

GWYNNE VALLEY RURAL ACADEMY UPDATE

JUNE



Last Day of School/ Report Cards

THURSDAY, JUNE 26TH

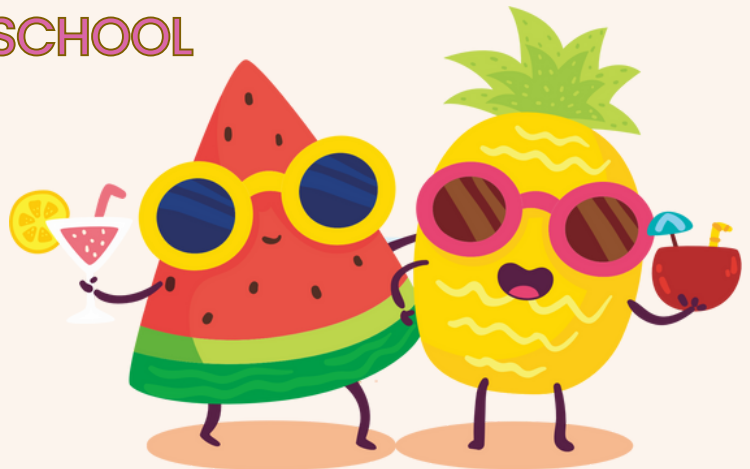
Organizational Day - NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH

Summer
Time

First day of school

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND





MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of our school year! It has been a year filled with amazing memories and impactful learning. I am honoured to be returning as your principal for the next year, and I look forward to continuing to grow together as a learning community! As we celebrate the completion of our first year, Dr. Karen Penney and I are pleased to release the GVRA staff list for 2025-26:

Administrative Assistants

Mrs. Sandrelle Kijewski

Mrs. Niki Tune

Homeroom Teachers

Kindergarten: Mrs. Barb Jevne

Grades 1/2: Mrs. Kaitlyn Miller

Grades 3/4: Mrs. Sara Lampinen

Grades 4/5: Miss Jena Peterson

Grade 6: Ms. Melissa Skuce

Grades 7/8: Mrs. Laureen Sandin

Grades 9/10: Mr. Brandon Brown

Educational Assistants

Mrs. Deborah Johnston

Mrs. Theresa Nelson

Mrs. Niki Tune

Ms. Sheila Larson

Bus Drivers

Ms. Candice Hagerman- Lead Bus Driver and Wetaskiwin Route

Mrs. Sam Treleaven- Camrose Route

Mrs. Sharlene Newman- Gwynne Route

Custodian

Ms. Lianne Larsen

Grade and subject-specific teacher and educational assistant assignments will be communicated at a later date. Your child's teacher will be in touch with you when they return from their summer break on August 27th. Over the summer, staff will focus on their own well being so they can return to school refreshed and ready to meet the needs of all of their students, and they will be unavailable to respond to messages.

I wish you and your families a safe and restful summer break. See you September 2nd!

Yours in education,
Candice McLeod, Principal

NEW HOMEROOM TEACHERS

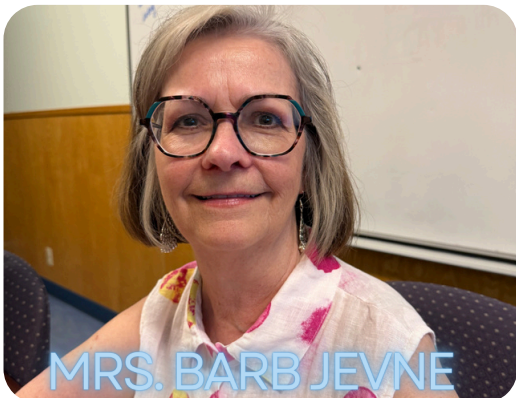
We are excited to welcome Mrs. Lampinen, Ms. Skuce, and Mrs. Jevne as new members of our GVRA team!



Mrs. Lampinen previously taught Grade 3 at Norwood School in Wetaskiwin. Mrs. Lampinen has also been a substitute teacher for GVRA since November 2024. She holds a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Mary's University. Mrs. Lampinen will be teaching Grades 3 and 4 students.



Ms. Skuce has taught in several schools throughout her career. Most recently, Ms. Skuce taught Secondary English at New Norway School. Ms. Skuce has also worked as an assistant principal, Alberta Education curriculum consultant, and district literacy support teacher. Ms. Skuce holds a Master of Education degree in Literacy and a Bachelor of Education degree from Queen's University, as well as a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree from Trent University. Ms. Skuce will be teaching Grades 6-10 Humanities and Senior High Options.



Mrs. Jevne was a teacher at Gwynne School for many years. Most recently, Mrs. Jevne taught Grades One and 2 at Clear Vista School. Mrs. Jevne has 30 years of teaching experience and she taught Kindergarten for 8 years here in Gwynne. Mrs. Jevne holds a Bachelor of Education (with distinction) degree from the University of Calgary. Mrs. Jevne will be teaching Kindergarten.



REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be going home the last day of school, which is Thursday, June 26th.

This year, GVRA is collaborating with School Start to ensure all families can easily purchase their child's upcoming school supplies. Going through them saves both time and money, and if you order early, you will be entered in various contests, and our school will receive kick-back for classroom supplies.

