is also a parent evening at the SRSS that evening. Contact Mr. Cam Gerbrandt for more details.

Music News



Optimist Festival:

Another Optimist Festival has come and gone.

The GVS grade 8-12 bands represented Green Valley School with strong performances.

The grade 9-12 combined bands received an invitation to perform at next years "Music Fest Canada" which is Canada's National Band Festival. Congratulations!

Southeast Manitoba Music Festival

March is the month for the South East Manitoba Music Festival.

This year the GVS senior choir, and the grade 5 choir will be participating in the festival.

The grade 5 choir will be at the festival in Steinbach on March 18, and the Senior on March 19.

We are always looking for parents to come along and experience the wonderful performances with which the music program represents Green Valley School and Grunthal.

Spring Concert

The annual Spring Concert will be taking place on Thursday March 14 at 7:00 PM in the school gym.

Grade 7-12 bands will be performing the selections with which they represented us at this years festivals.

Grade 6 Band signup

At Green Valley School we have a strong band and choir program. Band is a wonderful way of learning many life skills, such as team work, perseverance, long term learning, emotional expression, instrument playing skills and so much more.

Our grade 6 students will soon start to explore what band is all about at GVS. It is never too early to start thinking about having your child in band in grade 7. Be on the look out for communications in regards to next year's band sign up coming home with your child.

Sports News

Green Valley Team Gear is Here

We are very pleased to open our online clothing shop through [entripy.com](https://greenvalleyschool.entripyshops.com)! This is your one stop shop for all Green Valley School Gear. Represent your team or your school pride with a shirt, hoodie, jacket, sweatshirt and much more! All gear is fully customizable and is delivered right to your door or to the school if you wish. Visit <https://greenvalleyschool.entripyshops.com>

SY Sports

A very successful basketball season continues to roll along. All of our teams have a very good chance of representing Green Valley School at Provincials. Both of our varsity teams are awaiting on a provincial qualifier spot. The qualifier tournament will be held on Saturday, March 2. All locations are TBD. Currently our boys are ranked 6th and girls are ranked 8th in the Province. Varsity Girls and Boys Provincials will take place March 14-16. The girls will be in Sagkeeng, while the boys will be at Immanuel Christian in Winnipeg.

Our JV boys will play Niverville for the Zone 13 Championship and a berth in Provincials on Feb 26. Game time is scheduled for 7:30, with the winner getting a direct entry into provincials. JV boys provincials will take place March 8-9 at Ross L Gray School in Sprague.

As basketball winds down in March, badminton will start up. Practices are set to begin Wednesday Feb 27 at South Oaks and will continue every following Monday and Wednesday. For the first time this year, there will be two categories, JV (grade 9-10) and Varsity (grade 11-12). Mini-tournaments will begin the week of March 18.

For all game and tournament results and current rankings please visit www.mhsaa.ca. For a schedule of practices, tournaments and upcoming games, please visit the Athletics calendar at www.gvs.hsd.ca. For updated Zone 13 league standings and game schedules, please visit our Zone 13 website at <http://z13aa.weebly.com>



MY Sports

Basketball season is winding down with all of our middle years teams concluding their seasons by March 12. The grade 8 boys are currently in 5th place which gives them a playoff game against the 4th seed. The winner of that plays against the number 1 ranked team from SMS. The grade 7 and 8 girls team defeated Kleefeld a couple of weeks ago ensuring us 8th place. We will be hosting Kleefeld on Monday March 4 to see who gets the 8th and final spot in playoffs. Go Pirates!

Badminton season is just around the corner. If any parents are interested in helping out with coaching are to notify Mr. Hill.



Canteen

The hot lunch schedule for March is;
Monday 4: Chicken Burger & Chips
Thursday 7: Pizza (No Classes on Friday)
Monday 11: Chicken Burger & Chips
Wednesday 13: Farmer Sausage & Perogies
Friday 15: Pizza Day
Monday 18: Chicken Burger & Chips
Wednesday 20: Spaghetti & Garlic Toast
Friday 22: Pizza Day

Prices:
Monday & Wednesday Lunch: \$4.00
Pizza: \$1.75/slice
Chocolate Milk: \$1.00 (small) \$1.50 (large)
Pudding: \$0.50
Forks, Spoons, Knives, Cups: \$0.05



From the Library



February was a busy month around GVS and the library. It was I Love to Read Month with different activities and "Drop Everything and Read" time each day. There was the Scholastic Dino-mite Book Fair, the Whoo's Reading What? contest and we wrapped up the month with Blind Date With a Book.

