



September 2011

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

The staff at Griffin Creek would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2011-12 school year.

Griffin Creek Elementary School maintains a clear academic focus, relying on the expertise of staff members, the willingness of students to always do their “personal best,” and the support of parents and community members in upholding the high academic standards needed to be successful in today’s society. The Griffin Creek staff is well known for being caring, compassionate and dedicated to teaching children.

Please check our school calendar for important school dates and events. You can view updates on line by visiting www.medford.k12.or.us and click on Schools, Griffin Creek, Parent Handbook.

As the new principal to Griffin Creek I am looking forward to working with an exceptional staff, with the reputation of “going the extra mile” for our students. It’s my desire to work as a team for the benefit of our students, parents and staff at Griffin Creek Elementary, so that each student may reach his/her full potential both academically and socially.

If you have time we would encourage you to sign up to volunteer in your child’s classroom. Teachers can always use adult help listening to children read, practicing math flash cards, stuffing Monday Mail, correcting papers, etc.

We are looking forward to another great year!

Respectfully,

Louis Dix
Griffin Creek Principal

RECESS, LUNCH, & DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

Kindergarten, First, & Second Grades

AM Kindergarten

Breakfast
7:20-7:50

Bell Rings
7:50 a.m.

School Begins
7:55 a.m.

Recess
9:15-9:25 a.m.

Dismissal
10:40 a.m.

Busses Leave
10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Only

Breakfast
7:20-7:50

Bell Rings
7:50 a.m.

School Begins
7:55 a.m.

Dismissal
10:10 a.m.

Busses Leave
10:15 a.m.

PM Kindergarten

Arrival
11:35 a.m.

School Begins
11:40 a.m.

Recess
1:15-1:25 p.m.

Dismissal
2:30 p.m.

Busses Leave
2:40 p.m.

Wednesday Only

Arrival
11:05 a.m.

School Begins
11:10 a.m.

Dismissal
1:30 p.m.

Busses Leave
1:30 p.m.

First Grade

Breakfast
7:20-7:50 a.m.

Bell Rings
7:50 a.m.

School Begins
7:55 a.m.

Recess
9:10-9:25 a.m.

Lunch
11:10-11:55 a.m.

Recess
1:10-1:25 p.m.

Dismissal
2:30 p.m.

Busses Leave
2:40 p.m.

Wednesday Only

Breakfast
7:20-7:50

Bell Rings
7:50 a.m.

School Begins
7:55 a.m.

Recess
9:10-9:25 a.m.

Lunch
11:10-11:55 a.m.

Dismissal
1:30 p.m.

Busses Leave
1:40 p.m.

Second Grade

Breakfast
7:20-7:50 a.m.

Bell Rings
7:50 a.m.

School Begins
7:55 a.m.

Recess
9:55-10:10 a.m.

Lunch
11:20-12:05 p.m.

Recess
1:25-1:40 p.m.

Dismissal
2:30 p.m.

Busses Leave
2:40 p.m.

Wednesday Only

Breakfast
7:20-7:50

Bell Rings
7:50 a.m.

School Begins
7:55 a.m.

Recess
9:55-10:10 a.m.

Lunch
11:20-12:05 p.m.

Dismissal
1:30 p.m.

Busses Leave
1:40 p.m.

RECESS, LUNCH, & DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

Third, Fourth, Fifth, & Sixth Grades

Third Grade

Breakfast

7:20-7:50 a.m.

Bell Rings

7:50 a.m.

School Begins

7:55 a.m.

Recess

9:55-10:10 a.m.

Lunch

11:55-12:40 p.m.

Recess

1:25-1:40 p.m.

Dismissal

2:30 p.m.

Busses Leave

2:40 p.m.

Wednesday Only

Breakfast

7:20-7:50 a.m.

Bell Rings

7:50 a.m.

School Begins

7:55 a.m.

Recess

9:55-10:10 a.m.

Lunch

11:55-12:40 p.m.

Dismissal

1:30 p.m.

Busses Leave

1:40 p.m.

Fourth Grade

Breakfast

7:20-7:50 a.m.

Bell Rings

7:50 a.m.

School Begins

7:55 a.m.

Recess

10:10-10:25 a.m.

Lunch

12:05-12:40 p.m.

Dismissal

2:30 p.m.

Busses Leave

2:40 p.m.

Wednesday Only

Breakfast

7:20-7:50 a.m.

Bell Rings

7:50 a.m.

School Begins

7:55 a.m.

Recess

10:10-10:25 a.m.

Lunch

12:05-12:40 p.m.

Dismissal

1:30 p.m.

Busses Leave

1:40 p.m.

Fifth Grade

Breakfast

7:20-7:50 a.m.

Bell Rings

7:50 a.m.

School Begins

7:55 a.m.

Recess

10:10-10:25 a.m.

Lunch

12:35-1:10 p.m.

Dismissal

2:30 p.m.

Busses Leave

2:40 p.m.

Wednesday Only

Breakfast

7:20-7:50 a.m.

Bell Rings

7:50 a.m.

School Begins

7:55 a.m.

Recess

10:10-10:25 a.m.

