

November 2020

Message from the Principal



As the weather changes and because the safety and well-being of children is our first concern, we ask that the children plan to arrive at school **NO EARLIER than 8:10am**. Outside supervision starts at 8:15am, students enter the building at 8:25am at the first bell. It can be very cold waiting outside, especially, if students are there for any amount of time. A friendly reminder to send students fully dressed for winter weather so that they are toasty warm during outdoor recess! If you are need of winter clothes, please contact the Family Education Society at 780-830-0920 or email hubcoordinator@gpfes.com

Friday, November 10th, Swanavon School will be virtually celebrating its annual Remembrance Day Ceremony. Our school will be remembering and reflecting our fallen heroes. Our annual Remembrance Ceremony marks the anniversary of the official end of the World War I hostilities on November 11, 1918. World War I was a massive conflict that was played out over the whole globe, but particularly in Europe, where troops from Canada supported the Allied forces. World War I resulted in the loss of huge numbers of lives amongst both civilians and military personnel. Many more people were badly injured. The war left great emotional scars in the servicemen, who had experienced it, and in the communities, whose sons, brothers, fathers, uncles and even grandfathers had died. Remembrance Day commemorates those who died in armed conflicts, particularly in and since World War I.

The year is moving right along and it is hard to believe that report card season is almost here! What an exciting time to reflect on the success of our students. **Report cards will go home Friday, November 27th.** Swanavon teachers will be contacting all parents to attend Parent Teacher Interviews as this is a valuable opportunity for teachers to share information with you about your child and celebrate their achievements. **Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Tuesday, December 1st from 3:30pm until 6:30pm and Wednesday, December 2nd from 4:00pm until 7:00pm.** Teachers will be contacting our parents via telephone calls. To book your interview time, please use the **SignUp Genius** link that will be emailed to you by Ms. Weaver, Administrative Assistant. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning success!

If you have any concerns regarding our students, please call 780-532-8885 or email cynthia.matthews@gppsd.ab.ca

We are here to serve our students and their families.

Mrs. Cynthia Matthews
Principal
Swanavon School



November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 School Council 7:00pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day-No School	12	13 Formal Dress Up	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 PL Day - No Classes	21
22	23	24	25	26 Hawaiian Day	27 Report Cards Go Home	28
29	30					

Turn Back Those Clocks:



Daylight Savings Time!

Please remember to turn your clocks back.

Sunday, November 1st, 2020

Social Media:

Please remember to “LIKE” us on FACEBOOK so you can receive all the school happenings; upcoming dates, photos and live streams of Swanavon students and staff in action! We are also linked to GPPSD FACEBOOK page which also gives important division information. We work to keep communication open through our newsletter, teacher websites, general email reminders, FACEBOOK and the school website.

Click Here for Facebook



School Council Announcements:

SCHOOL COUNCIL: Our school council is active in discussing educational issues and providing community building activities for our students. Our many parent volunteers connected to our school council are extremely active, visible in our school and supportive of school goals of academic excellence and responsible citizenship. Swanavon’s School Council meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the school’s staff room and act as an advisory role who advocate for our students’ learning needs. This year’s School Board Trustee is Mr. Andre Ouellette. Our School Council Chair -- Ms. Courtney Nisbet, Vice-Chair - Ms. Morganne Powell, Treasurer – Ms. Jennifer Stirling, Secretary -- Ms. Stacy Wheeler.

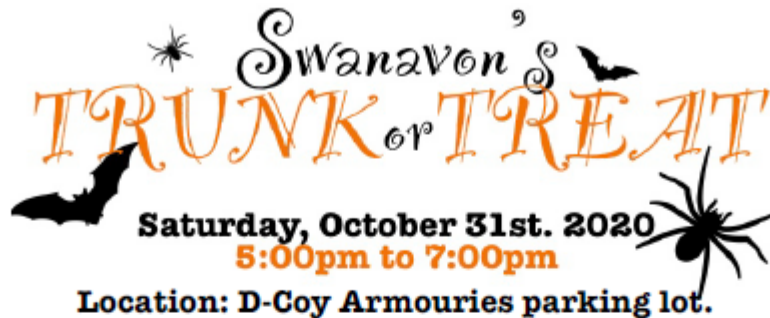
Our next School Council Meeting is Tuesday, November 3, 7:00pm

Remembrance Day: November 11th



Trunk or Treat - Halloween Day:

Join Swanavon School Council for a safe & sanitary alternative to door to door Trick or Treating with...



