



403-362-7555 call in your child's absence September 2026

Meet Your Principal

It's hard to believe that 21 years ago I taught grade 5 in Griffin Park, and now I am returning to serve as your principal!

I am deeply passionate about creating a vibrant learning community that supports our students in their overall development.

You may recognize me from my time at BJHS, Uplands, Tilley, or maybe even at sporting and fine arts events, cheering on my daughters, who both went to Griffin Park before graduating from BCHS. Be sure to stop and say "hi" when you see me!

Griffin Park is a vibrant school community, and parents and guardians are an integral part of our students' success. Every month, we host a Parent Council Meeting and this is the best way to stay up to date and have your voice heard.

See you at our first family event, our Welcome Back BBQ on Thursday, September 24th from 4:30-6, following by a showing of "Screenagers" in the theatre at 6pm.

Mrs. Crystat Atkinson



Office Staff

Together we are here to help make your child's school experience smooth and successful. We are here to help answer your questions.

Brandy Hagg - Admin Assistant

Brandy is the master organizer and connector at GP! She will likely be the first face you see and voice you hear when you connect at Griffin Park! She appreciates families calling in when their child(ren) are absent.

Jason Wandler - Vice Principal



Mr. Wandler is leaving the gym to join our admin team as this year's Vice Principal! He will continue to provide our students with fun and engaging activities while also supporting their families.

As an active member of the GP acting admin team, Mr. Wandler is looking forward to serving the school community as a full-time administrator this year!

Announcements



Please sign and return all forms promptly to help your child get started smoothly.



Sign up for our Grasslands Public School App for all updates!

School Staff



HOMEROOM	Teachers	Educational Assistants
Levels	Tammy Carpenter	Kelly Mowat, Tanya Olson, Stacey Gauthier, Melanie Safronovich, Brandy Gleisner, Glenda Coombs
Pre-K / Kindergarten	Erliza De Castro	Amanda Mills, Juliet Banes, Grace Singkala, Celina Everett, Linda Virovec
Kindergarten	Lisa Marie Labossiere-Taylor	Eva Cunanan
Grade 1	Jennifer Getz	Raquel Mondoneda
	Lana Wruth	Maria Pascual
	Miranda Oostlander	Gabe Orr
Grade 2	Laurie Burkholder	Nicole Oliver
	Kim Burrell	Loretta White
Grade 3	Rachel Wolf	Archna Sharma
	Lexci Presley & Early Learning LST	Colleen Swanson
Grade 4	Shaday White	Twila Buckosky
	Carlene Roth	
	Stephanie March	Sandi Prior
Grade 5	Brooke Bungay	Tracey Young
	Tania Scholz	
Grade 6	Jordyn Hugill	Marsha Blake
	Lori McConnell	
Music / Grade 3 SS	Janice Jensen	
PE / Intervention	Graham Collier	
Foundations/ Div 2 EAL	Rebecca Kroschel - Student Support	Maria, Loretta, Raquel, Nicole (listed above)
EAL Sheltered Program	Shelby Giesbrecht	Nicole Conners
Learning Support	Marilyn Olson	
Librarian		Laura Senior

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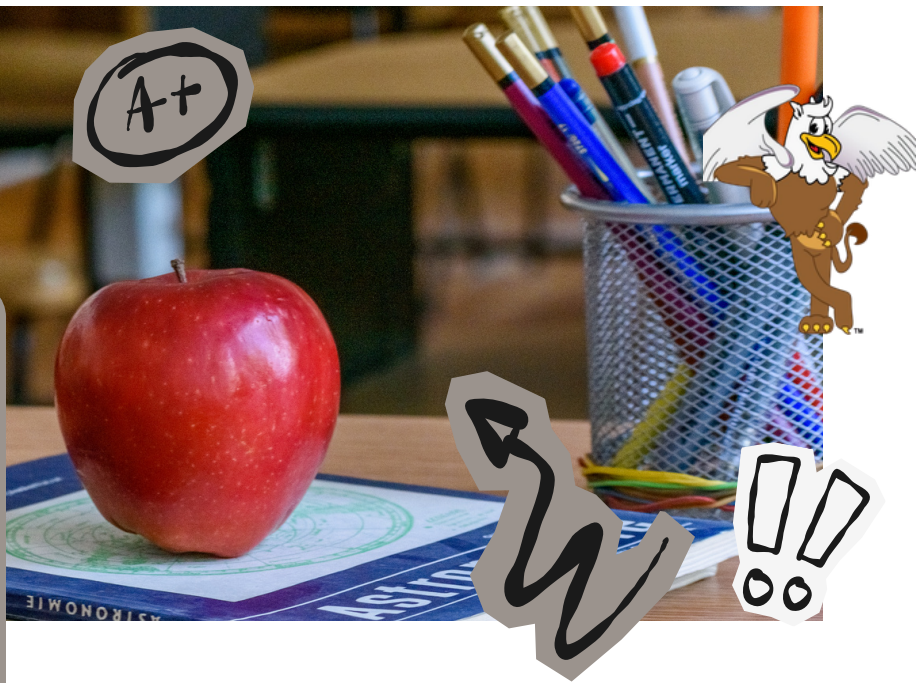
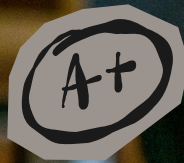
All parents and guardians are welcome to come to the School Advisory Council meetings to be the first to hear about what is happening at Griffin Park and have the opportunity to provide input in what you would like to see at GP!

