

GWYNNE VALLEY RURAL ACADEMY



September

3rd Annual Pumpkin Festival
SATURDAY, SEPT 27TH

Terry Fox Run
MONDAY, SEPT 29TH

**School Closed for
Truth & Reconciliation Day**

TUESDAY, SEPT 30TH

Awards Night (for 2024-25)

THURSDAY, OCT 9TH

Thanksgiving Long Weekend

FRIDAY, OCT 10TH - 13TH



GVREA AGM

THURSDAY, OCT 19TH

Parent/Teacher interviews

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY,
OCT 22ND - 23RD

CAMP DAY AT GVRA

- PALEONTOLOGY
- CANDLE DIPPING
- AT THE DENTIST ACTIVITY
- MARSHMALLOW CATAPULT
- ROBOT BUILDING
- WOODEN CONSTRUCTION
- WOODEN BIRDFEEDER
- ARCHERY

A very special thank you to volunteer parents, caregivers and friends who helped set up and supported the students through the day.

Our BBQ lunch was incredibly delicious, too!

The first day of school was Camp Day at GVRA. Students were able to visit with their teacher and get acquainted with each other in a fun day full of activities.





MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! It has been a spectacular September here at GVRA! Students have been so busy learning and growing.

Our Kindergarten students are learning letter names and sounds and the numbers 0-5, as well as how to be a good learner. They were excited to learn with apples and to go potato harvesting at Grandma Dallas's farm. Our Grade 1/2 class has been enjoying math concept games and spending time outdoors for lessons. In the Grade 3/4 class, students have been learning about place value and are focusing on grammar. They have also been discussing the importance of having a growth mindset. The Grade 4/5 class has been working on place value and number sense, and they have also been creating items to sell at the Pumpkin Festival, while the Grade 6 class is studying climate and weather, enjoying cross country running, learning about resilience and redemption through a novel study, and developing their skills in patterns and algebra.

Moving on to our Junior and Senior High students, our Grade 7/8 class is learning about indigenous societies and is focusing on short stories and integers. Our Grade 9 class has been exploring themes of leadership and chaos in their novel study, and they are learning about square roots of numbers. Finally, our Grade 10 students have been building annotations in English, and those taking Foods have been working through food basics and contemporary baking.

This year, we are excited to share that boys' and girls' volleyball is underway. Thank you to Mr. Brown and Mrs. Miller for coaching our students. GVRA students are also competing in cross country events under the direction of Mrs. Armson. Our students are amazing ambassadors for our school!

Families are also excited for the Gwynne Pumpkin Festival, which takes place on Saturday, September 27th from 2-8 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

In closing, I would like to remind families that personal communication devices (PCDs), which include cell phones and smartwatches, are not permitted to be used by students at any time during the day other than at lunch recess from 12:00-12:20pm. Students are expected to follow the guidelines put in place by the Minister of Education and the procedures outlined in Administrative Procedure 140, *Use of Personal Communication Devices*, which is linked [here](#). Please discuss this procedure with your child(ren).

Yours in education,

Candice McLeod, Principal

HORSES FOR HOPE

8 students were carefully selected for the Horses for Hope program. Thank you to the GVRA School Council for assisting with the development of the selection process for students applying for The Hope Mission Bethany Homes Horses of Hope Program.

Bethany Homes will provide transportation from the school, but you will need to pick your child up at 5:45pm at Bethany Homes.

Participants are required to wear long pants, and closed-toe shoes or boots.

Thank you Hope Mission for this incredible opportunity!



CROSS COUNTRY & VOLLEYBALL

Students are participating in Cross Country meets and volleyball practices for boys and girls at the school. Many field trip permission forms have been sent home for meets and practices.

We appreciate you, parents and caregivers, for getting these forms signed and returned. We are grateful for your attention during this busy time of kickstarting exciting school activities.



Sponsored by Gwynne Legacy Foundation
3rd Annual

GWYNNE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

**Last year, the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Festival
raised \$26,127.90 to support the school.**

**This event is run completely by Volunteers representing
the Gwynne Legacy Foundation and all proceeds go
towards Gwynne Valley Rural Academy.**

Saturday, September 27th, 2-8 pm

- **Vendor Market**
- **Concession**
- **Pie by the Slice**
- **Games**
- **Photo Booth**
- **Pumpkin Weigh-In 4pm**
(bring your pumpkin before 2:30pm)
- **Live Auction 5pm**
- **Fireworks 8pm**



All Events Cash Only. Get your Tickets at the Ticket Booth!

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Students have been getting dirty in the garden at Grandma Dallas's Farm digging up potatoes and picking pumpkins.

The potatoes are carefully lifted out of the soil without piercing the skin with the pitchfork, and then are gently placed in a bucket for cold storage. Potatoes and pumpkins are being prepared for sale at the upcoming Pumpkin Festival.



DIRT & DIGGING!



EVE PRESENTATIONS



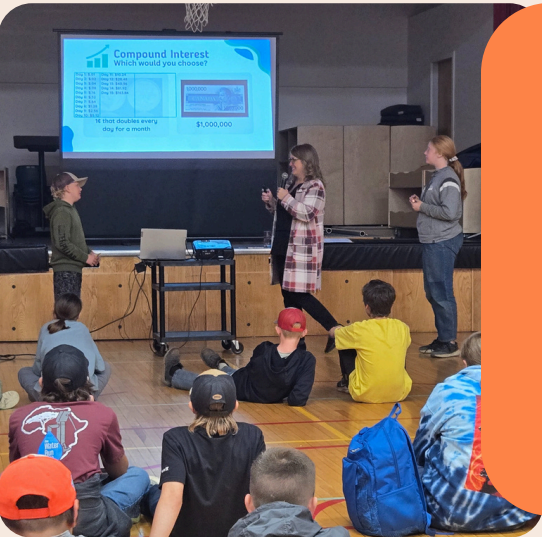
LLOYD JOHNSTON

Our first EVE presenter of the school year was Lloyd Johnston, an Online Game Master for his business Geldhart Games. It was a fun and enjoyable experience. What an exciting and interactive first EVE presentation of the year!



MICHELLE HAUSER

Our EVE presenter was Michelle Hauser with Project Halo. Project Halo is an organization that has teamed up with handlers across the province to deploy dog trauma teams providing support in various situations: court support, school deaths, and with organizational and community tragedies.



SUSAN PATERSON

Financial literacy is about thinking long term about your money. A consistent plan protects you for your future. Susan talked about the importance of investments that can double your money. Thank you Susan Paterson for inspiring students to be smart with their money.



Welcome back Students!

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