What is "Trunk or Treat"?

Students go Trunk-to-Trunk to collect Halloween Candy rather than door to door.

There will be trunks full of CANDY, a photo booth to get a SPOOKTACULAR snap of your little (s) in costume, and a PRIZE for the best decorated trunk!
(Following physical distancing and health and safety guidelines)

Do you want to Trunk or Treat?

If you would like to attend the event as a "treater", please ensure you fill out the Microsoft Forms link.

Let us know how many treaters will be in your party. (Number of Children&Adults)

This allows us to keep track of how many are in attendance and maintain social guidelines.

Do you want to PASS OUT candy?

Please use the Sign Up Genius link to register your trunk. Spots are limited, so sign up immediately to participate!

(And remember there's a PRIZE for best decorated!)

Those passing out treats MUST:

- Wear a Mask
- Use Tongs or Disposable Gloves to pass treats

Are you unable to attend but would like to offer some Halloween Spirit?

Council is currently accepting donations of Hand Sanitizer & Unopened boxes of Candy/Chips/Treats.

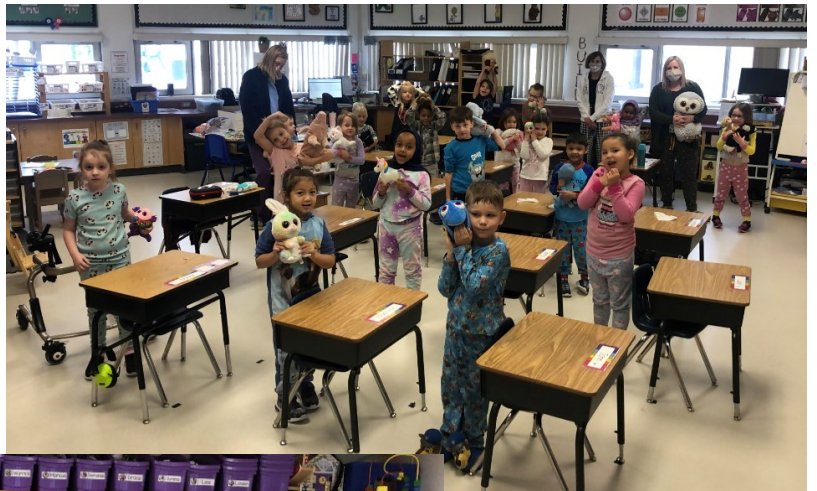
To make a donation arrangement please contact swanavoncouncil@gmail.com

Meet our Students and Teachers in Their Learning Environments in PK & K



Mrs. Brown
Pre-Kindergarten





Mrs. Smith
Kindergarten



SWANAVON SCHOOL
Is doing a
MOM'S PANTRY FUNDRAISER

3 STEPS TO SUCCESS:

NEW THIS FALL: Assorted Tea Variety Pack, Olive Oils, Pine Honey

Brochure Offers - Large selection of pastry items, cookie dough, muffins, spices, soup mixes, appetizers & much more!

- 1.**
All items sold help our school or group.

- 2.**
Students name should appear as the seller.

- 3.**
ORDER ONLINE
Go to: momspantry.ca

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:
Swanavon School

ORDERS ARE DUE:
November 21/20

DELIVERY DATE:
To Be Advised



Order Number:
320779

Group Passcode:
38727

Students's Name should appear as the seller!
Ask or email family, friends & neighbours to help support your school.
Order Online to support our fundraiser – fast and easy!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISER ALL PROFITS EARNED GO
TO SUPPORTING SWANAVON SCHOOL

Dear parents / guardians,

Swanavon School Council have brought back Mom's Pantry just in time for the holiday season. This is a great way for families to receive a tasty treat and help their child's school. This year we are raising money for much needed literacy intervention kits to help our children develop strong reading skills and set them up for success in later years. Any additional money will go towards purchasing iPads that will provide assistive technology to aid in supporting students with their curriculum outcomes.

Attached to your catalog are easy step by step instructions on how to order online. When ordering online, you will have access to everything Mom's Pantry has to offer (not just cookies and muffins). Please note, if you are collecting orders from friends and family members your child's name is always to be the sellers' name. This will help identify orders when we receive them from Mom's Pantry.

