



Small, But Mighty

Grayson School

Handbook



2025-2026 School Year

Grayson, SK
Treaty 4 Territory



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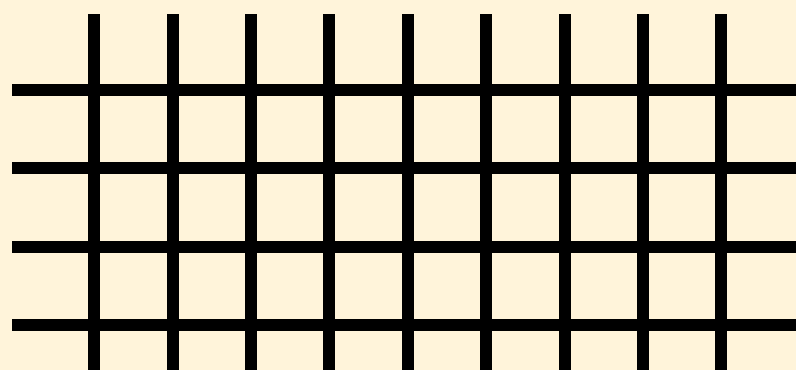
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Principal's Message

It is a privilege to serve as the principal of our small, but mighty school within this close-knit village and rural community. Together, we create a nurturing environment where every student is valued and supported. Our dedicated team is committed to providing a progressive, dynamic learning experience through innovative instructional approaches that meet the unique needs of each child. We pride ourselves on thinking outside the box in our teaching and problem-solving, fostering creativity, curiosity, and resilience in all of our students. Thank you for being part of our school family; we are excited to build a bright future together.

