GRIFFIN PARK SCHOOL
MARCH NEWSLETTER

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Ramadan 2026 runs
February 17 to March 20

Ramadan Mubarak
to all our families
celebrating this special time

Upcoming Events

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 4th and 5th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to discuss your child's progress and goals.
Use this QR code or link to book your interviews
https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/bs0H50b/step1

Scholastic Book Fair





Monday, March 2 - 11:55-12:20
Tuesday, March 3 - 11:55-12:20
Wednesday, March 4 - 11:55-12:20 / 4:00-6:30
Thursday, March 5 - 11:55-12:20 / 4:00-6:30

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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



Levels Class Art installation of "Peaceful Kindness"

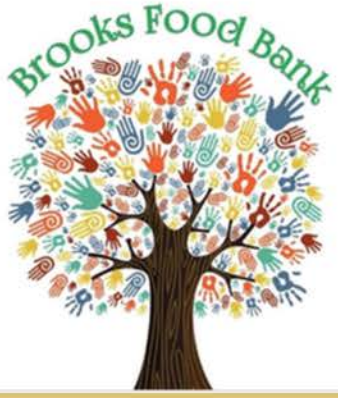
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Griffin Park School

Several of our multilingual learners would like to lead a food drive for the Brooks Food Bank. Our student organizers are requesting that students bring donations of non-perishable food items between Feb 25-March 11th.

Griffin Park's EAL class would like to challenge classes to bring as many food items as possible. The 3 classes with the most items will be receive a special reward! The EAL class will deliver the food items to the Brooks Food Bank on behalf of our Griffin Park community.





Many learners in our school celebrate Ramadan and one of the core values of this time is to show compassion towards those who are less fortunate. We encourage all students to embrace opportunities when they can be generous and show kindness.



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.

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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!





ARE YOU MOVING?

As always, at this time of the year, the school must start to make tentative plans for the next school year. If you know that 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 to let us know in advance.

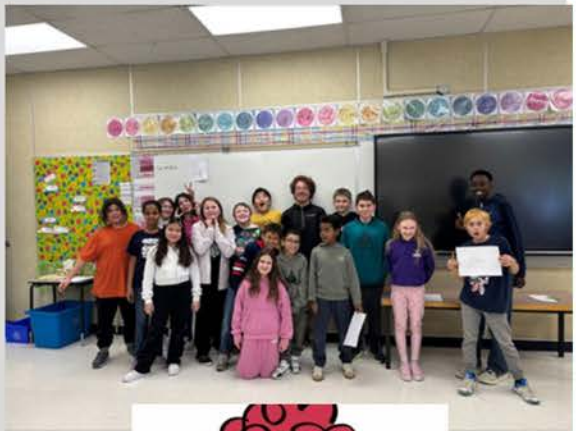
Thank-you for your help with our pre-planning for next year!

BASKETBALL AT GRIFFIN PARK SCHOOL

Final Tournament March 10, 2026
At Brooks Junior High School
Schedule will be sent out once it is finalized

