GRIFFIN PARK SCHOOL



APRIL NEWSLETTER



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Principal

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Easter Sunday is April 5

Wishing you an Easter that's as bright and cheerful as the springtime flowers.



<u>Field Trip Season is coming up:</u>

Reminder that criminal record checks and volunteer packages need to be current if you would like to join your child's class.

Here is the list of planned trips, with more to come:

- May 25, 2026: Grade 5's are headed to Bassano Dam; costs are covered by EID. Thank you, EID, for continuing to support this educational event.
- Safety Patrol year-end movie and swimming day scheduled for May 27th
- Grade One Field Trip to White Barn Fun Farm; June 10th
- Grade Three Field Trip to Drumheller; June 17th
- Grade 4/5 Field Trip to University of Lethbridge for STEM fun (robots, magnets, rockets)

The Scholastic book fair was enjoyed by many students. The event raised $3500.00 for the school. Thank you to Mrs. Senior for spearheading this very busy and successful event. Thank you to the many volunteers who made it possible:

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Griffin Park School Parent Council Presents:

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SPRING FLING

School Dance

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Griffin Park School Gymnasium



Come dance with your friends and family to and request song to DJ-JO.

FREE Admission, parent(s) must stay.

Cell Phone free event for kids, thanks!

PARTICIPATION PRIZES!

Come dressed in your most SPRINGY clothing and accessories!

Please bring indoor shoes.

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Free Milk Program Starting April 15, 2026

Thank you for your patience as we sort out the details of the free milk program. All students may receive free milk. This is a massive undertaking for 350 students

- Teachers will survey students prior to the Easter Break to determine whether they want milk and, if so, what kind.
  - Students may only get one milk
  - If a student is absent on their milk day, the milk will be given to a different student.
  - If a student wants milk on a day that is not their milk day, it will have to be sent from home, at this time we cannot provide sales in addition to the free milk program.
- Grades **1** to **3** students will **receive their milk on Wednesday**
- Grades **4** to **6** students will **receive their milk on Thursday**

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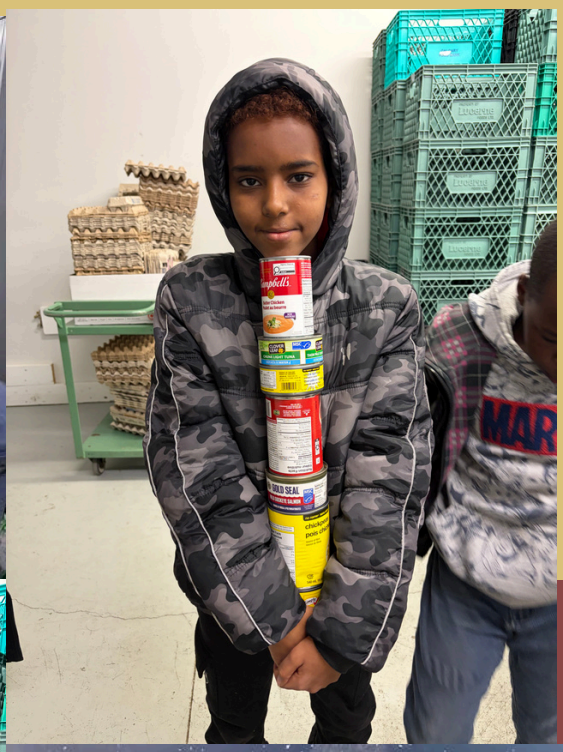
FOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

Thank you to all who were able to contribute to the fooddrive.









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2026-2027
Kindergarten Registration
is now open
Complete your registration
in person or online
https://www.grasslands.ab.ca/page/registration
you will need your child's
birth certificate or
citizenship documents

ARE YOU MOVING?

As we begin to plan for next year we need your help. If you know you will be moving and/or your child(ren) will be leaving or moving from Griffin Park School before August 2026, please contact the school in advance.

Thank-you for your help with our pre-planning for next year!



DROP-OFF REMINDER

Students should be dropped off for school around 8:05 AM. Supervision begins at 8:05 AM for students, and morning routines begin at 8:10 AM.