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Sara Campbell



GSSD's Foundational Statements



Motto

Students Come
First



Mission

Building strong
foundations to
create bright
futures



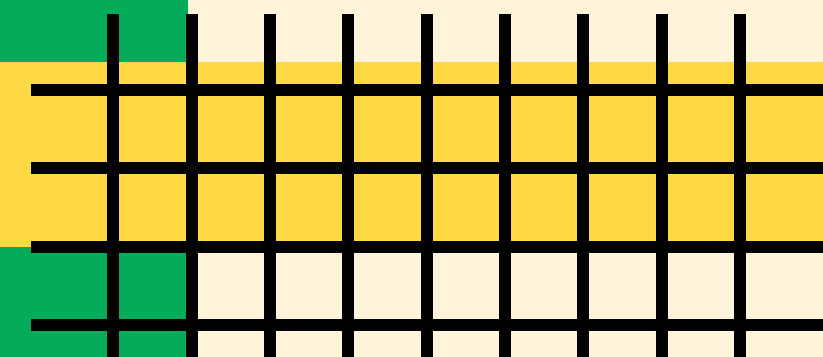
Vision

Learning
without limits...
Achievement
for all



Values

Belonging
Diversity
Learning
Perseverance
Responsibility



Grayson School's Foundational Statements



Motto
Small, but Mighty



Mission
Always Progressing



Vision
Learning for the WHOLE child



Values
Belonging, Diversity, Learning, Perseverance, Responsibility





Staff Directory

Administrator

Mrs. Sara Campbell

Admin Assist

Mrs. Angie Smith

SST

Mrs. Haylea Haas

K/1/2/3

Ms. Jillian Andrychuk

4/5/6

Mrs. Keigan Haylock

7/8/9

**Mrs. Haylea Haas &
Mrs. Sara Campbell**

Band

Mr. Reed Wishnevetski

EAs

**Mrs. Debbie Lipinski
Ms. Cassi Miranda**

Caretaker

Mrs. Crystal Gelowitz



Professional Service Providers

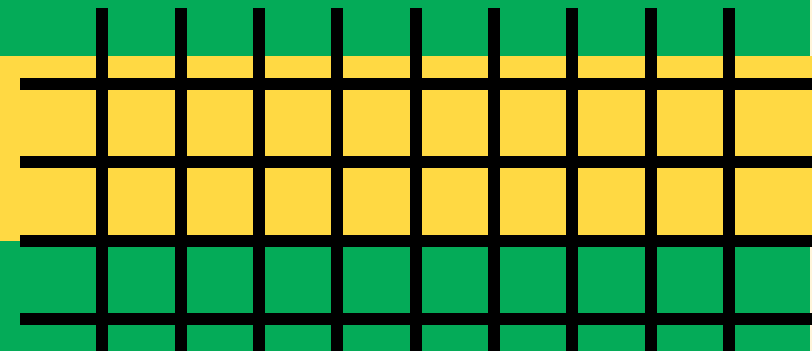
Our school has access to a variety of professional service providers to support student learning and well-being. These include an Occupational Therapist (OT), Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP), Educational Psychologist, and School Counsellor. These specialists visit the school on a scheduled rotation or on an as-needed basis, depending on student needs and referrals.

Educational Psychologist - Mrs. Kim Unterschute

Occupational Therapist - Mrs. Yvonne Brits

Speech and Language Pathologist - Mrs. Julie Smidt

Counsellor - Mrs. Kristen Lowe





Bell Schedule

First Bell - 8:53

Period 1 - 8:55 - 9:40

Period 2 - 9:40 - 10:24

Recess - 10:24 - 10:39

Period 3 - 10:39 - 11:23

Period 4 - 11:23 - 12:07

Lunch - 12:07 - 12:57

Period 5 - 12:57 - 1:41

Period 6 - 1:41 - 2:25

Recess - 2:25 - 2:40

Period 7 - 2:40 - 3:25

Dismissal - 3:25

Please Note:

Supervision is not provided prior to 8:37.

Please be mindful of when your child is being dropped off.



25/26

AP 130 – School Year Calendar



Good Spirit School Division 2025-26 School Calendar

August/September 2025				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
25	26	27	28	29
1 <small>Labour Day</small>	2 <small>Day 1</small>	3 <small>Day 2</small>	4 <small>Day 3</small>	5 <small>Day 4</small>
8 <small>Day 5</small>	9 <small>Day 6</small>	10 <small>Day 1</small>	11 <small>Day 2</small>	12 <small>Day 3</small>
15 <small>Day 4</small>	16 <small>Day 5</small>	17 <small>Day 6</small>	18 <small>Day 1</small>	19 <small>Day 2</small>
22 <small>Day 3</small>	23 <small>Day 4</small>	24 <small>Day 5</small>	25 <small>Day 6</small>	26 <small>Day 1</small>
29 <small>Day 2</small>	30 <small>Day 3</small>			

October 2025				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		1 <small>Day 4</small>	2 <small>Day 5</small>	3 <small>Day 6</small>
6 <small>Day 1</small>	7 <small>Day 2</small>	8 <small>Day 3</small>	9 <small>Day 4</small>	10 <small>Day 5</small>
13 <small>Thanksgiving</small>	14	15 <small>Day 6</small>	16 <small>Day 1</small>	17 <small>Day 2</small>
20 <small>Day 3</small>	21 <small>Day 4</small>	22 <small>Day 5</small>	23 <small>Day 6</small>	24 <small>Day 1</small>
27 <small>Day 2</small>	28 <small>Day 3</small>	29 <small>Day 4</small>	30 <small>Day 5</small>	31 <small>Day 6</small>

November 2025				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3 <small>Day 1</small>	4 <small>Day 2</small>	5 <small>Day 3</small>	6 <small>Day 4</small>	7 <small>Day 5</small>
10	11 <small>Thanksgiving Day</small>	12 <small>Day 6</small>	13 <small>Day 1</small>	14 <small>Day 2</small>
17 <small>Day 3</small>	18 <small>Day 4</small>	19 <small>Day 5</small>	20 <small>Day 6</small>	21 <small>Day 1</small>
24 <small>Day 2</small>	25 <small>Day 3</small>	26 <small>Day 4</small>	27 <small>Day 5</small>	28 <small>Day 6</small>

December 2025				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1 <small>Day 1</small>	2 <small>Day 2</small>	3 <small>Day 3</small>	4 <small>Day 4</small>	5 <small>Day 5</small>
8 <small>Day 6</small>	9 <small>Day 1</small>	10 <small>Day 2</small>	11 <small>Day 3</small>	12 <small>Day 4</small>
15 <small>Day 5</small>	16 <small>Day 6</small>	17 <small>Day 1</small>	18 <small>Day 2</small>	19 <small>Day 3</small>
22	23	24	25 <small>Christmas</small>	26 <small>Boxing Day</small>
29	30	31		

