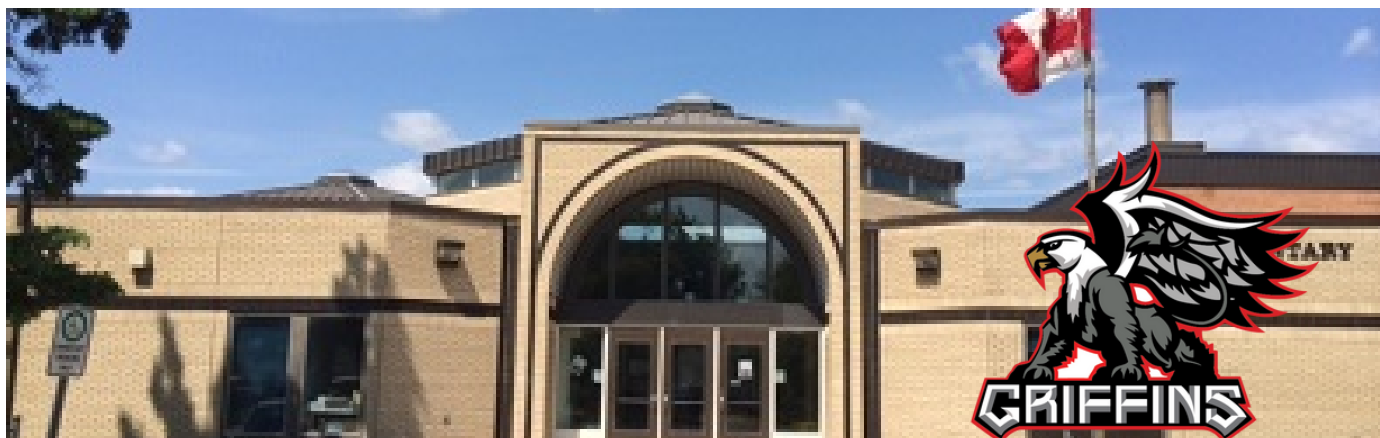


Gateway Middle School Newsletter

October 1, 2024



Principal's Message

As the vibrant colors of fall paint our surroundings, I want to extend my warmest greetings to you all. October is a month of transition, and just as the leaves change, so do our opportunities for growth and learning.

This month, we continue to focus on building a strong school community rooted in respect, responsibility, and resilience. Whether students excel in academics, explore new interests, or overcome challenges, every step forward counts.

October also brings exciting activities like our school's 24th Annual Marathon, Tipi Teachings, Thanks for Giving Food Drive, sports tournaments, and Halloween activities. I encourage everyone to

get involved, whether through extracurricular activities or by supporting their peers.

These shared experiences create our unique "Gateway Spirit" and help us to all grow and take care of each other.

I challenge our students to embrace the challenges of this month with energy and determination, and remember that our efforts, big or small, contribute to the success of our school community.

We've had a great first month of school and I look forward to seeing the great things we will achieve together in October.

Mrs. Angela Ellis

In this newsletter you can expect:

Thanks for Giving Food Drive

Gateway Marathon

Important Dates

Book Fair

Extra Curricular Updates

Fundraising

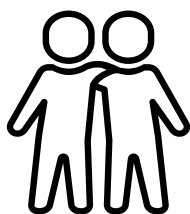
Marathon Fundraiser

Gateway's 24th Annual Marathon will take place during the afternoon of Friday, October 4th. All staff and students will run/walk a 5 km course within the City of Meadow Lake. Parents are welcome to join!

This marathon is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the money raised goes towards school trips, guest presenters, extra-curricular clubs, playground equipment and specialized equipment to enrich our learning program.

Pledge sheets are due Tuesday, October 1st. Students will earn tickets for prize draws based on the dollar amount they raise. The top 8 students will get to pie a staff member in the face.

It is important to have volunteers to run this event safely. If you are interested in directing traffic at an intersection, please call Mrs. Ellis at 306-236-4141 or message her directly on Edsby. Let's go Griffins!



How to Be a Good Friend

Friendships are important to every student. For the months of October and November, Gateway's Character Education program will be focusing on developing and maintaining healthy friendships.

