



GRIFFIN PARK SCHOOL

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FAMILY NEWSLETTER
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HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Thanks to our school community for their participation in the Heritage Festival! The organizers and many volunteers made it a day to remember.



STUDENT ABSENCES

Please inform your child's teacher when you know in advance that your child will be absent.

Please contact us at 403-362-7555. Thank-you!



GRADE 6 BADMINTON NEWS

Grade 6 badminton tournament took place at Griffin Park on April 21st and 22nd.

Congratulations to all the students who participated!

Here are the results

Girls Singles Winners:

Aileen Luo - 1st Place

Ayesha Awan - 2nd place

Doubles Winners:

Eynan Ahmed & Nahili Mohamed - 1st Place

Youakin Alemayehu & Sharon Olascuaga Vergara - 2nd Place

Boys Singles Winner:

Isaac Pascual - 2nd place



LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT GRIFFIN PARK SCHOOL

Acholi	Kinyarwanda	Tigrinya
Amharic	Korean	Urdu
Amtrac	Mandarin	Vietnamese
Arabic	Mandingo	
Creole	Oromo	
Dinka	Punjabi	
English	Sign Language	
Filippino	Somali	
French	Spanish	
Hebrew	Swahili	
Hindi	Tagalog	
Ilocano	Turkish	
Ivrit		





2026 Grade 6 PAT Schedule



- May 22, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM: English Language Arts Part A
- June 4, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: English Language Arts Part B
- June 11, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Social Studies
- June 12, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Science
- June 15, 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM: Mathematics Part A
- June 18, 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM: Mathematics Part B

Timing: Tests are generally one hour, with Part A covering writing/composition and Part B covering reading/multiple-choice.

Preparation: Ensure students arrive on time (before 9 AM), are well-rested, and have had breakfast.

Students can use the [Alberta Education assessment platform](#) for practice tests. Official past exam materials are accessible via the [Alberta Provincial Achievement Tests site](#) to help prepare for May/June.



LOST AND FOUND

Missing hoodies or other pieces of clothing?

Lost and found items are found on display until the first Friday of every month. At this time, they will be packed up and donated to a local charity. If your child has lost something, please take the time to contact your child's teacher and check the items displayed at the end of the main hallway.

Brooks Junior High Parent Council meetings

Brooks Junior High warmly invites parents of students transitioning to junior high to attend an upcoming Parent Council meeting. This is a great opportunity to become familiar with how meetings are structured, connect with other families, and explore ways you might like to get involved in the school community moving forward. Their meetings are on Monday, April 27 and Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30 pm in the BJHS library

**BROOKS ELKS LODGE #77 PRESENTS**
THE TABS FOR TOTS SCHOOL CHALLENGE!

MAY 2026



WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

FUNDS RAISED DIRECTLY SUPPORT VITAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN PEDIATRIC & LABOUR AND DELIVERY DEPARTMENTS ACROSS ALBERTA HOSPITALS.

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY IMPACT

BROOKS HEALTH UNIT HAS BENEFITED! THE FUNDING MAKES A REAL, MEANINGFUL IMPACT LOCALLY.

HOW IT WORKS

- 1 COLLECT:** Save pull tabs from aluminum cans!
- 2 BRING TO SCHOOL:** May 1st - 31st
- 3 WEIGH:** All collected tabs will be weighed.


PIZZA PARTY courtesy of Brooks Elks Lodge #77

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT!**

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO:

- Learn about Community Involvement & Giving Back
- Participate in a Fun, Engaging Challenge
- Make a Tangible Difference in Healthcare for Children & Families

SAFETY PATROL

Introducing Griffin Park Spotlight Tickets!

We're excited to introduce Spotlight Tickets, a new way to recognize students who demonstrate safety and responsible behavior at Griffin Park.

Spotlight Tickets work similarly to GP Pride Tickets—they are bright orange and will be distributed by our patrollers. When a patroller notices a student being safe or responsible, they will complete a ticket and present half to the student being recognized. The other half will be placed in a draw bin in our classroom.

