

# GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL

# May 2026

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Dear Green Valley School Families,

As we welcome the month of May, there is a renewed sense of energy in our school as we move into the final stretch of the academic year. The arrival of warmer weather and longer days is always a welcome change, and we hope our entire school community enjoys a wonderful start to the spring season.

Preparations are well underway for this year's school musical, *Curtains*. Our students and staff have been working incredibly hard to bring this production to life. If you have not yet purchased your tickets, there is still one final opportunity to do so. We are confident it will be an outstanding performance and a wonderful showcase of student talent.

The months of May and June are among the busiest times of the school year. Our staff are balancing thoughtful planning for the 2026-2027 school year while continuing to support students in successfully completing their current courses. This time of year also brings many important and exciting events, including field trips, provincial exams, graduation, and awards ceremonies.

Students entering Grades 9-12 for the upcoming school year will soon be completing their course registrations. Parents and guardians are encouraged to check their email carefully for confirmation of selected courses and to take time to review these choices with their child.

As we approach the final weeks of classes, we strongly encourage families to support students in maintaining focus, dedication, and strong work habits. Warmer weather can sometimes make it more challenging to stay on task, but finishing the school year with a strong effort is essential for student success. High school students, in particular, are encouraged to begin planning how they will manage their time effectively during the upcoming exam period.

We would also like to extend our best wishes to our local farming community as seeding season approaches. This is an important and demanding time of year, and we appreciate all that you do. Thank you for your continued support of Green Valley School. We wish everyone a safe, enjoyable, and sunny month ahead.

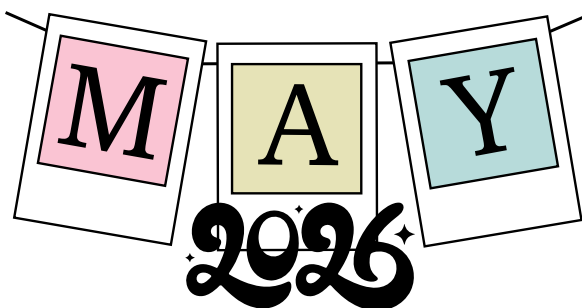
Sincerely,

*Angela Burtnack-Schinkel*

May 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: GVS Musical

May 19<sup>th</sup>: Victoria Day, No Classes

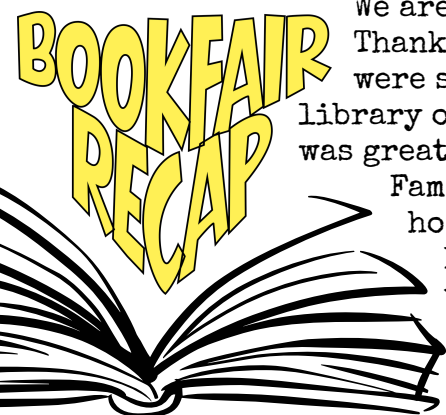
May 23<sup>rd</sup>: MY Track & Field



A HUGE thank you goes out to all GVS students and families, and to all GVS staff for making our annual Scholastic Book Fair a success! With our Scholastic Book Fair Rewards, over 60 new books were purchased for the library and classrooms, including 21 NEW books from the library wish list!

We are also able to replace some well-read library books with new copies.

Thank you to all those who helped out before, during and after the sale! There were so many tasks to do to make it a successful event, and in keeping the library open for regular use by students during the fair. The Family Night Event was great, with over 40 families in attendance. A lucky grade 6 student won the Family Night draw and received \$25 in books for themselves and \$25 for their homeroom. Again, the fair could not be done without all the extra helping hands and willing hearts of our GVS Pirate Team! Thank you, thank you, thank you, again to all the GVS families for all your continued support for helping make our students lifelong readers. Keep on Reading!



# Hot Lunch @ GVS

## WEDNESDAYS

### GVS Canteen Lunch

Orders must be placed at the canteen before 9am on Wednesdays / Cash Only

Single Hot Dog.....\$2.00

Double Dog.....\$3.00

\*2 wieners + 1 bun

Farmer Burger.....\$5.00

\*with lettuce & cheese

Chicken Burger.....\$5.00

\*with lettuce & cheese



## FRIDAYS

### PAC Lunch

Orders must be placed online through Munch-A-Lunch

Alternating Weeks:

Niawka Pizza.....\$2.00

Subway.....\$6.50



2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Due to the complexity of creating balanced classrooms, GVS will not be taking teacher requests for the 2026-2027 school year.