January 2026				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2
5	6 <small>Day 4</small>	7 <small>Day 5</small>	8 <small>Day 6</small>	9 <small>Day 1</small>
12 <small>Day 2</small>	13 <small>Day 3</small>	14 <small>Day 4</small>	15 <small>Day 5</small>	16 <small>Day 6</small>
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February 2026				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
2 <small>Day 4</small>	3 <small>Day 5</small>	4 <small>Day 6</small>	5 <small>Day 1</small>	6 <small>Day 2</small>
9 <small>Day 3</small>	10 <small>Day 4</small>	11 <small>Day 5</small>	12 <small>Day 6</small>	13 <small>Day 1</small>
16 <small>Family Day</small>	17	18	19	20
23 <small>Day 2</small>	24 <small>Day 3</small>	25 <small>Day 4</small>	26 <small>Day 5</small>	27 <small>Day 6</small>

March 2026				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
2 <small>Day 1</small>	3 <small>Day 2</small>	4 <small>Day 3</small>	5 <small>Day 4</small>	6 <small>Day 5</small>
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30 <small>Day 3</small>	31 <small>Day 4</small>			

April 2026				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		1 <small>Day 5</small>	2 <small>Day 6</small>	3 <small>Good Friday</small>
6	7	8	9	10
13 <small>Day 1</small>	14 <small>Day 2</small>	15 <small>Day 3</small>	16 <small>Day 4</small>	17 <small>Day 5</small>
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May 2026				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				1 <small>Day 3</small>
4 <small>Day 4</small>	5 <small>Day 5</small>	6 <small>Day 6</small>	7 <small>Day 1</small>	8 <small>Day 2</small>
11 <small>Day 3</small>	12 <small>Day 4</small>	13 <small>Day 5</small>	14 <small>Day 6</small>	15 <small>Day 1</small>
18 <small>Victoria Day</small>	19	20 <small>Day 2</small>	21 <small>Day 3</small>	22 <small>Day 4</small>
25 <small>Day 5</small>	26 <small>Day 6</small>	27 <small>Day 1</small>	28 <small>Day 2</small>	29 <small>Day 3</small>

June 2026				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1 <small>Day 4</small>	2 <small>Day 5</small>	3 <small>Day 6</small>	4 <small>Day 1</small>	5 <small>Day 2</small>
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22 <small>Day 1</small>	23 <small>Day 2</small>	24 <small>Day 3</small>	25 <small>Day 4</small>	26

Legend	
<div></div> Classes for students	<div></div> Days In Lieu/No School
<div></div> Professional Learning/Prep	<div></div> School Admin Days
	<div></div> Holidays/No School



Every Day Counts, Be Present!

#ShapeYourSuccess

Attendance

Consistent attendance is essential for students' academic success and personal growth. Regularly attending school helps students stay engaged with the curriculum, build positive relationships with peers and teachers, and develop important routines and responsibilities. Each day in school contributes to a strong foundation for lifelong learning and success.

Students who are away need to have their absence recorded in the Edsby app.

AP 340 - Attendance of Students

Attendance Builds Confidence!

Being present helps
students feel more
connected.



Communication



Edsby

Edsby is our prime method of communication.

