

Griffin Gazette

Peek at the Week – April 27th – May 1st



Principal's Message

We have EXCITING NEWS!

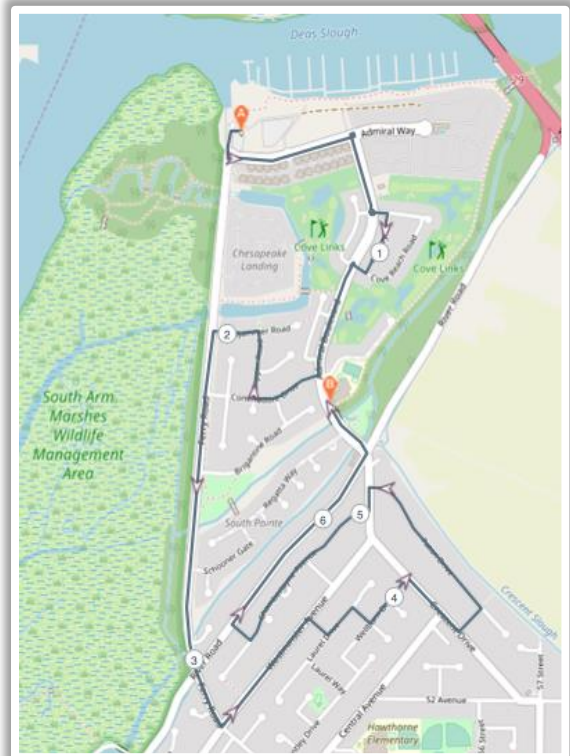
First we would like you to know how much WE MISS YOU! The video chats have helped but school just feels so very different now. You have all been working very hard (parents too!) and we appreciate that this new way of learning takes time to figure out and to get used to. As Griffins - you SOAR! We are so glad that you are **Safe** at home, **Observing** healthy habits as you learn new routines, being **Accountable** for the health of your family and community, and **Respecting** the fact that we are all in this and learning together.

Our staff are known as 'do-ers' and what we love to do is learn with you! We are creative and eager to make sure that you have fun with your learning, even though we are not all together at school. We have been thinking about ways to show our school spirit and we have lots of ideas to kickoff **FUN FRIDAYS** starting May 1st.

We hope that we will be able to see you on May 1st at our very first **PARADE!**

We will start down at the boat launch at 11AM and meander our way through our Neilson Grove neighbourhood. Your teachers and EAs will be safe in their cars and we really hope that you can come out along the parade route to wave and say, "Hello!"

There is lots of space along the route and we hope that if we are not headed directly past your house, you can pick a spot that is a safe distance from everyone else. Ferry Road and Burnett Park are good spots. Bring your lawn chair, blow some bubbles, put on a big grin and cheer us on!



Picking up Materials

Band instruments, Art or Green Team supplies...?

If you notice that there is something missing/still at school that would facilitate your learning at home (or just make life easier), please let us know. We will do our best to find it in the classroom and leave it outside of the front doors. Please schedule a pick up time with Vicki Fraser at the office.

Food Hampers

Please contact your child's teacher, or Danica or Vicki at the office if we can help your family out during these strange times.

To date, we are in our fourth week and our program has grown from 125 families in week 1 to helping 176 families in week 3.

We are very happy to be of service and please know that it is a collaborative community effort. Save-On Foods has provided food at a discount, our CYCW team (including Claire) has been picking up, packing, and delivering all of the hampers. Our custodial team has provided gloves and masks as well as extra cleaning and disinfecting for the distribution centres at SDSS and NDSS. Seaquam's Chef Michael Boyle and his team create frozen meals, there has been fresh produce donated by the Sikh Community, personal hygiene products donated by Yo Bro/Yo Girl, as well as East End Boys Club, City Dreams, Monte Cristo Bakery, as well as many private gift card donations - the list of helpers is very long with this amazing team effort and we appreciate every single donation!

Did you hear the school bell?

You weren't hearing things - we rang the bells at 3PM on Friday and at 8:47AM on Monday to signify the start and end of our week. We are still here and school is still on! Apologies if we startled the neighbours but it is our way of showing appreciation for the staff and students of Neilson Grove - by making noise!

Parade Route:

From the Boat Launch...

Admiral Way to Admiral Blvd.

Left on Cove Inlet, Right on Fair Wynd.

Right on Cove Reach, Left on Admiral Blvd.

Right on Commodore, Right on Clipper.

Left on Windjammer, Left on Ferry.

Lots of space for families to watch 😊

Across River, Left on Westminster.

Right on Laurel Gate, Left on Laurel Dr.

Right on Aspen, Left on Wellburn.

Right on Crescent, Left on Dowler.

Left on Paton, Left on Westminster.

Right on Chamberlayne, Right on Booth.

Right on River, Left on Admiral Blvd.

End at Neilson Grove!