Parents should be dropping students off at the fenceline, not the staff parking lot. This creates dangerous areas for students to be walking in and around traffic. Please follow the traffic flow signs posted in the parking lot and alley.

Music Festival Results

The following classes received recommendations to the Grand Concert:

K3 - for Pizza Hut (an action song)
1O - for Jingle Bells on Bells
2B - for Old MacDonald on Xylophones
3C/P - for Believer on Bucket Drums
3G/P - for Star Wars on Boomwhackers
4FM/R - for William Tell on Tone Chimes
4FM/R - for Rain, Rain Go Away as a Sound Scape Story
5S/B - for Waka Waka as an Orff Ensemble
5W/R - for O'Canada on Tone Chimes
6 Jazz Band - for 5 Note Betty (with special recognition to Abrahim, Caleb D and John Ray)
1-3 Choir - for It's Raining Cats and Dogs
Levels - for Thunder on Glow Buckets

The adjudicators also gave shout-outs to Jacob, Alex and Abu.

The two classes that went to the Grand Concert are 4FM/R with William Tell on Tone Chimes and 5S/B with Waka Waka.

A **HUGE shoutout** to Miss Jensen, Mrs. March, and Mrs. Burkholder! Thank you for your incredible dedication and for all the extra heart you put into supporting our school choirs. We are so lucky to have you!

LOST AND FOUND

Is your child missing a toque, mittens, or sweater? Please encourage your children to look through the lost and found collection for items that they are missing.

Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity at the end of the month, so please check for any lost items before then!



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BASKETBALL AT GRIFFIN PARK SCHOOL

Girls and Boys grade 6 basketball teams both earned a silver medal at the final tournament. We encouraged them with a whole school pep rally and teachers versus kids basketball game.

Grade 6 Badminton has started; Lorie McConnell, Jordyn Hugill, Graham Collier, and John Westers are coaching.

the final tournament will be at Griffin Park School on April 21st and 22nd

Parent Council News

Basketball nets, garbage cans, and three-pointers have been ordered; they should arrive at the beginning of May. Join the meeting on April 29 at 6:30 pm in the library. This is your opportunity to have input on school fundraising and organizational decisions.

