



GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL

MAY 2021

Principal's Message

Dear GVS School Community,

We are hoping that you are all enjoying the spring like weather that we have been receiving. The spring weather has added an extra sense of excitement and joy for students and staff alike.

As many of you have already heard, GVS was awarded a major structural upgrade from the provincial government. The school community has been wanting and hoping for a new gymnasium for many years. This EXCITING news really caught our division and school community by surprise. We will be keeping our school community updated about this new and exciting project.

We encourage parents to regularly check our school website and their personal emails for school/division updates. All questions, inquiries, and information about extra-curricular programs will be found on our GVS website.

As we work hard to finish this very "unusual" school year off, we kindly remind our school community to continue to follow all of the public health orders that have been put into place by our provincial government. We desperately want our students to continue to attend in person learning till the end of June. To date, we have been very fortunate that our students and staff have remained safe and healthy. We need to continue to follow these orders, so that our students can remain coming to school in person.

Parents/Caregivers of students in grades 5-8, please take note that we will be having "Learning Forward," days (similar to September "Strong Connections," on June 4 and 7, 2021. GVS will be working with South Oaks to make sure that siblings from both schools will attend all on the same day. This information will be sent out to our families in the next couple of weeks.

GVS is excited to be hosting the grade 4 students from South Oaks on the morning of June 22, 2021 for their grade 5 orientation and tour. The wonderful team of teachers from South Oaks will be bringing the students over to GVS for a fun, exciting and informative morning. More information will be sent to the grade 4 students in the coming weeks.

All the best to our farming community as farmers anxiously await to get onto the fields for this year's seeding season. Please be mindful and patient as our farmers commute from field to field on our local roads. Yield or slow down for the large farming equipment.

We wish our school community a safe, healthy, and enjoyable May long weekend. Regular classes will resume on Tuesday, May 25 after the long weekend.

May 9
Mothers Day

May 24
Victoria Day
(No Classes)

Wellness Check

It is a great idea to do a wellness check every once in a while with your family members. Adults and children can talk about a high and a low for the week. Share with each other. Model to the younger children how to handle frustrations and disappointments with grace and good humour. Adults can talk about who they go to when they need help or advice. All of these discussions may not seem like much, but making them a regular habit is actually a huge contributor to overall positive mental wellness and good life habits. It can also be a great example to teens and even younger students

Reading Takes Flight

Ms. Katelyn Corbin-Hart's grade 5 class got a wonderful surprise on April 19, 2021 when their class was visited by two players from the Winnipeg Jets! As part of the Winnipeg Jets "Reading Takes Flight" initiative, Connor Hellebuyck and Laurent Brossoit read "Whiteout: A Winnipeg Jets Story" with the class. The class earned the visit by being entered into the annual Reading Takes Flight contest. Students also had the opportunity to get to know the players and ask them a lot of questions. We are so thankful for Connor, Laurent and the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club for a memorable experience. Go Jets Go!



Learning Forward

Learning Forward is an event that will be two days of student assessments for grades 5-8 on June 4 and 7, 2021. The purpose of this event is to provide teachers a clear understanding of where each student is academically and their social-emotional well-being after a year of COVID, lockdowns and remote learning.

Learning Forward days will be structured the same as Strong Connections that take place in September, with half the students in one class attending one day and the other half on the next day. More details to come regarding which day your student will attend Learning Forward.