If you have any questions please feel free to email us at Swanavoncouncil@gmail.com or add us on Facebook @ Swanavon School Council and message instantly.



VTRA - Violence/Threat Risk Assessment:

SWANAVON SCHOOL

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October 27, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

Grande Prairie Public School Division is committed to providing school environments that are welcoming, caring, respectful and safe places for students, staff, school visitors, and community members. We also work with families and community partners to provide the kinds of supports the young people in our schools require to be healthy and happy at school. The safety of our children is a top priority for all of us.

We are very proud to say that we have worked with a number of community organizations to develop the School and Community Threat Assessment Protocol. This process enables community partners to proactively share information and advice and to use their broad range of expertise to provide the appropriate supports to our youth and their families. All of our school administrators have been certified in Violence/Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) training through the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response. Every school in our Division has a VTRA team consisting of a principal/vice principal, counselor/ psychologist, and RCMP School Resource Officer to work with the protocol.

If for some reason there is a reluctance to support or participate in the protocol, the appropriate steps may continue in order to ensure a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment for all. Your school principal will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this process.

We share this at this time as information to assure you we are continually striving to keep our schools safe and this is just one process which helps to do so.

We look forward to working with you, and with our community partners, to provide welcoming, caring, respectful and safe schools where excellence in learning is a priority and everyone feels included.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Matthews, M.Ed

Principal

Swanavon School

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Daily COVID-19 Health Checklist:

COVID-19 INFORMATION

COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST

Overview

This tool has been developed to support schools, activity organizers, employers, businesses and facility operators in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees/staff. The tool is meant to be used to assist with assessing attendees who may be symptomatic, or who may have been exposed to someone who is ill or has confirmed COVID-19.

Attendees should complete this checklist prior to participating in the activity or program. Children and youth may need a parent to assist them to complete this screening tool.

If an individual answers YES to any of the questions, they must not be allowed to attend or participate in the activity or program. *Individuals with fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat, are required to isolate for 10 days per [CMOH Order 05-2020](#) unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test and are feeling better. Use the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) to determine if testing is recommended and follow information on [isolation requirements](#).

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, this screening tool will be updated as required.

Screening Questions

1.	Does the attendee have any new onset (or worsening) of any of the following symptoms:	CIRCLE ONE	
	• <i>Fever*</i>	YES	NO
	• <i>Cough*</i>	YES	NO
	• <i>Shortness of breath / difficulty breathing*</i>	YES	NO
	• <i>Runny nose*</i>	YES	NO
	• <i>Sore throat*</i>	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Nasal congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / vomiting / diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle/ joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO
2.	Has the attendee travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days ¹ ?	YES	NO
3.	Has the attendee had close contact ² with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
4.	Has the attendee had close contact with an individual who has any one of the first 5 symptoms on this list (shaded) AND who is a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO

¹ Individuals legally required to quarantine for 14 days when entering or returning to Alberta from outside Canada

² Face-to-face contact within 2 metres. A health care worker in an occupational setting wearing recommended personal protective equipment is not considered to be a close contact.

Learning while in Quarantine:

SWANAVON Parent Guide: Learning while in Quarantine

This year all PK-8 students at SWANAVON have Google accounts, with access to Google Classrooms or Google Sites that can be used and accessed while at school and while at home. Parents it is **IMPERATIVE** that you have your child setup on Google Classroom at home. Your child's teacher would have shared your child's username and password in an email with you. **We are asking that you have your child setup by October 16.** Please reach out to your child's teachers if you are experiencing difficulty logging on. They are here to help and support you through this process.

What is a Google Site?

Google Sites are websites teachers can modify to create a unique classroom website.

What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is an online classroom. It makes it easy to create classes, distribute assignments, communicate, and stay organized. Google Classroom increases the ease at which students can hand in assignments from home.

What is Google Meet?

Google Meet is a conference software like Zoom that teachers can use to teach live, interactive lessons online.