Our teachers, learning support team, school guidance and school administration teams take many different factors into consideration when creating classes.

Academic needs, social/emotional needs and peer relationships are all considered when creating homeroom classes for the upcoming school year. We thank you for your continued support and trust as we work towards creating positive, safe and productive homerooms for our Middle Years students.

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR GRAD INFORMATION**

**[HTTPS://GVS.HSD.CA/GRAD-2026/](https://gvs.hsd.ca/grad-2026/)**

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We are looking for some local businesses that would like to sponsor some awards at our graduation ceremony. If your family or business is interested in sponsoring an award for \$50 or to sponsor a larger scholarship of \$500 or more, please contact the school.

## NUMERACY MONTH WRAPPED UP!

Numeracy wrapped up just before Spring Break, but we didn't get to share in time for the last newsletter. Here is a short summary of Numeracy Month. We celebrated Pi Day with some students reciting the digits of Pi from memory. The students who took part did a great job, as it wasn't easy to get up in front of an audience and recite a bunch of numbers. The student with the most numbers of Pi memorized was Beanco Bergen, with 325 digits of Pi! The student with the second highest numbers memorized was Hannah Martens with 200 digits. Elliot Suderman had the third highest number memorized with 90 digits of Pi. Honorable mention goes to Katelyn Penner for the highest grade 6 student and Makayla Brost for the highest grade 8 student. The final activity for Numeracy Month was Math Olympics with the grade 6-8. Teams were made up of a mix of grade 6, 7 and 8. The Math Olympics Results: the Gold Medal went to Team 2, the Silver Medal went to Team 8, the Bronze Medal went to Team 12. A great time, even doing math. The winner of the candy jar with the closest guess, only ONE away from the actual number of candies in the jar, was Lauren Friesen in 7LS!



Why did  $\frac{8}{5}$  (eight fifths) get sent to the principal's office?

Answer: Because he'd been an improper fraction!

Congratulations to all of our  
High School Badminton players

on a successful season! The following athletes have all advanced out of the South Zone, qualifying for Zone 13 Championships on April 21st in Niverville: Joel Kehler and Sam Martens (Boys Doubles), Cole Neufeld and Jessica Wiebe (Mixed Doubles). Good luck at Zones!

High School Track and Field will begin the first week in May! Practices will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. Zones are scheduled for June 3rd in Beausejour. Provincials will be held in Winnipeg at the U of M Stadium, June 11-13.

Planning for next year's fall seasons has begun! We are very much looking forward to welcoming Kleefeld athletes into our athletic program. In preparation for our JV Volleyball teams for next season, Green Valley will be running Grade 8 and 9 Volleyball ID camps. The camps are open to all Green Valley and Kleefeld students who are intending to play volleyball next year. The purpose of the camp is to gauge interest in Jv Volleyball, skill level and to select jersey sizes and numbers.

The camps are as follows:

- Grade 8 and 9 Girls: Monday May 11th 4:30-6:30 @ SOUTH OAKS School.
- Grade 8 and 9 Boys: Thursday May 14th 4:30-6:30 @ SOUTH OAKS School.

For more information, please contact Justin Hart at the school or by email [juhart@hsd.ca](mailto:juhart@hsd.ca)

Volleyball Coaches: We are also looking for coaches for our JV Boys and Girls Volleyball teams for next season. Anyone who is interested and would like more information is asked to contact Justin Hart at the school or by email [juhart@hsd.ca](mailto:juhart@hsd.ca)

GREEN VALLEY TEAM GEAR IS HERE!! We are very pleased to offer Green Valley Gear through our online shop. Rep 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/>

For all game and tournament results and current rankings please visit [www.mhsaa.ca](http://www.mhsaa.ca). For a schedule of practices, tournaments and upcoming games, please visit the Athletics calendar at [www.gvs.hsd.ca](http://www.gvs.hsd.ca).