

Green Valley School

February 2021



Principal's Message

Greetings from GVS!

Despite the unusual return after our holiday break, our staff and students have pivoted yet again to the changes in our school schedule. It was exciting to have our grade 7-12 students return to GVS on their assigned track days. I want to commend our students for their positive attitudes and for their resiliency in adapting to the changes in their learning environments. I also want to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our entire staff. As a school community we have had to overcome many instructional and scheduling obstacles. Our staff have been supportive and have approached many obstacles with positive attitudes. Our staff have exhibited patience and grace as their working environments have also had multiple changes since September.

This month we are bidding farewell to three staff members who will all be starting their maternity leaves. Ms. Desiree Enns will be replaced by

Ms. Alexandria Neufeld, Mrs. Rachel Novak's class will welcome Ms. Dana Falk as their new homeroom teacher and Mrs. Joelle Klassen will be replacing Mrs. Tara Duval. Mr. Jamiel Nucom will take over Ms. Dana Falk's current teaching assignment. We wish our departing teachers all the best as they prepare to welcome new members into their families.

February typically tends to be a very busy month. Parents are reminded that along with the Louis Riel long weekend, students will also not be in school on February 5 and 26. Please continue to check our GVS website for update information regarding PD and Admin days.

We highly encourage our GVS caregivers/parents to talk to their children about the many different obstacles they have had to face and endure since last March. Let your children know that during these uncertain times, it's OK for them to share their frustrations and their concerns. As a school community we are working extremely hard to understand where your children are at socially, emotionally and academically. We want our students and their caregivers/parents to know we are here to help our students pick up the pieces that may have fallen over the course of the first part of the year. We want our students to revisit and reflect on their goals and to help sustain a steady course of action to help our students reach their long-term goals. Having smaller goals will help our students not to feel too overwhelmed. Parents and school staff need to be the shining lights of hope that can help guide our students through these difficult times.

Until next month, we wish our families all the best. Please join us in embracing and celebrating "I Love to Read," month by picking up a good book to read to yourself, or read as a family. A family that reads together, grows and learns together.

Month at a Glance:

Feb 5

Admin Day (No Classes)

Feb 8

Semester 2 Begins

Feb 12

SY Report Cards Issued

Feb 15

Louis Riel Day (No Classes)

Feb 18-20

Scholastic Book Fair

Feb 26

HTA PD Day (No Classes)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Mark your calendars! Save the date! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a Virtual Book Fair to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together.

The GVS Scholastic Virtual Book Fair will take place on February 8- 21, 2021. Visit our school's Virtual Book Fair site using this link: [**https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5155384**](https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5155384). You can copy and paste the link into a new tab on your web browser.

Let us continue to give our students access to the books they want to read! We are excited to provide this opportunity for families to shop together, from the comfort of home. Share this link with Grandparents and extended family, too! Orders are delivered right to your home. Free standard shipping on orders over \$40. To save on shipping costs, consider bundling orders with other family members and friends. Online Family Nights will be on Wednesdays, February 10 and 17 from 6-8pm local time. During this time, all orders have free shipping, regardless of the amount spent. The discount will apply automatically when you check out. If online ordering is not an option for you, please bring your order with exact change or cheque made payable to GVS, to the school library by Thursday, February 18. All purchases benefit our school and earn rewards that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's library.

Go online for a sneak peek by visiting our school's website. Click on the Virtual Book Fair icon and it will take you directly to our very own shopping site where you can preview our featured books and watch videos of popular new titles. The site will be open for purchasing from February 8-21, 2021.

Thank you for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child's future. Please email me at tfriesen@hsd.ca if you have any questions. Keep on reading Pirates!

GRAD INFORMATION



There will be a Grad Meeting during period 2 on Friday, February 12. We will be deciding on valedictorian, grad mural, guest speakers and more. All grade 12 students should attend and bring their Chromebook for voting. The meeting will be held in the gym.

POST SECONDARY



Deadlines are fast approaching for applications to the U of M and the U of W. To be eligible for entrance scholarships, students must have applied to the U of M and to the U of W by March 1, 2021. Slots are also filling up and wait lists are starting for many Red River College programs. Students are encouraged to apply to these institutions ASAP. If help is required, please speak to Mr. Gerbrandt.

Speaking of post secondary, the U of M, U of W and Red River College all have virtual open houses in February. These are a great way to get to know these institutions and ask questions and get answers. Talk to or email Mr. Gerbrandt for more information.

HSD HEALTH CLINIC



HSD would like all of our high school students and caregivers/parents know that the SRSS Health Clinic is open, and they are able to access services either virtually or in person. Right now, the Health Clinic is staffed with Kimberley Boothe - full time Nurse Practitioner, Rebecca Remple - Dietitian/Nutritionist, as well as Laura Kehler - Clinic Reception.

Some primary care services that the Health Clinic provides are:

- Complete physicals & checkups
- Treatment of minor/acute injuries and illness
- Minor procedures- Bloodwork and specimen collection
- Diagnostic testing- Reproductive health
- Mental health help & information
- Health education and disease prevention
- Prescriptions- Referrals to other health professionals or specialists
- Dietitian/Nutrition services
- And More!

Appointments are available virtually via video chat/phone call, or in person. Students can make appointments via text (204-392-0282), email (healthclinic@hsd.ca) or phone (204-326-6426 Ext.5338).

GO CODE GIRL



Go Code Girl is an interactive day for youth in Gr. 7 to 9, of computer science & engineering intended to expose girls to programming, computational thinking and digital skills through a variety of fun sessions! When students register, they will have an opportunity to take part in online coding activities prior to the event. The more lessons a student completes, the more times their name will be entered to win a prize.

Each year, we partner with groups who have expertise and youth programs in different areas of computer science & engineering. Our partners this year are UManitoba Women in Computer Science, KIDS CODE JEUNESSE, Girls In Gaming, University of Manitoba Space and Technology Society.

Go Code Girl is happening virtually on February 6, 2021 entirely all free of charge. Because we are going virtual for this event, internet connectivity and access to a digital device will be required.

For more information or to register: <https://www.wisekidneticenergy.ca/go-code-girl>.

If you or any guardians have any further questions, please feel free to reach out and we will do our best in answering those.

