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On The Horizon

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Where To Find Us

School Website:
www.nwsd.ca/school/greenacre

School Facebook:
www.facebook.com/greenacreelementary

Division Website:
www.nwsd.ca

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(benefits the SLC):
Green Acre Grizzlies

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Resident Stickler

Ms. Griffioen
Kindergarten Teacher
Songstress Extraordinaire

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Returning Champ

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Grade 1 & 2 Teacher
Renowned Leprechaun
Whisperer

Mrs. Klassen
Wellness Coordinator
Ray of Sunshine

Mr. Radford
Grade 5 & 6 Teacher
Principal/Fearless Leader

Mrs. Selinger
School Caretaker
Bestower of
Frozen Treats



Upcoming Events

- Sept 4 **Labour Day** — no school
- Sept 6 **First kindergarten day**
- Sept 12 **Fall Fair** — We are changing things up a bit this year! Students are invited to bring in and show off autumn and harvest displays according to the categories listed below. All those in attendance can vote on their favourite in each category. Voting takes place from 5:30-6:00, with a potluck supper to follow. Please bring something to share and come catch up with the rest of the community! Contact Mrs. Hildebrand for more info.

Fall Fair Categories

Flower Arrangement
 Diorama (Natural material only)
 Diorama (Natural & man-made material)
 Fall Photograph
 Fall Art
 Healthy Lunch Display
 Fruit Arrangement
 Vegetable Arrangement
 Vegetable/Fruit Sculpture
 Leaves & Grains Display
 Scarecrow
 Pumpkin/Squash Carving

- Sept 21 **SCC Meeting @ 7:00**
- Sept 22 **Terry Fox Run @ 2:30**
- Sept 28 **Picture Day** — Come looking sharp today! We will start as early in the day as we can, and yes, we will start with our youngest students first.
- Sept 29 **Orange Shirt Day** — Wear your brightest, boldest orange shirts to stand in solidarity with the survivors of residential schools.
- Sept 30 **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation**

Getting Involved at Green Acre School

Looking for ways to get connected? We are on the lookout for grown-ups who want to share their time and skills with our students.

Want to **come in and read** with kids? Great! Let us know how regularly you can come in.

Love coaching our youngsters to improve in their **athletic endeavours**? Get in touch with Mr. Radford if you'd like to put together some sports teams.

Enjoy **cooking for a crowd**? Reach out if you'd like to help with hot lunches (which may just mean picking up food in town).

Have a **neat skill** you'd like to share? We've seen beading, sewing, baking bread, and even showing off some prize pelts. Let us know what you would like to bring to the Green Acre table!

Maybe you just love community discussions and a little light parliamentary procedure? Come **join our School Community Council**, which meets monthly. The first meeting of this school year is set for the evening of Thursday, September 21.

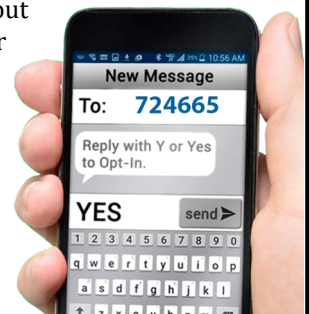
And generally speaking, if you're thinking you might like to volunteer for *something* at some point, please reach out to us at the school office. While ours tends to be a tight-knit community, we do still have policies to follow regarding volunteer registration and criminal record checks. Thanks as always for your understanding, your enthusiasm, and your cooperation!

Sign up for School Cash Online

School Cash Online is a secure way for parents and guardians to purchase items and pay fees without the risk of cash getting lost or forgotten. It also saves school staff *significant* time over the course of the year. If you're able, we recommend signing up for this service. All you need to register is your child's Learning ID number, which Mrs. Friesen or your child's teacher can provide. If you have any questions or would like help signing up, please call or email Mrs. Friesen at the school office.

... and for SchoolMessenger

SchoolMessenger lets us send out occasional text messages to our school parents. To opt in, use the cell phone listed on your child's school registration to text "YES" to 724665. You'll receive a confirmation in reply; if you don't, let us know so we can sort it out.





A Few Important Notes

From Your Friendly Neighbourhood Administrative Assistant

No Nuts Allowed!

Continuing our policy from last year, **we are a completely nut-free school**. Please save that tasty trail mix for at-home snacking! This includes both peanuts and tree nuts and applies to all food brought into the school.

Student Attendance

If your child will be absent or late for any reason, **please make sure to contact the school promptly**. The school email and voicemail are perfectly acceptable — no need to wait for office hours. In the near future we hope this can be done through Edsby as well, so keep an eye out for more information on how that will work.

Bussing

As you may recall, bus procedures changed a bit last year. As a reminder, bus students are automatically approved for transportation from their normal residence, but if you require bus service to or from another location (such as a daycare), that requires **annual approval** from the Transportation Department. Forms are available at the school office or on the school division website under Bussing Info.

The All-Important Student Information Verification Form

On day one, each student receives a form containing their current information from the student data system, as well as a computer use policy/media release form and a health information form. **Parents and guardians, please read these carefully, verify info, fill in the blanks, make any necessary changes, then sign and date and return to the school ASAP**. Please remember that we really, really need land locations to be correct and complete! Also, if you have any questions about the nature of our media/social media use, we welcome them! Feel free to get in touch before you sign the release form, but please send in the student info form **as soon as possible**.

Here's to
another great
year, Grizzlies!

Staying up-to-date

We do our best to make sure important dates are ready for our newsletter, which goes home promptly on the first of each month if not earlier and is always available on the school website. That said, there is always the chance of a last-minute addition to the calendar. **The best way to stay in the know is to make sure your kids are bringing home any school notes and their planners every day**. We are anticipating a fair amount of change in the way we communicate when Edsby rolls out in the near future, so stay tuned for details. In the meantime, it never hurts to regularly check our school website, follow us on Facebook, and sign up for SchoolMessenger. And if you ever just have a feeling that you've forgotten something, don't hesitate to give me a call or shoot me an email at the school office!

September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Labour Day — no school	5 Classes begin	6 <i>First K Day!</i>	7	8 K Day	9
10	11	12 K Day	13	14 K Day	15	16
		Fall Fair Voting @ 5:30 Supper @ 6:00				
17	18 K Day	19	20 K Day	21 SCC Meeting 7:00 pm	22 K Day Terry Fox Run 2:30 pm	23
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