

GWYNNE VALLEY RURAL ACADEMY UPDATE



Hope Mission Walk

THURSDAY, JUNE 5^{CH}

Junior High Track Meet (Stettler)

TUESDAY, JUNE 10^{CH}

June PAT Schedule

THURSDAY, JUNE 12^{CH}: GRADE 6 ELAL PART B & GRADE 9 ELA PART B

FRIDAY, JUNE 13^{CH}: GRADES 6 & 9 MATH PART A

TUESDAY, JUNE 17^{CH}: GRADES 6 & 9 MATH PART B

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18^{CH}: GRADES 6 & 9 SOCIAL STUDIES

THURSDAY, JUNE 19^{CH}: GRADE 9 SCIENCE

School Dance

FRIDAY, JUNE 13^{CH} - 6PM

Kindy-Gr 6 Track Meet

MONDAY, JUNE 16^{CH}

Volunteer Appreciation Night

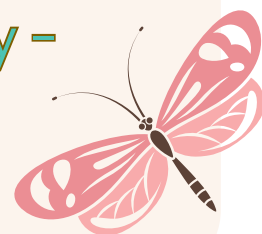
TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH - 6PM

Last Day of School/ Report Cards

THURSDAY, JUNE 26^{CH}

Organizational Day - NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, JUNE 27^{CH}





MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of May has brought beautiful weather, and our students have been enjoying being outdoors for recesses and classes. However, gophers have returned to the property. Students are reminded to leave the gophers alone. We are working on a solution to this problem, but it will more than likely not happen until the summer. We appreciate your patience as we work towards a solution.

Students wrapped up their sustainable living classes with Grandma Dallas earlier this month. The Plant Sale was a huge success, with students raising just under \$3000! The proceeds from this fundraiser will be put towards sustainable living projects next year. We will start the Fall with the building of raised garden beds to get ready for Spring 2026 planting, as unfortunately the gophers have stalled our plans for the outdoor garden this year.

For the remainder of the year, sustainable living will be led by Kari and Cory Duce, in collaboration with our staff. Thank you, Kari and Cory! Our Grades 5-9 students will focus on electronics, house wiring, and preserving food, while our K-4 students will learn about foraging and will be making tea.

In May, our weekly EVE presentations have given our students the opportunity to learn more about careers in veterinary medicine, vermicomposting, construction, and conservational ecology. We thank our presenters for volunteering their time to share their experiences with our students. **If you are interested in presenting, please contact the office, as we are booking presentations for next year.**

On Friday, June 13th, from 6-9pm, GVRA will host a school dance. Our Junior High Leadership students have been busy planning this event. An email will be sent out early next week with more details. The first half of the dance will be for families with children of all ages, while the second half will be for our Grades 7-9 students only.

The K-6 Track and Field Meet will be held on **Monday, June 16th**, during the day. It is being organized by Mr. Brown and our Junior High students. Details will be shared via email within the next week.

Our Volunteer Appreciation Night will be held on **Tuesday, June 17th at 6pm**. We are so grateful for all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to get our school up and running, and to the volunteers who have dedicated their time during the school year. We look forward to honouring our volunteers with an evening of appreciation.

There are a number of field trips happening in June, and you are encouraged to volunteer! Please reach out to your child's teacher if you are interested.

As we move towards the end of the school year, students are still busy learning! As always, please reach out to your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom. You are always welcome!

The last day of school for students is **Thursday, June 26th**. Final report cards will go home on this day.

Warm regards,
Candice McLeod, Principal

ARCHERY UPDATE

GVRA students are set up for the Archery program! We have Genesis bows, arrows, targets, curtain, floor quivers and all the necessary equipment to run a successful Archery program in the school.

Thank you to board member and GVRA volunteer Jody Kohut for bringing archery to GVRA!



Learn more about our archery program here:
<https://www.naspschools.org/>

JH LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

Junior High Student Leadership has been very active in raising funds for student activities and events. So far they have organized:

- two concessions
- a bottle drive
- a talent show contest

Keep an eye out for more information about the Family Dance, which will be held on Friday, June 13th at 6pm at the school.