Thank you to all the GVS staff and students and their families for making the annual Scholastic Book Fair a success! We achieved over \$2100 in sales! This meant that many new books were purchased for the library and classrooms, including most books on the library wish list. Thank you to all those who volunteered before, during and after the sale. There was flurry of student activity unpacking boxes and organizing books and boutique items, putting up posters, cutting up prize draw entry tickets, setting up the contests, helping at the sales desk and the library counter, shelving books, packing up the leftover books and so much more. Congratulations to all the winners of the Book Fair contests!

Thank you also to all those who helped pick and wrap books for the Blind Date With a Book. Over two hundred books were picked for a blind date!

Again, I appreciate all those students and staff who took time out of their busy days to help make all the library events a success. Thank you Pirates!

THANKYOU

Student Council

Senior years Winter Activity Day is March 1. Students should come prepared for their chosen activity.

A Grad vs. Staff hockey game is tentatively being planned for March 7. Date and time will be confirmed later.

Student Council will be selling Booster Juice on March 13. Middle years students are to pre-order with their homeroom teacher, senior years are to pre-order during the noon hour in the front foyer. The flavors available are- Mango Hurricane and Very Berry. A small will cost \$5.00 and a large \$6.50.

School Fees

If your student(s) are enrolled in shops, food, art, band or sports, please make sure to pay the fees for those courses and activities. Online payments can be made by logging into the HSD Parent Portal at www.powerschool.hsd.ca or cheque and cash payments may be made directly at the school office.

Numeracy Month

At GVS, everyone counts! Numeracy Month will be running from March 14 to April 12 at GVS. Activities to highlight and celebrate Math will be going on throughout the month. Students will have opportunities to earn ballots for guessing the number of candies in a jar that will be on display. We will kick off Numeracy Month on Pi Day (03/14- March 14) with a pie eating contest for middle years' Pi-rates as well as other Pi awareness information and activities for all. Check out the attached calendar for some of the other special days and events. Note that Tuesday, March 19 is Wear a Number Day. Keep calm and calculate on!

March/April 2019 Numeracy Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10	11 Choose one Pie Eating Contest participant/class for Pi Day . <u>Send Maria name today.</u>	12	13 March	14 Day 5 Numeracy Month begins! Pi Day Activities - at lunch in gym	15 Day 6 Play a Math Game as a class or with another class	16
17	18 Day 1 What's your "favorite number" (or other) class survey? Graph it, optional.	19 Day 2 Wear a Number Day (MY Email % by 12)	20 Day 3 MY Learning Expo/ Gr.9 orientation evening - Math game for each gr.	21 Day 4 Favorite Pizza class graph	22 Day 5 Try a Number Game or Number Puzzle (like Sudoku)	23 Spring Break begins...
31 April Spring Break ends...	1 Day 6 Try a Tangram (or other problem solving activity)	2 Day 1	3 Day 2 Wear a Geometric Shape Day (MY Email % by 12)	4 Day 3 Artistic expression - try a geometric art project/doodle	5 No Classes	6
7 (All candy ballots in 1 st recess on Friday the 12 th .)	8 Day 4 Try a strategy game	9 Day 5 Wear a Pattern Day (MY Email % by 12)	10 Day 6 Writing speed(or running speed) class average	11 Day 1	12 Day 2 Math Olympics MY- In the gym (½ day) Wear a NUMBER !	13 Numeracy Month ends. Winner of jar announced.

Kids Help Phone

If you're located in Manitoba, you can now text TALK to 686868 to be connected to a trained Crisis Responder to help you with any issue – big or small. The service is free, confidential, and available 24/7. Of course, you can always call as well - 1-800-668-6868

MY Learning Expo

You are formally invited to the second annual GVS Middle Years Learning Expo! This evening will highlight the learning of all middle years students. Enjoy displays showcasing classroom work, as well as the opportunity to sit with your child and discuss their own learning via individual student portfolios. We hope you are able to join us!



PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

MIDDLE YEARS LEARNING

March 20, 2019

4:30 - 6:45 PM

GVS Gymnasium

PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 13TH

GVS@HSD.CA