Student is in Quarantine (Short Term)	Teacher and Students are in Quarantine (Short Term)	Provincially Designated At-Home Learning (Long Term)
While a student is at home awaiting Covid-19 test results and/or non-core symptoms to clear up, teacher provides access to Google Classroom.	Google Classroom will be used for continuation of curriculum instruction for the duration of the quarantine.	Online learning will be directed as per Alberta Education Guidelines.
<p>What to Expect:</p> <p>Your child will have access to lessons and activities that are meant to lessen the gaps in their learning during any short-term absence.</p> <p>It will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Google Classroom • Review, skill building and practice work <p>It will NOT include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live instruction (Google Meets) • The equivalent of what is taking place in the classroom 	<p>What to Expect:</p> <p>Your child will connect with a teacher in a live format during scheduled times each day and will continue learning in this manner until the class returns to school for in-person learning.</p> <p>It will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Curriculum/New Content • Live instruction (Google Meets) • Feedback provided to students • Assessment 	<p>What to Expect:</p> <p>Google Classroom will be used as the online learning platform for the duration of the long-term quarantine.</p> <p>It will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Curriculum/New Content • Live instruction (Google Meets) • Feedback provided to students • Assessment

Mask Up Before Entering the School:

Just a reminder that if you are having to enter Swanavon School we ask that you please have a mask on prior to entering the building. This will help to keep our students, staff and your family safe.

#GPPSDThanks
students, staff and
parents for their help
keeping our schools
and community
safe places to live,
work and learn.



COVID-19 Return Date E-mails:

If your child has to miss school because they either have a “core symptom” or an “other symptom” please watch your e-mail for communication from our office. The e-mail will have a return date stated in the e-mail when your child can return.

If you are seeking clarity or have any question at all about when your child can return please contact our office at 780-532-8885 Ext 0.

Please click on the link below to connect you to Alberta Health Services - COVID-19 Self-Assessment for Albertans.



Launch self-assessment >

GP Family Education Society-Winter Gear:

Please dress students for the cold weather. Students are outside for morning recess and lunch recess. As well, teachers take students outside for physical activity. It is winter and temperatures are cold, students need to have a winter jacket, ski pants, mittens, winter hat and boots.

“If you are in need of full winter gear including coats, toques, scarves, gloves and mitts, please see the link below”

Grande Prairie Family Education Society - Full Winter Gear Available



2020-2021 GPPSD Calendar :



Grande Prairie Public School Division 2020-2021 CALENDAR Approved

AUGUST 2020						
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27 Professional Learning Day
28 Professional Learning Day
31 Professional Learning Day

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FEBRUARY 2021						
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1 Semester 2 Begins
15 Family Day
26 Professional Learning Day

19/18

SEPTEMBER 2020						
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1 First Day of School
7 Labour Day
18 Professional Learning Day

21/20

MARCH 2021						
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4/5 Teachers' Convention Day in Lieu
19 Professional Learning Day
26 Professional Learning Day

22/19

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12 Thanksgiving
23 Professional Learning Day

21/20

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2 Good Friday
3-11 Easter Break
12 First Day Back
23 Professional Learning Day

16/15

NOVEMBER 2020						
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11 Remembrance Day
20 Professional Learning Day

20/19

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7 Professional Learning Day
24 Victoria Day

20/19

DECEMBER 2020						
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4 Day in Lieu
11 Professional Learning Day
19-31 Christmas Break

13/12

JUNE 2021						
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4 Professional Learning Day
21 Nat'l Indigenous People Day
25 Last Day for Students other than Students writing the scheduled Diploma Exam on June 28
28 Last Day for Staff and those Students writing the scheduled Diploma Exam

20/18

JANUARY 2021						
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1-3 Christmas Break
4 First Day Back
29 Professional Learning Day

20/19

Day off for Students & Staff
 Full Day off for Students

1st Semester 98 Staff/90 Student
 2nd Semester 97 Staff/89 Student
 Total number of days
 195 Staff / 179 Students

No Dogs on School Grounds:

Bylaw C-1226 states that “The owner of a dog shall ensure the dog does not enter or remain in or on any area where dogs are prohibited by posted signs, or within five meters of a playground, athletic field or school ground.”

Bylaw Officers are responsible for enforcing Bylaw [C-1226](#).

[Click Here for More Information](#) 



No Smoking on School Property:

Grande Prairie has made school property and the school parking lot a “smoke free” area according to the “No Smoking Bylaw” [C-1278](#). The penalty that will be issued by the city is a \$250 fine.

[Click Here for More Information](#) 



**NO SMOKING
ON THE
SCHOOL
GROUNDS**



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