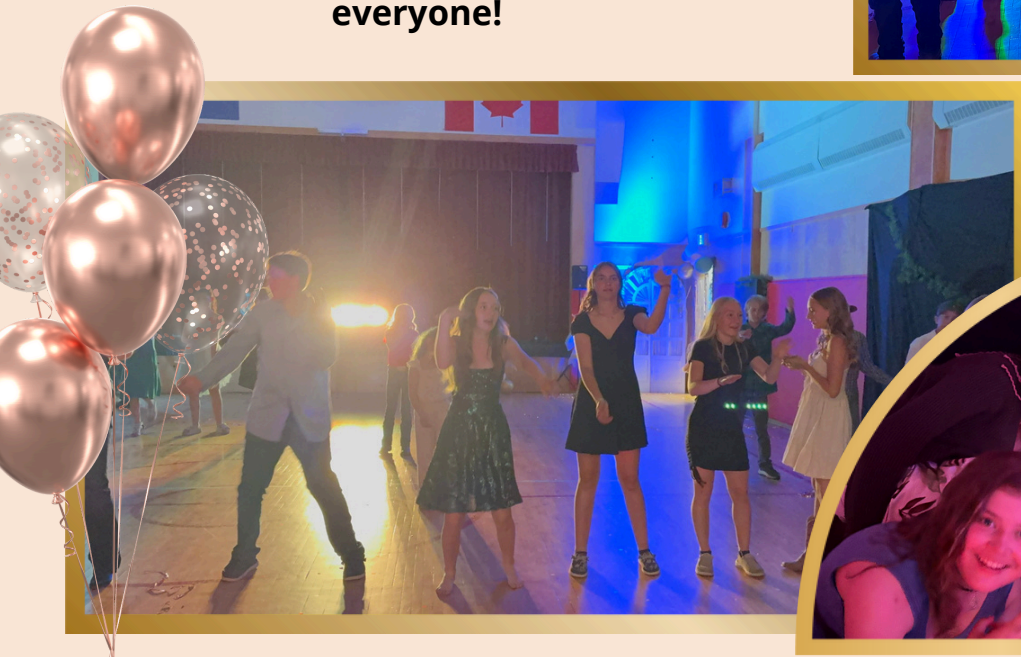
You also have the option to purchase supplies yourself, rather than going through the School Start program. School supply lists will be sent home with the final report card.



HELLO SUMMER! DANCE

The Leadership Team worked hard to earn funds to host a special dance event for everyone this June. They organized a bottle drive, concession sale, and a talent show.

Volunteers helped decorate, cater, and making for an exceptional evening for everyone!



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



We recently hosted a volunteer appreciation event to honour and recognize all of our GVRA volunteers.

We celebrated those who contributed to our school's development, as well as those who continue to support GVRA.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We would not be where we are without your contributions.



ARCHERY UPDATE

Coach Jody presented NASP Certificates to all Archers of the NASP Program who attended tournaments and competitions throughout the year on behalf of Gwynne Valley Rural Academy. They each received a keychain with an archery themed charm and a card with an encouraging message.

All students from grade 4 to 9 participated in Archery this year at GVRA. We are so proud of our Archers in their first year of archery!

We hope to kick start the Archery program again in the upcoming school year.



TRACK & FIELD

Grades 7-9 students went to a big track and field meet in Stettler this year. They came home with ribbons for the 800m and 400m Runs, High Jump, Shot Put, Javelin and Relay Run!

They practiced for almost 2 months to gain experience in these disciplines, and they enjoyed meeting other athletes from the region.

Our Grades K-6 students enjoyed a track and field meet at the school. This was organized by Mr. Brown and our Junior High students. Students were able to test their limits with a series of events, and everyone got ribbons!

START



SUSTAINABLE LIVING

What an incredible end to the Sustainable Living year at GVRA.

Grandma Dallas led our students in horticulture, while Cory & Kari Duce introduced our students to house wiring, examining old electronics, foraging, tea making, and food preservation!



CALLING ALL PARENTS, CAREGIVERS & GUARDIANS!

**LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS
FOR
SUSTAINABLE
LIVING**

- Gardening
- Composting
- Food Sustainability
- Foraging
- Cooking
- Canning
- Harvesting
- Hands-On Practical Life Skills
- Small Engine Basics
- Basic Plumbing
- Simple electrical
- Mechanical basics

Teaching children practical life skills is part of our Charter. Students can learn skills that help sustain living and develop confidence, resiliency and dignity.

Gwynne Valley Rural Academy has some exciting plans ahead. Contact us to be part of our growth!

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A very special Thank You to our Board Members and Senior Administration for contributing your time to make our school a great place for students to be.



Thank You Bus Drivers and Transportation Coordinator for safely transporting students all year round.

THANK YOU!



DON'T FORGET

Please ensure students take home any items belonging to them (from their locker, classroom, and especially the Lost and Found!)



Please take the time to look over the many sweatshirts, shorts, t-shirts, water bottles, containers that have been left unclaimed. Any unclaimed items will be donated by the end of the school year.

MUCH
appreciated



EVE PRESENTATIONS



MANLUK INDUSTRIES

Joe & Sean came back to deliver more details on working as an engineer and machinist.

Manluk is a huge supporter of community initiatives and has been a big supporter of our school, too! Thank you Manluk Industries for all you do!



BEN & MARGARET CHRISTENSON

What a show! Entertainment and education all in one! Students learned ways that musicians can earn a living through different career pathways that allow you to be your creative self and earn a living. You can be an artist and bring so much value to the world too!



We are looking for volunteers!

If you are a parent, grandparent or guardian, enjoy working with children and you would like to share what you do for work, please consider volunteering at GVRA. We would be honoured to learn about your vocation or career.

Contact the office to inquire office@gvra.school



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