

GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL

APRIL 2023



Principal's Message

Welcome to Spring 2023! Even though we haven't had "spring-like," weather, the added time of daylight and warmer days have added bonuses to the arrival of Spring.

During the months of February and March, GVS celebrated literacy with "I Love to Read," month in February and in March, we celebrated numeracy at GVS with "Everyone Counts." Staff and students were able to still participate in some fun activities that allowed us to recognize the importance of increasing our literacy and numeracy skills. THANKS to Mrs. Tracey Friesen, Ms. Tiffany Bergen and Mrs. Maria Friesen for their extra efforts in planning these activities.

We would like to sincerely thank Ms. Daphne Krentz for her dedication and hard work as one of our term teachers. As we bid farewell to Ms. Krentz, we welcome back Mrs. Kelly Mikkleson from her maternity leave. We wish both teachers all the best as they continue to educate and capture the hearts of our students. GVS would also like to welcome three new EA's to our amazing EA team Ms. Kristy Werbenuk, Mrs. Michelle Penner and Mrs. Joyce Fast. They have become remarkable additions to our team and we wish them much success here at GVS.

GVS would like to take this opportunity to send out a HUGE thank-you to all our basketball coaches, scorekeepers and referees. GVS students came out with such enthusiasm for this year's basketball season. We would also like to acknowledge the accomplishments of our senior varsity boy's basketball team this year. They qualified to participate in the provincial play-offs. The team went into provincials ranked 4th, and finished the play-offs winning the bronze medal in a heart-pounding overtime win. Our team along with their coaches, Jon Rempel and Evan Friesen were fan favourites during the entire competition. The team did a fantastic job being representatives of GVS.

We wish our GVS community a safe, enjoyable and relaxing Spring Break.

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 3

First Day of Classes
after Spring Break

April 5

Grade 9 Orientation

April 7

Good Friday
(No Classes)

April 17

Admin/PD Day
(No Classes)

April 21

SY Report Cards Issued

April 27

SY Parent Teacher Interviews

SY SPORTS

Basketball

A very successful season of basketball has come to an end! Our JV Boys basketball team fought hard all season. They were ranked between # 1 and # 5 all season long. The boys lost a tough wildcard game to Virden ending their season. Many JV Boys players also doubled up and played on our Varsity Boys team. The Varsity boy's qualified for Provincials in Virden and went in ranked 4th. The boys played incredibly hard all weekend long, defeating Macgregor. In the first game to advance to the semi final they came up against the # 1 ranked and zone rival Gab Roy Les Roys. The boys were able to keep this game within 5-10 points right up until the end, but ultimately lost, placing them in the 3rd place game vs. the Prairie Mountain Predators. This was another hard fought game, playing against a much bigger and more senior team. After being down by 14 at one point in the game, the boys clawed back to tie the game up and force it into overtime, where they won a thrilling 3rd place game, winning the first medal for Green Valley basketball in many years! Congratulations to all the boys and coaches who have put in countless hours to get our basketball program to this point. There are very good things in store for the future!

Badminton

Our High School Badminton team is busy preparing for the upcoming season. Our JV and Varsity teams will be attending the following tournaments after spring break.

JV Badminton Schedule:

- April 11: (SRSS)
- April 19: (St. Pierre) - South Playoffs
- April 25: (Niverville) - Zone 13 Championships

Varsity Badminton Schedule:

- April 12: (SRSS)
- April 20: (St. Pierre) - South Playoffs
- April 26: (Niverville) - Zone 13 Championships

Baseball

High School baseball season is coming! Sign-ups will happen right after Spring Break. Games are slated to begin April 20 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 24-25, 2023 at Stahn Field in Mitchell.

Volleyball Next Season

We are currently searching for head coaches, as well as assistant coaches for our volleyball teams. If you or someone you know is interested in head coaching, or helping coach, please contact Justin Hart (juhart@hds.ca) (204) 434-6415. We are looking for coaches for all JV and Varsity boys and girls teams.

MY SPORTS

April is pretty much badminton month here at GVS. The grade 7's practice every Monday and Wednesday coached by Mr. Winter, while the grade 8's practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays coached by Mr. Hill. All practices are at GVS and run from 4-5:15PM. We are asking any students that have any older GVS jerseys from their grade 7 and 8 playing days to recycle them by bringing them back to school for a possible refund of some sort, as we are currently out of middle years jerseys for our badminton players. Players who do not have a jersey are asked to wear a green colored t-shirt for now. We are hoping to invite Kleefeld for a friendly badminton competition on April 19 in preparation for the Hanover Badminton Tournament at the SRSS on April 25.

COUNSELLING

High School Students and Courses for Next Year

Course registration will begin soon. Students should take the time to plan what courses they hope to take next year. Go to our school website and take a look at the course descriptions. You can read about compulsory subjects and elective subjects for each grade. You can find them under the Students tab and then click Course Registration.

<https://gvs.hsd.ca/course-registration/> Another thing students can do is to talk to their current teachers about courses they could take next year. Teachers have good information and could give students some good advice.

Put This Number in Your Kid's Phone: 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. Having this number saved in a phone can help a student call or help them get a friend to call for help.

Internet Safety

No matter the age, all children can use of a reminder about internet safety. Please have a conversation with your children about the protection of and sharing of personal information online. *NeedHelpNow.ca* is a website designed to help teens stop the spread of sexual pictures or videos, and provides support such as providing information about how to involve a safe adult, helping a friend, how to report, and the laws in Canada.

Statistics also suggested that there has been a sharp rise in teen risk-taking behaviour online and use of online pornography. It is important for all caregivers not to assume everything is fine. Please speak to your children regularly about these issues.

LIBRARY

Spring has Sprung! Did you know there have been over 20,800 books signed out from the GVS Library this school year already. Way to go Pirates! Thank you for believing in books and the impact reading has for your future. A reminder to students to please check your homes for overdue and missing library books over the break. Have fun, stay safe and keep on reading!

SY SPRING BANQUET

The Spring Banquet is back! Get your dancing shoes out GVS. The Senior Years Banquet will take place on Thursday, April 13. The theme is Red Carpet. Think Hollywood, think dress up, think paparazzi, think fun! Tickets will be on sale the first week of April in the front foyer at noon. Grab your friends and come on out for an evening on the red carpet!

CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY DESSERT THEATRE

Call for Volunteers

Calling Parents, Guardians, Grandparents, Alumni: We are inviting people to volunteer for the upcoming theater production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on May 4 and 5. We need your help along with our students in doing makeup for the cast, help with the dessert preparation and serving. If you are interested in helping out please contact Margaret Wiens at mwiens@hsd.ca or 204-434-6415. We are looking forward to a big successful production and all the areas of work are essential to the success of the show.

Tickets

Tickets for the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Dessert Theatre can be purchased at the school office during office hours. Tickets are \$15.00 a piece, and all profits go towards our school playground. See poster below for more details.



Charlie ~ AND THE ~ **CHOCOLATE FACTORY**

**Adapted by Richard
George**

**Green Valley School
Dessert Theatre
May 4th and 5th
7:00**

**\$15.00 (covers ticket and dessert)
This fundraiser is for our school
playground.**



Varsity Boys Basketball Team



Grade 11 Biology Field Trip



Grade 11 & 12 Career Event



Pep Rally



MY Learning Expo