Good friends:

- Listen to each other
- Try to understand each other's moods and feelings
- Help each other solve problems
- Lift each other up
- Can disagree without hurting each other
- Are dependable, respect each other, and are trustworthy
- Care about each other



Top AR Earners- September

1. Parker Evans - 126.8
2. Onyx Aubichon - 65.1
3. Eli Cappelle - 64.9
4. Luke Nicholson - 54.1
5. Jaren Bear - 25.4
6. Isuka Peduru Hewage - 21.8
7. Dane Semeniuk - 20.4
8. Kyan Benedicto - 17.1
9. Gabrielle Cardinal - 16.8
10. Trevor Thompson - 16.7
11. Gracia Ifahnui - 13.5
12. Payton Wall - 11.9
13. Kaden Angus - 11.6
14. Erin Lehoux - 11.1
15. Kian Amisola - 10.1

Scholastic Book Fair

Gateway Middle School's fall book fair will take place October 22nd to 24th. On Tuesday, October 22nd, classes will visit the library to view the books and make their wish lists. On Wednesday, October 23rd and Thursday, October 24th students will have the opportunity to purchase books with their class. Proceeds from the book fair will go towards purchasing library resources.

School Fundraising

Fundraising proceeds from the Gateway Snack Cart, the Gateway Marathon, Beef Jerky Sales and our Sunflower Seed fundraiser will be used to purchase items to enhance the academic, extra-curricular, after-school, mentorship programs and playground equipment. Proceeds from the Marathon will also be used to subsidize or cover the cost of special events, field trips, and family engagement events.

Proceeds from the Snack Cart are used to purchase, repair or replace kitchen equipment used to carry out the lunch program. We are also allocating a portion of these funds for our new score clock fundraising initiative.

All proceeds from SCC fundraising will go towards student incentives, special events, family engagement events, guest presenters and equipment/activities that support our School Action Plan. A small portion of SCC fundraising proceeds will also be allocated for SCC volunteer appreciation and staff appreciation.

Dates to Remember

- Tipi Teachings with Elder, Sid Fiddler
WED Oct. 2nd
- Cross-Country DISTRICTS
THURS, Oct. 3rd
- Gateway MARATHON
FRI Oct. 4th
- Jr. Girls & Boys HOME Volleyball Tournament
SAT Oct. 5th
- Gr. 5/6 ROUNDANCE at Gateway (1:30-3)
TUES Oct. 8th
- Gr. 7/8 ROUNDANCE at Jonas (1:30-3)
WEDS Oct. 9th
- Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL
MON Oct. 14th
- Gr. 5/6 SMASHBALL Tournament
THURS Oct. 24th
- HALLOWEEN Activities
THURS Oct. 31 (p.m.)

“Take Care of Each Other”



The Grub Box

Monday- **Wok Box** (Crispy Chicken or Jungle Noodles)

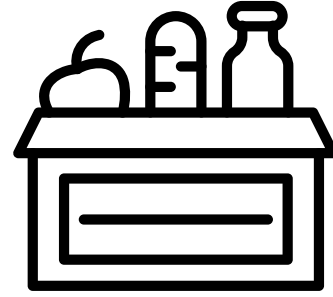
Tuesday- **Little Caesar's Pizza** (Cheese or Pepperoni)

Wednesday- **Boston Pizza** (Lasagna or Bugs & Cheese)

Thursday- **Taco Time** (Soft Taco & Mexi Fries)

Friday- **Subway** (Pizza, Ham or Turkey)

Students can pay \$6 per entree with cash daily, or get a punch pass (\$30 for 5 meals) from the front office or on School Cash Online.



Thanks for Giving Food Drive

During the week of October 7th- 11th, Gateway students will be participating in the Thanks for Giving Food Drive.

Students will receive house points for each item they donate. The biggest need is for canned meat such as tuna, salmon, chicken or ham, canned vegetables, beans, lentils, tomatoes and fruit. They are also looking for cereal ,canned or boxed soup, and pasta.

Help Your Child Thrive

As parents of middle schoolers, you play a key role in helping your child succeed. Encourage open communication by regularly asking about their day and offering support with assignments or challenges they face. Establishing a routine at home for homework and study time, while also promoting healthy habits like adequate sleep and physical activity, will keep your child focused and energized. Lastly, staying involved by attending school events and maintaining contact with teachers fosters a strong support network that helps your child thrive both academically and socially.

Thank you for reading!

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