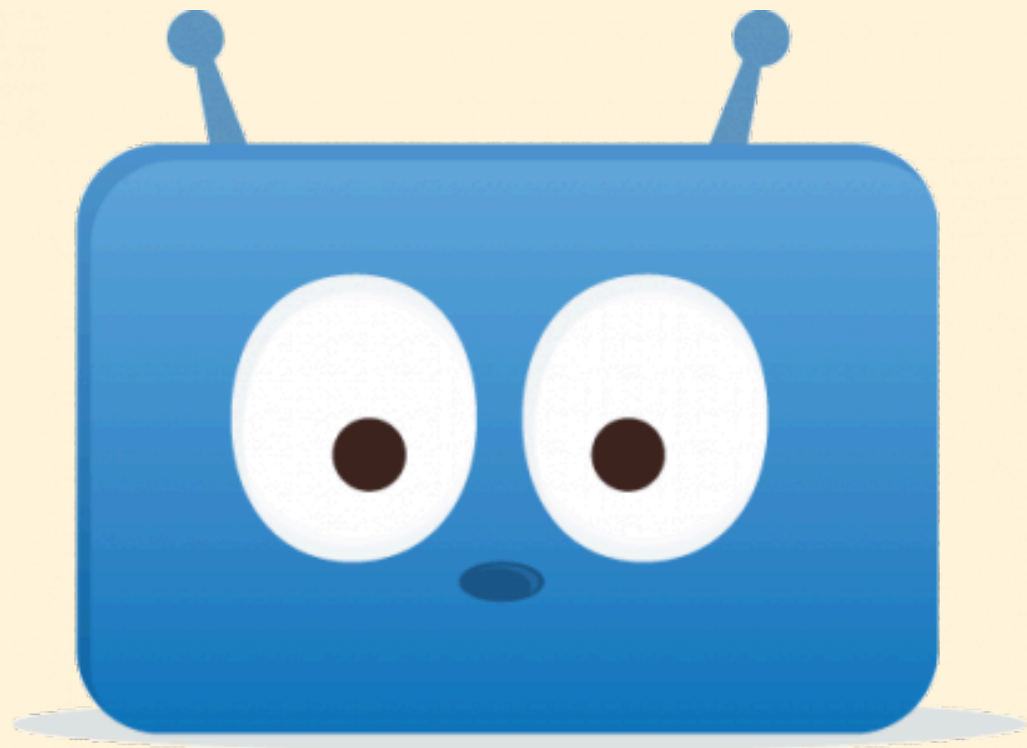
With Edsby, parents can message teachers, see classroom updates, and check their child's grades. The Learning Stories feature also lets parents view samples of their child's work.

We encourage all families to use Edsby to stay involved in their child's learning.

If you require support getting Edsby set up, please reach out to Mrs. Smith in the office and she will be happy to assist you.



Communication



Edsby

We use Edsby to share important school information. School-wide updates are posted on the News River and in the Grayson School Families group. Classroom-specific news will be shared in each class's own group.

Be sure to turn on your notifications so you don't miss any updates!

[Edsby Quick Tips](#)



Tobacco & Vaping

The Division recognizes and accepts its responsibility to provide a safe and comfortable environment for all those who use its buildings.

As a consequence, all buildings and property operated by the Division shall be free from the use of tobacco and smoking products at all times; this includes e-cigarettes.

All school activities, whether on Division property or not, shall be smoke and tobacco-free activities.

AP162 - Tobacco and Vaping



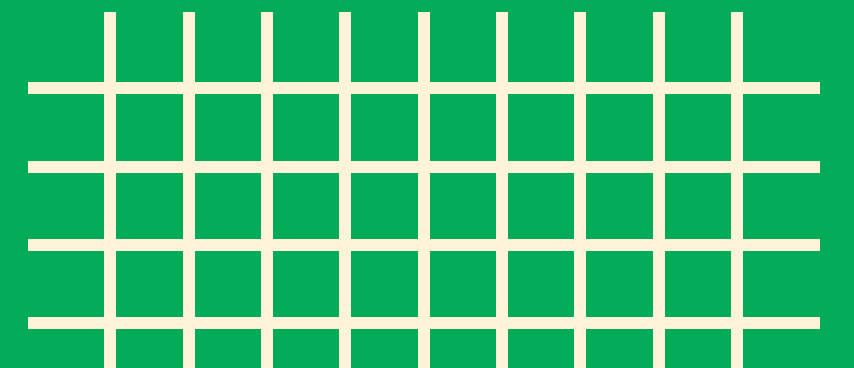


Cell Phone Policy

Our school is a cell phone-free environment to support focused learning and meaningful social interactions.

Students are expected to keep their cell phones in their lockers for the entirety of the school day.

Students in grades 7, 8, and 9 may access their phones during the last recess only. **Parents who need to reach their children during school hours are encouraged to contact the school directly, and we will ensure messages are promptly relayed.** Thank you for supporting our efforts to maintain a productive and engaging learning atmosphere.