Brandon Hauck visited the Grade 5 Classes







Parent Council News

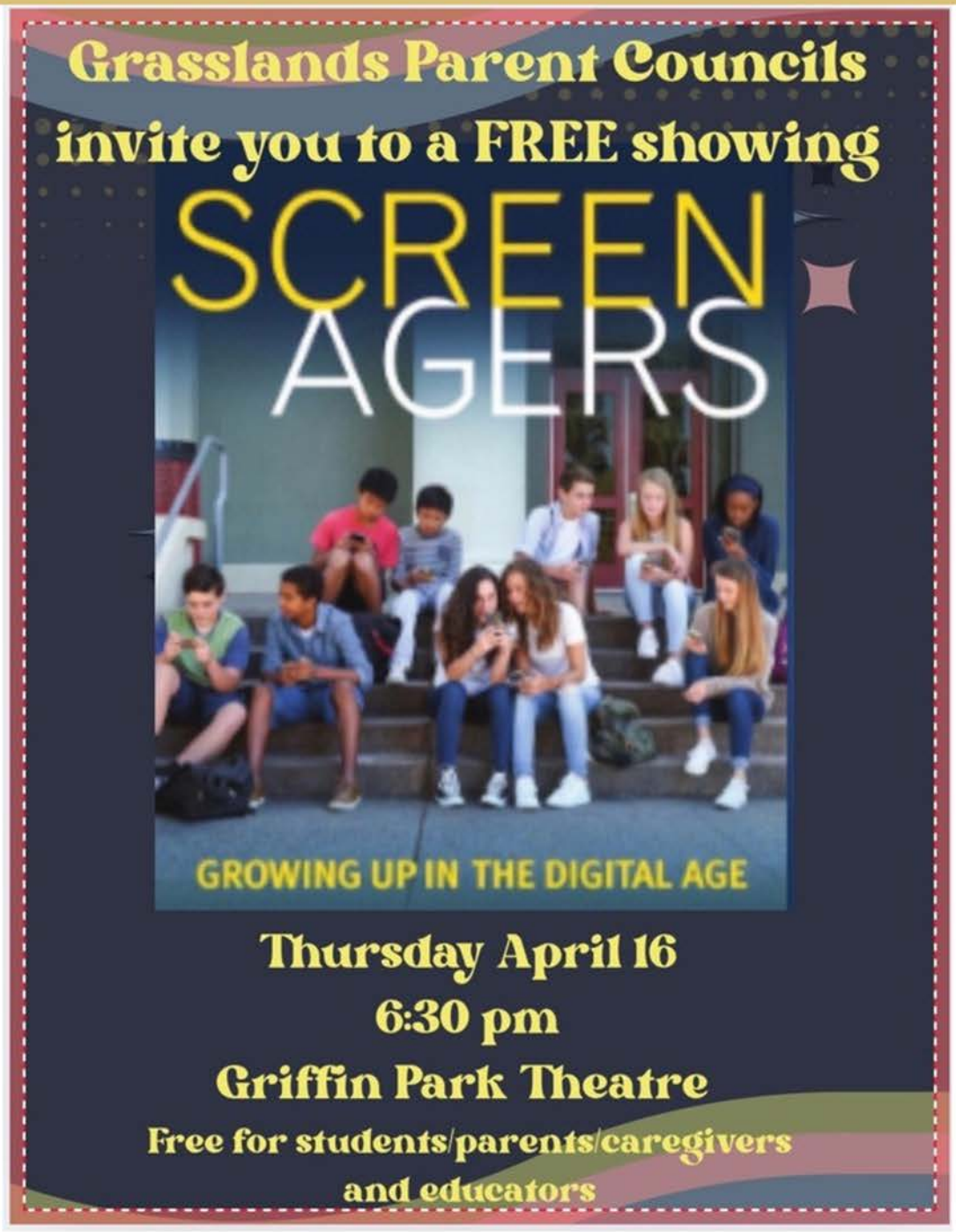
Join the meeting on March 25 at 6:30 pm in the library. This is your opportunity to have input in school fundraising and to have input on organizational decisions.
March 31 will be the next Hot Lunch date - details TBD

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day Wear green on March 17



TERM 2 REPORT CARDS

Term 2 Report Cards will be sent home on April 2



Message from Griffin Park's Wellness Mentor



Is your child on Roblox?
What you should know as a parent!

I want to address an important topic concerning the safety of our children while engaging with online platforms, particularly Roblox. As I am in every classroom in the school a vast majority of students in all grades report that they are actively using Roblox for entertainment.

Roblox is not just a game; it's an expansive platform that hosts thousands of games created by users around the world. While it offers creativity and social interaction, it also presents unique challenges that we, as parents, must navigate. Although it is an online world, it is still real life, and your children could be interacting with many strangers. Here are some key concerns:

1. Inappropriate Content: Despite efforts to filter content, children may still encounter games or interactions that are not age-appropriate. The platform's open nature means not all experiences can be adequately monitored.
2. Online Predators**:** Roblox allows players to interact with others globally, which can expose children to potential risks from individuals with harmful intentions. It's crucial to educate our children about the importance of privacy and the dangers of communicating with strangers online.
3. Cyberbullying**:** The social aspect of Roblox can sometimes lead to negative interactions, including cyberbullying. Being aware of these dynamics is essential for helping our children navigate their online experiences positively.
4. Excessive Screen Time**:** Roblox's engaging nature can lead to extended play sessions. It's important to encourage a balance between online activities and offline pursuits, such as outdoor play and family time.
5. To enhance our children's safety while using Roblox, I recommend the following steps:

- **Monitoring Gameplay**: Regularly check the games your child plays and their interactions. Utilize parental controls to curate their experience. Make sure that your children are not participating in private chats with strangers.
- **Open Communication**: Create an environment where your child feels comfortable discussing their online activities.