Lunch

12:35-1:10 p.m.

Dismissal

1:30 p.m.

Busses Leave

1:40 p.m.

Sixth Grade

Breakfast

7:20-7:50 a.m.

Bell Rings

7:50 a.m.

School Begins

7:55 a.m.

Recess

10:10-10:25 a.m.

Lunch

12:35-1:10 p.m.

Dismissal

2:30 p.m.

Busses Leave

2:40 p.m.

Wednesday Only

Breakfast

7:20-7:50 a.m.

Bell Rings

7:50 a.m.

School Begins

7:55 a.m.

Recess

10:10-10:25 a.m.

Lunch

12:35-1:10 p.m.

Dismissal

1:30 p.m.

Busses Leave

1:40 p.m.

BEFORE SCHOOL PROCEDURE

- Students eating breakfast will go directly to the cafeteria (rain or shine).
- *All students* will walk to the playground area.
 - * Students may visit with friends.
 - * This is not a recess time.
 - * Running is not allowed due to the number of students on the playground.
 - * Backpacks must stay on their backs at all times.
 - * Students must remain on the playground.
- *Morning kindergarteners* are to walk to the fenced area behind their classrooms.
- *First through sixth graders* are to walk on the sidewalk, lining up at their assigned spots.
- If it is raining, *kindergarteners* will go to Room 4 (mini computer lab) and *first graders* will sit in the interior hallway outside of their classroom. *Second through sixth graders* will line up in the breezeway outside of their classroom with the exception of students in rooms 16 through 20. These students will line up in the breezeway in the same area they line up after recess.

Parent Drop Off

7:20 Breakfast

7:30 Non-Breakfast

Please do not drop off before these times as there will be **no** supervision.

ABSENCES

- Please call the school office at 541/842-3740 prior to 8:00 a.m. or soon as possible.
- Homework may be requested daily and can be picked up at the end of the school day.

AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

- Students must make after school arrangements in advance and have a **signed note** from their parent/guardian .
- Students need to take parent note to the office for an **After School Pass**.
- Students without an **After School Pass** will be directed to follow their normal daily arrangements.



GRIFFIN CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF

Superintendent Dr. Phil Long
Director of Elementary Education Rich Miles
Principal Louis Dix
Office Manager Linda Johnson

Kindergarten

Heather Einck
Katrina Douglas

1st Grade

Micheala Baglietto
Linnea Fox
Jennifer Snelling

2nd Grade

Adam Cortell
Stacey Hauser
Liz Letz

3rd Grade

Kelly Larson
Kathy Olmstead

3rd/4th Grade

Mike Ritchie

5th Grade

T J Murphy
Jack Sullivan

5th/6th Grade

Mike Yunkherr

6th Grade

Lisa Herrald
Iren Strahm

4th Grade

Rosanne Hayes
Rhonda Taylor

Music

Janice O'Connor

MAPS KG-2nd Grades

Sarah Dalke

MAPS 3rd-6th Grades

Richard Smith

Educational Resource

Pat Barton-Gassman

Speech

Beth VanDomelen

Special Educational Assistant

Jane Berning
Jennifer Dufer

Special Educational Assistant

Ron Fawcett
Jeanne Zelmer

Special Education Assistant

Laura Grosz

Secretary

Carolyn Bennett

Media Technician

Lisa Boylan

Educational Assistant

Becky Greene

Educational Support Staff

Rene Aaronson

Campus Monitors

Dawn Banuelous
Jaimi Daniels
Lee Stegall
Allison Vieira

Early Learning Specialist

Jodi Smith
Amy Whitley

Custodians

Todd Hubler (Head Custodian)
Brandee Tolner

Cafeteria

Patti Kay

GRIFFIN CREEK SCHOOL

BELIEF STATEMENT

We are the teachers,
doing what is best for children.

We are the children,
nurtured and cared for.

We are the support staff,
team players and encouraging others.

We have a principal,
creative, open, effective.

We are the parents,
welcomed, contributing, partners in learning.

TOGETHER WE ARE GRIFFIN CREEK!

GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESS

All staff and students at Griffin Creek Elementary will work together to help everyone reach their fullest potential. Everyone will be treated with dignity and respect. Any behavior or action that helps someone grow and mature will be encouraged. Staff will keep students focused on our school guidelines.

Griffin Creek Students are:

- ✓ **Safe**
- ✓ **Respectful**
- ✓ **Responsible**



SCHOOL MOTTO

Throughout the year, we will emphasize our school motto.

Learning Today – Building Tomorrow

These efforts will make Griffin Creek Elementary School a warm and exciting place where new learning occurs each and every day.

THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW

Griffin Creek School On-going Fundraisers:

- **General Mills - Box Tops for Education**

Clip the coupons off of participating General Mills products.
Watch for contests and prizes for turning in box tops.