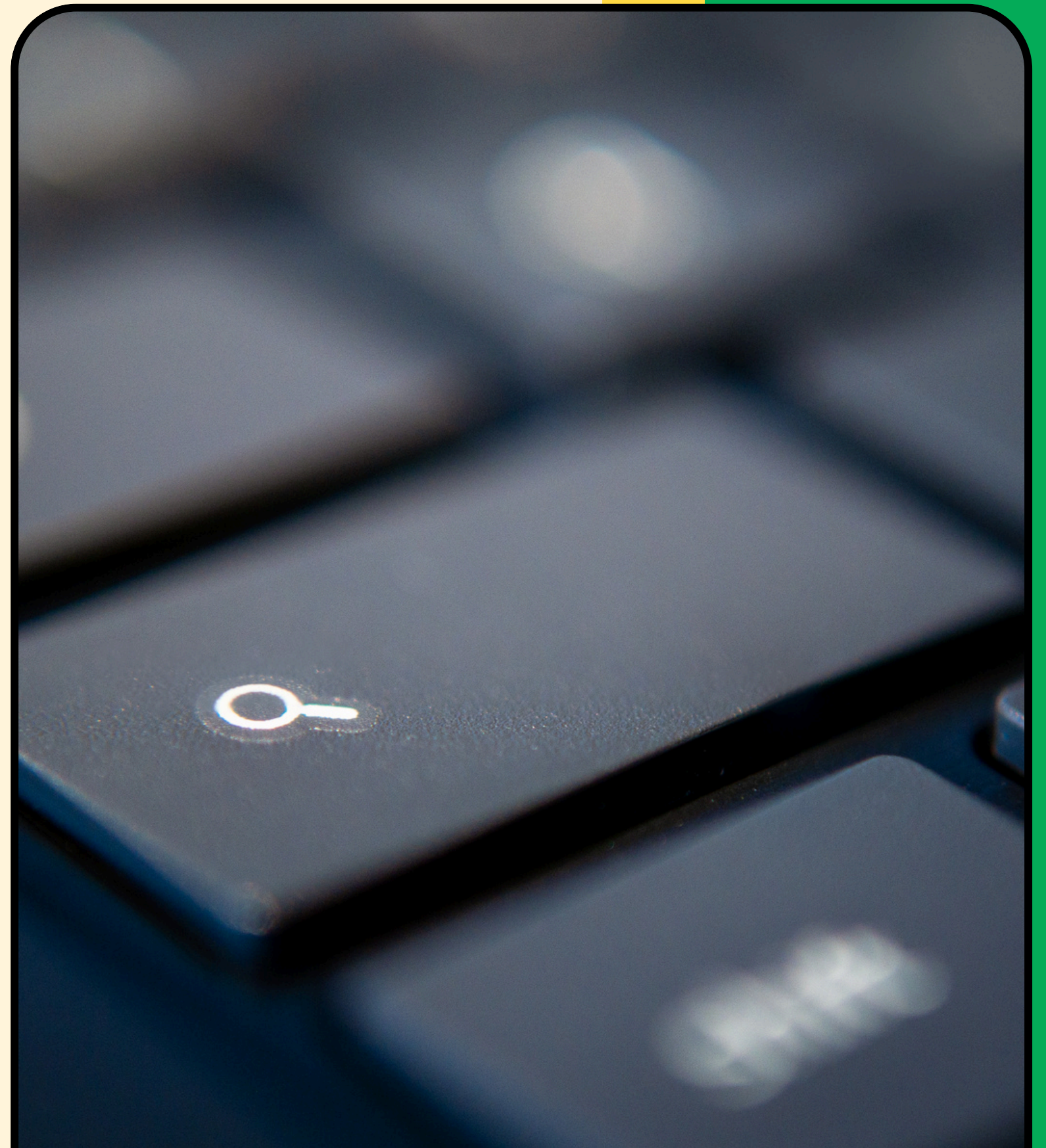


Use of Technology

In grades 4-9, each student will be assigned a Chromebook to use for school-related activities. Students are expected to use their Chromebooks responsibly and only for assigned tasks. We will check browsing history throughout the year, and inappropriate use may lead to consequences, including losing Chromebook privileges. Thank you for helping us create a focused and respectful learning environment.