Roblox Safety message continued



- **Review Friend Connections:** Ask your child how many friends they have on Roblox and go through their friend list together. Verify which friends they know in real life to ensure their connections are safe.
- **Discuss Privacy Regarding Photos:** Educate your children about the importance of never sharing photos with strangers. Explain that photos often contain location data. Check the settings on their devices to ensure that location services for photos are turned off.
- **Reinforce Safety in Sharing Personal Information:** Ensure your child understands the importance of not disclosing personal information online, including their province, town, or specific address. Encourage them to refrain from sharing details about their participation in local teams or organizations, as such information can inadvertently reveal their location.
- **Open parent communication:** Let your child know that they should feel comfortable coming to you if they ever find themselves in a situation that makes them uncomfortable.
- **Establishing Limits:** Set clear rules on screen time and appropriate game types, fostering a healthy balance in their daily routines. Children should give their brains a break from all screens for 1-2 hours before bedtime; this will help them get a better night's sleep.
- **Recommended Age**: Although Roblox has no age limit, the recommended age due to its inappropriate content is **13.**

Parents of children who utilize Roblox, it is essential to stay informed about the latest developments within the platform. Roblox is continually evolving, and recent updates have introduced significant changes that may affect your child's safety.

For instance, the latest update includes a feature that scans a child's facial image to estimate their age. However, reports indicate that this feature is not functioning accurately, with some children being categorized as adults due to inaccurate age assessments, ranging from 17 to 31 years old. This misclassification increases the risk that children will interact with adult users online, potentially compromising their safety.

We strongly advise parents to remain vigilant and proactive in understanding these changes to better safeguard their children's online experiences.

If you have any questions or need resources to assist in monitoring online activities, please feel free to reach out tia.argue@grasslands.ab.ca

Brooks Music Festival
Tentative Schedule

2026 Griffin Park Music Festival Schedule (Times are fluid and can move throughout the day)		
Tuesday, March 24, 2026	Wednesday, March 25, 2026	Thursday, March 26, 2026
8:20 - Grade 4 Roth & Grade 4 Fairbrother/March	**8:30** - K1 - Laboissiere	**8:20** - Grade 5 Scholtz & Grade 5 Bungay
8:50 - Grade 5 Westers & Grade 5 Roth	**8:55** - Teagan Giesbrecht - Grade 2 - Vocal Solo	**8:50** - Grade 2 Burkholder
9:20 - Grade 4 Collier	**9:05** - Kamryn Giesbrect - Grade 5 Vocal Solo	**9:20** - Grade 1 Kroschel
10:10 - Grade 3 Christie & Grade 3 Presley (Group 2)	**9:15** - Frances Roth, Cara Mondonendo and Netta Syvret - Grade 3 Vocal Trio	9:45 - Stage Changeover to Bands
10:40 - Grade 3 Getz & Grade 3 Presley (Group 1)	**9:30** - Griffin Park Grades 1-3 Choir	**10:15** - Grade 6 McConnell
11:10 - Jacob Peters Grade 3 Solo - Electric Guitar	10:05 - Uplands Guess Choir	**10:50** - Grade 6 Bungay & Grade 6 Hugill
11:20 - Grade 2 Burrell	10:35 - Eastbrook Senior Choir	**11:25** - ALL Grade 6 Classes
11:50 - Esme Bernhard Grade 1 Solo - Xylophone	**11:05** - Griffin Park Grade 4-6 Choir	
12:00 - Esme Bernhard Grade 1 Solo - Piano		**12:50** - Grade 6 Jazz Band
	1:00 - Rosemary Senior Choir	**1:25** - DB & DC Trumpet Duet
1:00 - K2 Southern	1:45 - St. Joseph's Choir	1:40 - Uplands Grade 6 Band
1:30 - K3 Laboissere	**2:30** - Griffin Park Glee Choir	2:15 - Eastbrook Grade 6 Band
2:15 - Grade 1 Oostlander		

March

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2	3	4 Parent Teacher Interviews 4 to 7 pm	5 Parent Teacher Interviews 4 to 7 pm	6 Early Dismissal 11:55 am
9	10	11 Food Drive ENDS	12	13 Early Dismissal 11:55 am
16	17  Wear green	18	19	20 District PD NO school for students
23  Wear funky Socks Down Syndrome Awareness	24  Brooks Music Festival	25  Brooks Music Festival Parent Council meeting at 6:30 pm	26  Brooks Music Festival	27 Early Dismissal 11:55 am
30	31	1 April	2 Report Cards go HOME	3  Good Friday - No School Spring break begins