- **Grow Local Learning - Albertsons (growlocallearning.com)**

Register to earn Bonus Box Tops for Education
Get coupons and recipes



- **Reward Your School – Fred Meyer (rewardyourschool.com)**

Register to earn Bonus Box Tops for Education
Get coupons

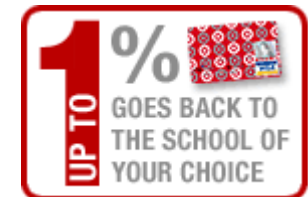


- **Target – Take Charge of Education**

1% of Target Visa or Target Guest Card that has been designated to Griffin Creek Elementary will be paid directly to the school.



TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION®





GRIFFIN CREEK ALMA MATER

*Sing the song of Griffin Creek School
Sing her praises loud;
Here's to you, our Griffin Creek School,
Of you we are proud!
Griffin Creek Beavers, Griffin Creek Beavers
Proudly sing her song.
Orange and black and white our colors,
To you we belong.*

GRIFFIN CREEK SPIRIT SONG

*Griffin Creek Grade School, Hats off to thee!
To our colors, true we shall ever be,
Firm and strong, united are we,
Rah! Rah! Griffin Creek!
Rah! Rah! Rah!
Rah! Rah! Rah!*



GRIFFIN CREEK ELEMENTARY PTO

What is PTO? - Parent, Teacher Organization

Who is PTO? - Every Parent, Every Teacher is a Member



Jog -a- Thon Fundraiser
September 27

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED



PTO Carnival
October 22

There are many ways for you to be involved:

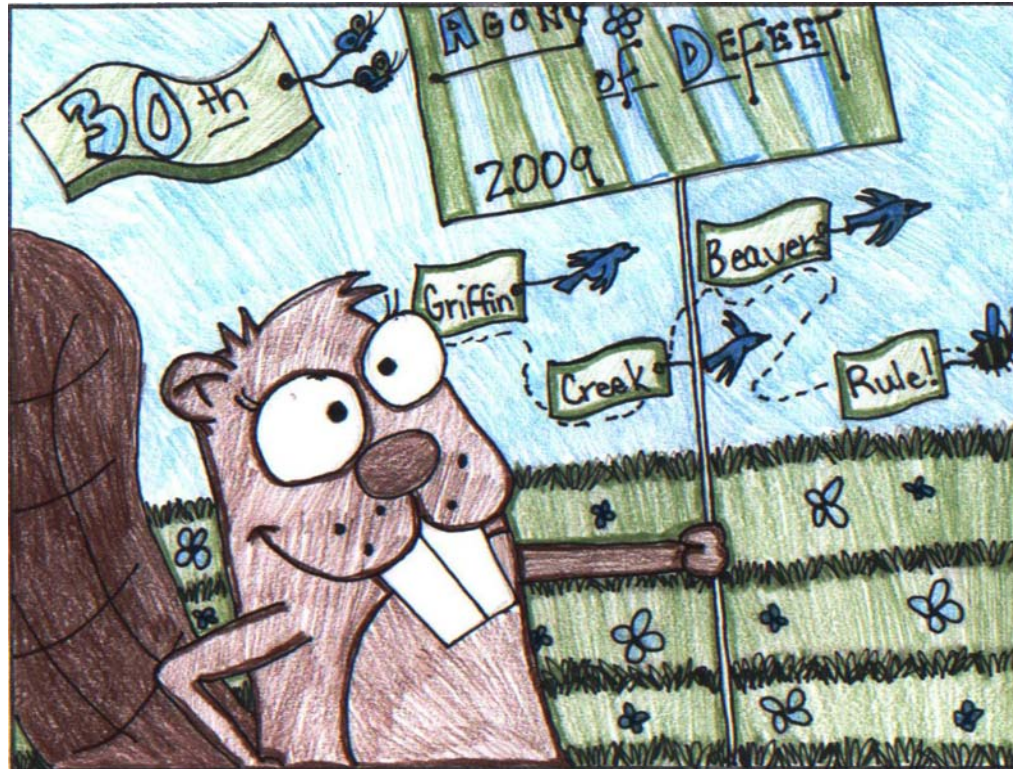
- Sign up to be one your child's room parent.
- Read a book to a classroom.
- Battle of the Books
- Talent Show – January 30
- Art Program
- Art Show – May 3
- Attend PTO Meetings
 - ✓ Thursday, September 29 – 6:00-8:00
 - ✓ Wednesday, October 19 – 1:45
 - ✓ Tuesday, November 15 – 6:30
 - ✓ Tuesday, January 17 – 6:30 (Hot Chocolate & Smores)
 - ✓ Wednesday, February 22 – 1:45
 - ✓ Tuesday, March 13 – 5:30 (Potluck)
 - ✓ Wednesday, April 18 – 1:45
 - ✓ Tuesday, May 15 – 6:30 (Board Elections)



VIMS (Volunteer in Medford Schools)

If you plan to help in the classroom with fundraisers, go on field trips, or work at the school for any activity, please stop by the office and fill out the volunteer forms. It takes a minimum of three weeks to verify criminal history and insurance information to drive on field trips, so please plan ahead.

T-Shirts



Prize Drawings

**33rd Annual
AGONY OF DEFEET
5K Run, 2K Run/Walk**

**12th Annual Jim Hoyer All-City
Elementary School Running Championship**

Thursday, May 31 @ 5:00 p.m.