All students will be asked to sign a GSSD Device User Agreement prior to being assigned a Chromebook.

AP 140 - Responsible Use of Technology

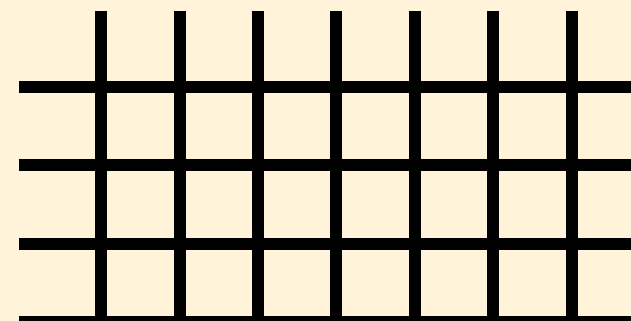




Truth & Reconciliation

Our school is committed to a journey of Truth and Reconciliation, recognizing the importance of understanding and honoring Indigenous histories, cultures, and perspectives. We strive to create hands-on, meaningful, and intentional learning opportunities that allow students to learn about and from Indigenous community members, such as:

- Land based learning
- Sage collecting
- Porcupine quill harvesting
- Deer hide tanning
- and more!





Multi-Graded Classrooms



Multi-graded classrooms offer unique opportunities for students to thrive academically and socially. With mixed-age peers, students benefit from diverse perspectives, collaborative learning, and the chance to develop leadership skills by mentoring younger classmates. At the same time, younger students gain confidence and inspiration from older peers.

Report Cards & Student Led Conferences



Report Cards

GSSD Schools have shifted to two reporting periods, meaning report cards will be published twice during the school year. This change reflects the regular posting of assignments, assessments, and notes by teachers on Edsby, allowing families to track their students' progress on an ongoing basis.



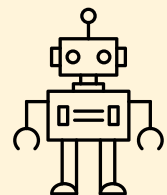
Conferences

Conferences celebrate learning and showcase student work twice a year. They are often paired with guest speakers on topics like anxiety, math, and technology. For a formal meeting, contact your child's teacher anytime.

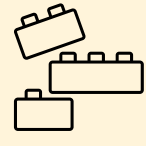


Innovative Programming

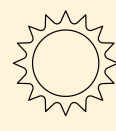
We are committed to providing innovative programming that meets the needs of all our students and ensures they have access to the same learning opportunities as their urban peers. Our instructional approaches foster collaboration and cooperation.



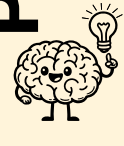
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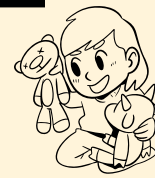
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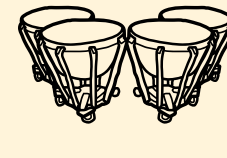
**TAKE ME
OUTSIDE DAYS**



**PROJECT BASED
LEARNING**



**PLAY BASED
LEARNING**



**GRADE 5-9
BAND**



**PRACTICAL AND
APPLIED ARTS**





Practical and Applied Arts (PAA)

Once every six-day cycle, we combine with Macdonald School in Stockholm to offer a variety of PAA programs for. Students in grades 7/8/9 are transported to and from Macdonald School on a school bus during regular school hours.

Course offerings vary each year, but past programs have included:
Financial Literacy, Design Studies, Cooking, Construction, Outdoor Education, Coding and Robotics, and Sewing

This collaboration provides students with diverse and hands-on learning experiences that enrich their education and prepare them for future opportunities



Band Programming

All students in Grades 5 to 9 take part in our band program, which follows the Saskatchewan Arts Education curriculum. The program is designed to support students' musical growth through performance, music literacy, and cultural appreciation.

In **Grades 5–6**, students are introduced to the fundamentals of music, including instrument care, proper playing techniques, and reading musical notation. Emphasis is placed on developing good tone, rhythm, and ensemble skills.

In **Grades 7–9**, students continue to build their skills by studying music theory, exploring a wider range of musical styles, and performing more complex pieces. Focus is given to expressive playing, musical interpretation, and understanding the structure and elements of music.





