

GWYNNE VALLEY RURAL ACADEMY

April UPDATE



THURSDAY APRIL 17TH
PD DAY

FRIDAY APRIL 18TH
Good Friday
NO SCHOOL

MONDAY APRIL 21
Easter Monday
NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY APRIL 25TH
School Votes Gr 5-9

WEDNESDAY MAY 7TH
Grade 10 Orientation

FRIDAY MAY 9TH
Plant Sale

MONDAY MAY 12TH
Parent Council
Meeting

THURSDAY MAY 14TH
Kindergarten Open
House





MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are already in mid-April! We have been so busy here at the school and the time has flown by!

Our Open House was a great success, and I enjoyed reconnecting with many of you and meeting community members and prospective families. Our staff worked hard to organize this evening, and I would like to recognize their dedication and commitment to GVRA.

Students have been enjoying their sustainable living classes on Fridays. Grandma Dallas has done a tremendous job leading these classes. GVRA's Plant Sale will take place on May 9th from 2-6pm here at the school, and students will be selling the plants that they have grown and cared for over the past few months. For the remainder of the year, students will be focusing on outside planting.

In March and April, our weekly EVE presentations have given our students the opportunity to learn more about careers in fish and wildlife enforcement, home decor, herbalism, tulip farming, and auctioneering. Next week we have two EVE presenters: Minister Rick Wilson will be sharing about his career in government on Tuesday, and we have a farrier joining us on Wednesday. Large and small animal veterinary medicine will be the focus of our last EVE presentation of April.

Our kindergarten class has organized a Getting Rid of Garbage competition for next week, as part of our commitment to Earth Week. Our student vote, for students in Grades 5-9, will take place next Friday.

Students continue to engage in multiple experiential learning opportunities that are rooted in the Alberta curriculum. You are encouraged to reach out to your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom; you are always welcome!

I wish you a safe and restful Easter Break.

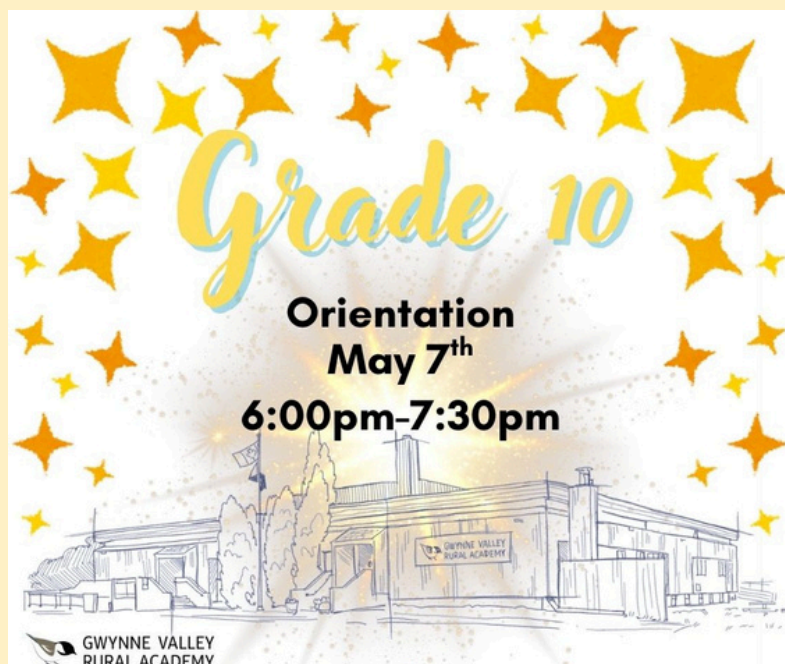
Yours in education,
Candice McLeod, Principal

GRADE 10 ORIENTATION

We have some exciting news!

Gwynne Valley Rural Academy is adding Grade 10 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Please mark your calendars and come on by to inquire into GVRA's upcoming Grade 10 program.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

For all Kindergarten registered families!

Come meet the teacher and staff,
view the classroom and get to
know your school!