**Wednesday,
September 30th at
6:30pm**



Visiting or Volunteering?

Please use the office entrance ONLY. All guests are required to sign in at the office and will receive a visitor tag.



Our School Day

Please do NOT drop off your child(ren) before 8:05, as we do not have supervision before this time.

8:15 - Bell to enter school

8:20 - School Begins

3:25 - School Ends - Students are to go straight home or to their designated place. THERE IS NO SUPERVISION AFTER SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE

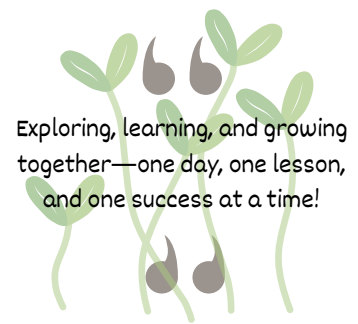
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LET GROW



Empowering kids to build confidence and resilience!

This Year at Griffin, we are partnering with families to help develop resilience and independence in our students.

**Dear Parent,
Welcome to The Let Grow Experience!**

It's going to be great!

But first, a request: Please think back on your childhood.



The joy of playing. The afternoons absorbed in a hobby. Or even the time something went wrong and you had to figure out what to do — and you did.

Remember? You were trusted with some independence. And it shaped you.

But today, for a whole lot of reasons, kids don't get as many chances to do things on their own. This makes it hard for them to stretch and succeed, or even bounce back from disappointments. They need a little of that bracing, old-fashioned independence YOU had.

The Let Grow Experience gives it to them. Why?

- In their free time, kids discover their deep interests.
- Kids who struggle with school or relationships feel great joy and relief doing something not graded or measured.
- Treating kids as fragile is making them so!

The Let Grow Experience is a homework assignment that has kids go out and do something new, on their own. Make breakfast, climb a tree, run an errand. The point is to stretch the boundaries of childhood just a little bit.

When kids do something new on their own, big things happen. Both generations get a burst of confidence. Worry gets replaced by pride and joy.

It can be hard to let go, so The Let Grow Experience provides this little push. And of course you and your child will discuss together what their activities will be. Be prepared for a lump in your throat. And thank you for giving your kids this gift!

— Your Friends at Let Grow





WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING WHEN YOUR CHILD DOES THE LET GROW EXPERIENCE . . .

They will be doing new activities that will:

- spark their interest and help them explore new things
 - grow their self-confidence
 - increase their self-reliance

They will interact with others, sometimes strangers, which will help them:

- learn to judge when an adult can be trusted
- be more comfortable and confident in public
- build new friendships (like the clerk at your favorite store)
- learn how to handle uncomfortable situations

They will enjoy some freedom to choose and direct their own activity, which helps them:

- develop stronger self-awareness so they can understand and manage their feelings and behavior
 - discover new interests and hobbies
 - practice self-control and handle frustration

They have the time and space they need to:

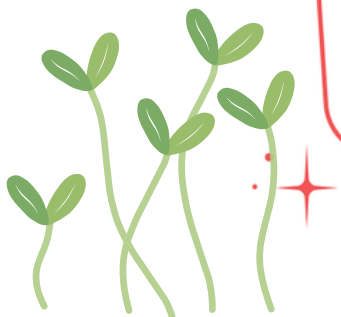
- become more mature
- discover their potential to pilot their lives in the direction they want to go



AND WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

Freedom from fear, the joy of seeing your child thrive,
and confidence and trust in your child's capabilities and decisions!

Interested in learning more? Visit us at letgrow.org.



Watch for your child's first challenge, coming
soon from their teacher!

Transportation



Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Families are encouraged to drop off their child(ren) along 7th St W/ 3 Ave W (on the east side of the school) or 2nd Ave W (at the back of the field).

Alley parking is angle parking – please drive with care.

DO NOT ENTER the bus loop or staff parking lot at any time.

CONSTRUCTION will limit access to 4th Ave for driving – sidewalks will still be accessible.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!

Safety Patrol

This year we will have grade 6 patrollers with a teacher at the crosswalk in front of the school at the intersection of 4 Ave W and 7 St W beginning in October.

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This Month at Griffin Park



SEPTEMBER



30	31  FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Grades 1-6	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL	8  hello kinder garten	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Terry Fox Walk 	19
20	21	22  Bike Rodeo Gr. 2-5	23  Bike Rodeo Gr. 2-5	24  Welcome back BBQ 4:30-6	25	26
27	28  Picture Day	29  Picture Day	30  School Advisory Council 6:30			



First day of school for Grades 1 - 6 Students: August 31
First day of school for Kindergarten & PreK: September 8