In May, we will draw 20 names. Both the patroller and the recognized student will receive a small prize.

Thank you for supporting positive choices at Griffin Park!



PARENT COUNCIL INFORMATION

THANK YOU to all parent volunteers who helped with hot lunch! We appreciate YOU!

The next Parent Council Meeting:

May 29 at 6:30 pm

In the Griffin Park Library

Classroom Reps should attend.
All parents are welcome!



HOME ALONE COURSE

April 27 and 28 - Grade 5 Westers

May 5 and 6 - Grade 5 Scholz

This course, facilitated by Frontier Safety, is for youth aged 9-13 and focuses on safety skills, basic first aid, and responsibility for children left on their own.

The course covers, among other things, how to handle emergencies, visitors, and house rules.



HOT LUNCH

May 6, 2026

This month's hot lunch will be ordered from A&W and will cost \$6.00. Students can preorder a cheeseburger, a chicken burger or 2 chicken strips. Meals will include apple slices, juice box and a granola bar.

Thank you to Wendy Kitagawa for organizing this delicious lunch!

Field Trip Season is coming up: Reminders

1. **Criminal record checks and volunteer packages need to be current if you would like to join your child's class.**
2. **All school fees must be paid in full**

Here is the list of planned trips:

- **May 25:** Grade 5 trip to Bassano Dam (supported by EID)
- **May 27:** Safety Patrol year-end movie and swimming day
- **May 28:** Grade 4/5 STEM trip to the University of Lethbridge
- **June 10:** Grade 1 trip to White Barn Fun Farm
- **June 17:** Grade 3 trip to Drumheller
- **June 18:** Grade 2 trip to Medicine Hat
- **June 22:** Grade 6 trip to Medicine Hat (mini golf and swimming)



STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE WILL
RECEIVE THEIR INVITATION TO

Ice Cream Sundae Party **MAY 4, 2026**



The following students showed
perseverance by completing the Walking
Challenge and responsibility by tracking
all those laps!

Grade 4

Rushda
Madeline
Morgan
Abby
Holden
Ame,
Nyachiok
Sandrine,
Ellie,
Starrly
Mia
David
Sabiriin
Faryl
Iqraa

Grade 5

Leo,
Luca,
Nadia,
Finn,
Leonardo,
Abigail,
Jackson,
Ringo,
Yong,
Hunter,

Grade 6

Abrahim
Nahili
Gage
Idiris
Zakaria
Jules
Yahya
Mason
Aileen
Anna
Kingsley
Caleb
Ayesha
Logan

LIBRARY NEWS

The library has many new books available for students. We encourage students to read something new and challenging! Also, a friendly reminder for students to try to find those lost/misplaced books.





Grasslands
Public Schools

Pre-Kindergarten

2026-2027

INTAKE SCREENINGS

NOW OPEN!

If your child is between the ages of 2 and 4, and may require extra support to meet developmental milestones, we are now booking intake screenings for Pre-K.

Does your child qualify? Visit our website to inquire and receive a call back from the Early Learning Team.



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May



MON

TUES

WED

THU

FRI

1

Early
Dismissal
11:45 am

4 Athletic Wear
Day

Walking
Challenge
Sundae party

5



Wear Red
Day

6



Hats on for
Mental Health
Wear a hat

7

Dress up as
someone who
inspires you

8

Wear sparkly
clothing

Early
Dismissal
11:45 am

11

12

13

14

15

Non-
Operational
Day:
NO
SCHOOL

18

Victoria Day
NO
SCHOOL

19

20

21

22

Gr.6 PAT
ELA - Part A

Early
Dismissal
11:45 am

25

Gr.5
Bassano Dam
Tours

26

27

Parent
Council
6:30 pm

28

Gr.4 &5
Field Trip to
Lethbridge

29

Community
Clean up

Early
Dismissal
11:45 am