

# December 2020

## Message from the Principal



What an exciting time to reflect on the success of our students. The first part of the school year has been very busy and we are very proud of our students' growth. I am continuously impressed with the amount of time and energy the staff at Swanavon puts into making sure all students at our school are successful! We are very fortunate that all our staff – Caretakers, Library Tech, Administrative Assistant, Educational Assistants, Teachers and Admin are invested in each and every student and their success. They are an incredibly talented group who do their best to ensure our students succeed.

**Report Cards went home on Thursday, November 27.** The staff of Swanavon School would like to encourage all parents to sign up for 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 took place on Tuesday, December 1 and will take place again tonight, Wednesday, December 2 from 4:00pm until 7:00pm.** To book your interview time, please use the SignUp Genius link that was emailed to you by Mrs. Weaver, our Administrative Assistant. Note that this year your child's teacher will telephone you at the time that you have registered for. This will be a 15 minute telephone call to discuss your child's success and an opportunity to share your concerns. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning success!

If you have any concerns regarding our students, please call the office at 780-532-8885 or email [cynthia.matthews@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:cynthia.matthews@gppsd.ab.ca)

We are here to serve our students and their families.

Mrs. Cynthia Matthews  
Principal  
Swanavon School



# December 2020

| Sun             | Mon | Tue                            | Wed                            | Thu                                  | Fri   | Sat |
|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----|
|                 |     | 1<br><i>PTI</i><br>3:30 - 6:30 | 2<br><i>PTI</i><br>4:00 - 7:00 | 3                                    | 4<br><i>Day in Lieu of</i><br><i>PTI's, no school</i> | 5   |
| 6               | 7   | 8                              | 9                              | 10                                   | 11<br><i>PL Day - No</i><br><i>Classes</i>            | 12  |
| 13              | 14  | 15                             | 16                             | 17<br><i>Red/Green</i><br><i>Day</i> | 18<br><i>Movie/PJ Day</i>                             | 19  |
| 20              | 21  | 22                             | 23                             | 24                                   | 25  | 26  |
| Christmas Break |     |                                |                                |                                      |   |     |
| 27              | 28  | 29                             | 30                             | 31                                   |   |     |
| Christmas Break |     |                                |                                |                                      |   |     |

## Cold Weather:



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

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## Social Media:

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**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



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## School Council Announcements:

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***Our December 8th meeting has been cancelled. Please stay tuned for the date of the January school council meeting.***

**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.

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## How to View Student Report Card:

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How to View Student Report Card

How to Access Parent Portal on a Computer or Phone

# Hawaiian Day:



# Hawaiian Day:



# How Long to Stay Home From School:

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

### HOW LONG TO STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL

The amount of time a student needs to stay home from school depends on the type of symptoms. For more details: [Isolation requirements](#)

| If a student has these symptoms  | What to do  |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fever</li><li>• Cough</li><li>• Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li><li>• Loss of sense of smell or taste</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Isolate at home for a minimum of 10 days from when symptoms started or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.</li><li>• COVID-19 testing is recommended.</li><li>• Can return to school before 10 days only if a COVID-19 test is negative, symptoms are gone, and the student was not a close contact of someone with COVID-19.</li><li>• Do not enter any long-term care settings for 10 days and until symptoms have resolved.</li><li>• If test results are positive, isolate at home for at least 10 days and follow instructions received from Alberta Health Services.</li></ul>   |
| <p>One of the following symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chills</li><li>• Sore throat/painful swallowing</li><li>• Runny nose/congestion</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• Muscle or joint aches</li><li>• Feeling unwell/fatigued</li><li>• Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea</li><li>• Unexplained loss of appetite</li><li>• Muscle/joint aches</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• Pink eye (conjunctivitis)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay home from school and monitor for 24 hours. If after 24 hours your symptoms improve, you may return to school when you are feeling better.</li><li>• A COVID-19 test is not required but is available.</li><li>• Do not enter any long-term care settings for 10 days and until symptoms have resolved.</li></ul> <p>If a child has any two of these symptoms, or after 24 hours, their condition gets worse or they develop a second symptom:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COVID-19 test recommended.</li><li>• May return to school after symptoms are gone, even without a COVID-19 test or results.</li><li>• Do not enter any long-term care settings for 10 days and until symptoms have resolved.</li><li>• If test results are positive, isolate at home for at least 10 days and follow instructions received from Alberta Health Services.</li></ul> |

For more details: [alberta.ca/returntoschool](https://alberta.ca/returntoschool)

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# 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><b>What to Expect:</b></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"> <li>• Access to Google Classroom</li> <li>• Review, skill building and practice work</li> </ul> <p>It will <b>NOT</b> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live instruction (Google Meets)</li> <li>• The equivalent of what is taking place in the classroom</li> </ul> | <p><b>What to Expect:</b></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"> <li>• Current Curriculum/New Content</li> <li>• Live instruction (Google Meets)</li> <li>• Feedback provided to students</li> <li>• Assessment</li> </ul> | <p><b>What to Expect:</b></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"> <li>• Current Curriculum/New Content</li> <li>• Live instruction (Google Meets)</li> <li>• Feedback provided to students</li> <li>• Assessment</li> </ul> |

# 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:

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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 - How to book a COVID-19 test.**

[Click Here to Book A Covid Test](#)

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# GP Family Education Society-Winter Gear:

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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 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S           | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
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| 2           | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9           | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16          | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23          | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30          | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

**27** Professional Learning Day  
**28** Professional Learning Day  
**31** Professional Learning Day

**3/0**

| FEBRUARY 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S             | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
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| 7             | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14            | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21            | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28            |    |    |    |    |    |    |

**1** Semester 2 Begins  
**15** Family Day  
**26** Professional Learning Day

**19/18**

| SEPTEMBER 2020 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S              | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
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| 13             | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20             | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27             | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |

**1** First Day of School  
**7** Labour Day  
**18** Professional Learning Day

**21/20**

| MARCH 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S          | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
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| 7          | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14         | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21         | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28         | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |

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

**22/19**

| OCTOBER 2020 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
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| 4            | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11           | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18           | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25           | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

**12** Thanksgiving  
**23** Professional Learning Day

**21/20**

| APRIL 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S          | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
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| 4          | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11         | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18         | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25         | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |

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

**16/15**

| NOVEMBER 2020 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 8             | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15            | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22            | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29            | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |

**11** Remembrance Day  
**20** Professional Learning Day

**20/19**

| MAY 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S        | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|          |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2        | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9        | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16       | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23       | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30       | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

**7** Professional Learning Day  
**24** Victoria Day

**20/19**

| DECEMBER 2020 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S             | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
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| 6             | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13            | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20            | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27            | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

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

**13/12**

| JUNE 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S         | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
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| 6         | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13        | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20        | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27        | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |

**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 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|              |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3            | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10           | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17           | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24           | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31           |    |    |    |    |    |    |

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

**20/19**

Day off for Students & Staff  
 Full Day off for Students

1<sup>st</sup> Semester 98 Staff/90 Student  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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