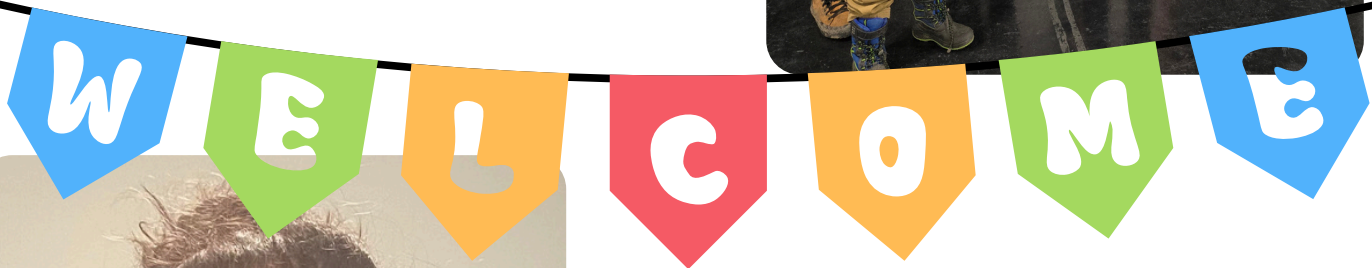
Friday May 14th
6pm-9pm



GVRA students have been scoring big at tournaments lately. Below are the scores for the most recent Provincials which took place March 13th in Edmonton:

Gus 255 Bullseye & 3D
James 141 (Bullseye) 176 (3D)
Brian 249 (Bullseye)
Charity 173 (Bullseye)
Jenny 283 (Bullseye) 278 (3D)
Arianna 176 (3D)
Carter 167 (3D)

ARCHERY UPDATE



MEET MRS. JEFFREY

Mrs. Suzy Jeffrey is our new Educational Assistant working in the Grade 3 & 4 Classroom. Remember to say "Hi" to Mrs. Jeffrey when you see her.

Ask your Kids about our ongoing clubs at GVRA!

Badminton After School
Wellness Club Wednesdays
Chess Tuesdays After school
Game Shakers Club Mondays
Crochet Club Thursdays
Library at Lunch Recess Tuesdays
Garden Club Fridays



TOWER GARDEN PROJECT

Junior Highs are exploring working with an aeroponic growing system to grow peas, strawberries, swiss chard, mint, cilantro, lettuce and more!

This system requires monitoring PH balance, nutrient ratios, timed water pump and balanced grow light exposure. It is dirt and bug free! Perfect for indoor growing!

SUSTAINABLE LIVING NEWS



Grandma Dallas is working hard to organize an Annual GVRA Plant Sale to support our school.

Plant baskets will be up for grabs during the Plant Sale.

**Friday May 9th
2pm-6pm**



CELEBRATING A SUCCESSFUL OPEN HOUSE

We had a wonderful turnout at our Open House on March 20th. Many families attended and learned more about our School.

Please watch your email for any registration/enrollment information!

EVE PRESENTATIONS



RYAN - MVM JUJITSU

Students had the best fun last week with our EVE presenter MVM Academy Camrose. We learned different types of martial arts, the life of a coach, running a mixed martial arts studio and the travel opportunities that come with this lifestyle.



ALANA SCHAMBER

with Tin Forest farm came to visit us last Wednesday for EVE to talk about permaculture.

She talked about her permaculture projects with her sheep and cows and the many purposes and uses these animals provide.



TARA PERSSON

Tara Persson is a Leadership Coach who came to our school today to talk to us about the impacts of bullying and how we can foster resiliency as a school. Tara also shared about her work and her business. Thank you, Tara!





ERIK GRAF VON PLATEN

Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Services.

It's hard to imagine a more fun outdoor career working with wildlife and animals. Erik also took the time to show students his equipment and truck. Such an amazing presentation! Thank you, Erik!



LIVHUNTER

a business that started in the basement of their small home and now operates out of stores across the country.

Liv Hunter is a home decor and art business that started small and grew big!

It was incredible to learn their growth story and get inspired with creativity and inventiveness as a business.



SARAH SHANDERA

from the "Wild Bunch" came to talk about her business working with plants and making beautiful balms, tinctures and salves. Students got to explore the different types of local plant materials with powerful benefits, structure a business idea to address a need with plant power, and every student got to make a lip balm to take home!





PURE LUECK ACRES

Jessica Lueck from Pure Lueck Acres. She is local to Gwynne and grows her own Tulips. All tulip bulbs are from Holland and Jessica grows them in her repurposed milking barn. An incredible story from working in the oil and gas industry to growing beautiful tulips from home, Jessica has inspired us all.



CHRISTIAN VON PLATEN

Christian Von Platin is a professional Auctioneer who helps people buy and sell all manner of things from cows to equipment. Students had a real live auction experience by bidding on prizes too! We had an amazing time and the speed and sound that Auctioneers speak is phenomenal.



HAVE A WONDERFUL EASTER!



Enjoy your Easter Break! Please take note of the important upcoming dates below.

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