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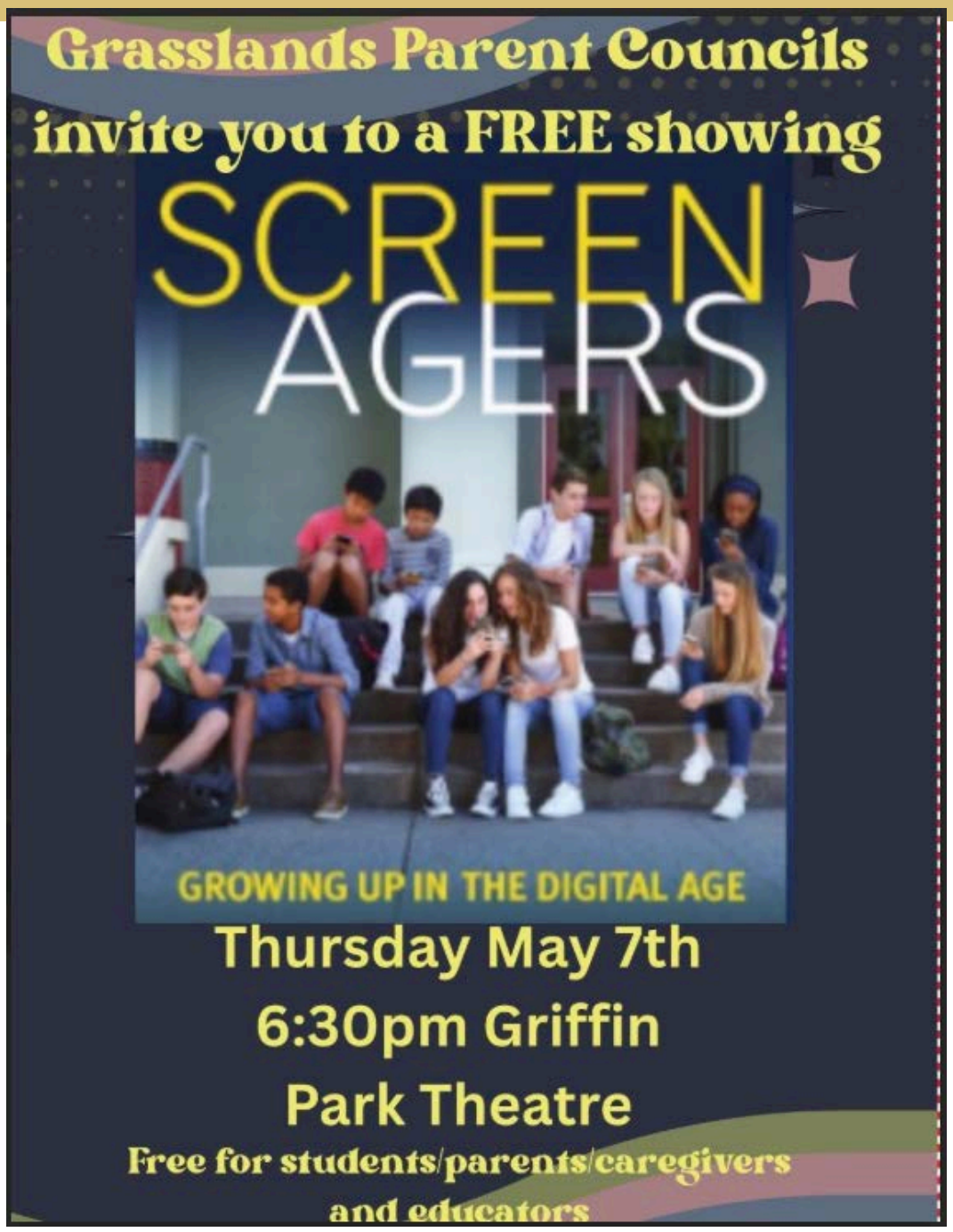
TERM 2 REPORT CARDS

Term 2 Report Cards will be sent home on April 2





Grades 4 to 6 Walking Challenge

Many Griffin Park students are participating in Mrs. Decker's Walking Challenge;
They have a goal of walking 20 km before the end of April.
Students completing the 20 km will earning a medal and ice cream sundae

Grade 5 Home Alone Course

All Grade 5 students at Griffin will be participating in a 6-hour Home Alone course.
This is being facilitated by an instructor from Frontier Safety.
Group 1 will participate on the morning of April 27th and April 28th.
Group 2 will participate on May 5th and 6th

- **Topics Covered:** Basic first aid, Fire Safety, Emergency responses, Street Smart/Stranger Safety, and Online safety.
- **Focus:** Building confidence, responsibility, and independence when staying alone for short periods.

Nutrition Funding

The federal government has increased nutrition funding
- This has allowed us to provide more fresh fruit and vegetables (supplied from Bassano Growers) through our nutrition program
- It has also allowed us to purchase some equipment, like a new stove, and industrial fridge and freezer





Swimming 2027

We have adjusted the timing of lessons; they will occur in the spring; lessons will be one week of 60-minute sessions; this is to minimize the impact on instructional time and decreasing change-room shenanigans; still providing swim instruction



April



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		1 Family Dance 5:30 to 7:30 pm	2 Term 2 Report Cards go home	3 Good Friday NO SCHOOL Spring break begins
6 NO SCHOOL	7 NO SCHOOL	8 NO SCHOOL	9 NO SCHOOL	10 NO SCHOOL
13 Education week Literacy Day	14 Education week Numeracy Day Wear a jersey or your favorite number	15 Education week Principals of the week to Central Office	16 Education week Heritage Festival	17 Education week Student Convention Early Dismissal 11:55 am
20	21 Grade 6 Badminton Tournament	22 Grade 6 Badminton Tournament	23	24 Admin. Assistant Day Early Dismissal 11:55 am
27	28	29 Parent Council meeting at 6:30 pm	30	1 May Early Dismissal 11:55 am