**FAMILY
DANCE
FRIDAY, JUNE
13TH**



MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE SUCCESS!

We want to commend Grandma Dallas and the team that made the GVRA Plant Sale a smashing success.

They raised \$2927.64 in a couple of hours! Thank you to all who supported the event and our school.



SUSTAINABLE LIVING UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

May 30th

Junior High: House Wiring

Grades 5/6: Taking apart old phones

June 6th

Grades 1/2/Kindy: Foraging + Making tea

Grades 3/4 : Foraging + Making tea

June 13th

Junior High: Preserving Food

Grades 5/6: Preserving Food

THANK YOU
VOLUNTEERS,
CORY & KARI
DUCE!



FIELD TRIPS

June is filled with fields trips! We want to make the final month of school exciting for all students! Please ensure your child is packed and prepared and watch out for emails from your teacher with details on your child's field trips.

Please check the GVRA calendar for upcoming field trips by visiting our website:

**GVRA SCHOOL
WEBSITE**



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**ALL GVRA
VOLUNTEERS
ARE WELCOME
TO ATTEND!**

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH AT 6PM

At Gwynne Valley Rural Academy the learning experience has been enriched by the efforts of all individuals, organizations and businesses. We are hosting a special event where volunteers are formally recognized and appreciated. It takes a community!

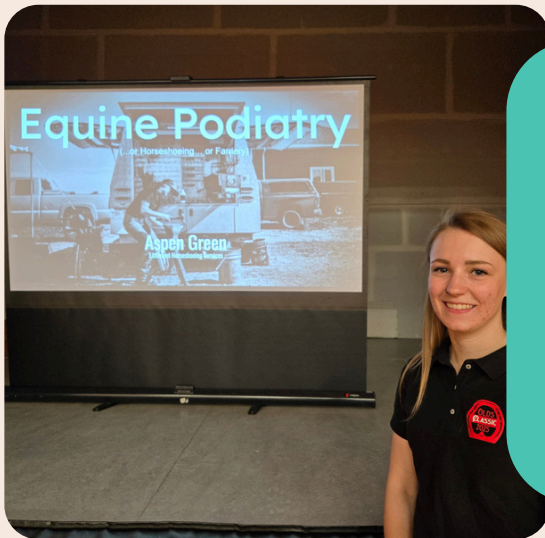
If you know anyone who has volunteered in any way to our school please contact office@gvra.school and send along their contact information.

EVE PRESENTATIONS



MINISTER RICK WILSON

The Honourable Minister Rick Wilson came to our school to talk to students about his career as Minister of Indigenous Relations, and MLA for Maskwacis-Wetaskiwin, as well as working as a politician.



ASPEN GREEN

Students at GVRA learned all about being a farrier with Aspen Green. Aspen brought along her tools and different types of shoes for horses and shared all about being a farrier (or horseshoer), or more specifically an equine podiatrist.



RITA BAUMAN

Rita Baumann is a veterinarian at Leduc Farm Animal Hospital. Rita shared with students about the education required to become a vet, and the different situations she deals with on farms. She also took the time to show us her truck she brings along to her appointments!





DAVE WESLEY

Dave Wesley with DJW Vermicomposting and Plant Ventures brought in worms! Students learned about the importance of raising worms for composting and gardening, and how beneficial these little creatures are at improving soil health and nutrients in foods grown in a garden.



RONELLE RABBIT

Ronelle is the supervisor for a company called Akamihk Kanataskiy Ventures (AKV), a wholly owned Montana First Nation construction company.

Ronelle talked about the projects she has been involved in, as well as her experiences working towards becoming a supervisor.



KALENE GOULD

Kalene is a Conservation Ecologist. She talked about wildlife and the importance of protecting and managing their natural ecosystems. She brought in some pelts, moccasins, antler sheds, and gave out lots of fun stickers! Students learned what it takes to be a Conservation Ecologist!



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