Canteen

Our school offers a daily canteen, proudly run by our Grade 6–9 students. Snack options vary throughout the year based on availability and popularity, and all items are prepackaged. We aim to keep prices low, with all items rounded to the nearest \$0.50. Along with snacks, we also offer drink options like milk and juice boxes, as well as main items such as Pizza Pops and corn dogs.

The canteen is cash-free. Students can purchase \$5 or \$10 canteen cards through **MySchoolCash** or by bringing money in \$5 or \$10 increments to school.





Microwave Schedule



To help avoid long lines and make sure everyone has time to eat, we follow a microwave schedule. This ensures all students get a fair chance to heat up their lunch and ensures we have adequate supervision for students while they are eating.



Grades K-3: Mondays and Wednesdays



Grades 4-6: Tuesdays and Thursdays



Grade 7-9: Every day, as long as the younger students have the chance to microwave first.

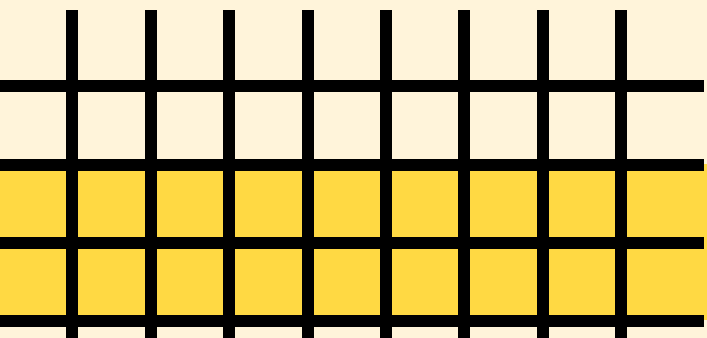


Hot Lunch

We're happy to offer a hot lunch nearly every month, thanks to the **Grayson Community Daycare!**

Each month features a different meal, and orders can be placed through [MySchoolCash](#).

Partnering with the daycare helps them raise funds for their programs—and gives our students a chance to enjoy hot, fresh, homecooked meals at school!



Scholastic Book Orders

- **Monthly Catalogues:** Sent home with students each month.
- **Online Orders:** Place your orders at bookclubs.scholastic.ca.
- **Free Shipping:** Orders of \$40 or more ship free to the school.
- **School Code:** Use code RC541403 when placing your order.
- **Support Our Library:** Every purchase earns points for our school, which we use to buy more books for the library.





School Clothing



Ordered Locally

We order all of our school clothing locally through one of our school families. Doing so allows for a lot of design flexibility and excellent customer service.



Variety of Options

Hoodies, t-shirts, crewneck sweaters, long-sleeve shirts, baseball tees, sweatpants, shorts, hats and toques are just a sample of the items we have available.



Ready in December

All school clothing orders have been ready well in advance of the holiday season, making them great Christmas gifts!



Christmas Play

Every odd-numbered December, we host a school-wide Christmas play at Grayson Hall, showcasing students' acting, singing, and dancing talents. It's always a community favorite.

We also hold a bake sale during intermission, where baked goods provided by families and community members are sold to raise funds for the school.



Extra Curricular

Offerings vary from year to year depending on student interest and staff availability. If a parent or community member wants to lead a club or coach a sport, please let us know!

● **Cross Country**

● **Volleyball**

● **Cooking Club**

● **Craft Club**

● **Badminton**

● **Archery**

● **Track and Field**

● **MasterChef**

● **Art Club**

● **E Sports**

● **Student Leadership
Council**



School Awards

Every June we highlight and celebrate our students' successes throughout the year by hosting an awards night at the Grayson Hall. At this awards night we also celebrate our grade 9s who will be moving on to Melville Comprehensive School for grade 10.

School awards vary slightly from year to year, depending on sponsorships. If you are interested in sponsoring an award, please let us know.

● **Personalized Awards**
Gr 1-3

● **Citizenship Award**
Gr 5-9

● **Sports Award**
Gr 4-9

● **Perseverance Award**
Gr K-9

● **Ingenuity Award**
Gr K-9

● **Arts Award**
Gr K-9

● **Cathy Gerhardt Award**
Gr K-9

● **Personal Achievement
Scholarship**
Gr 4-9

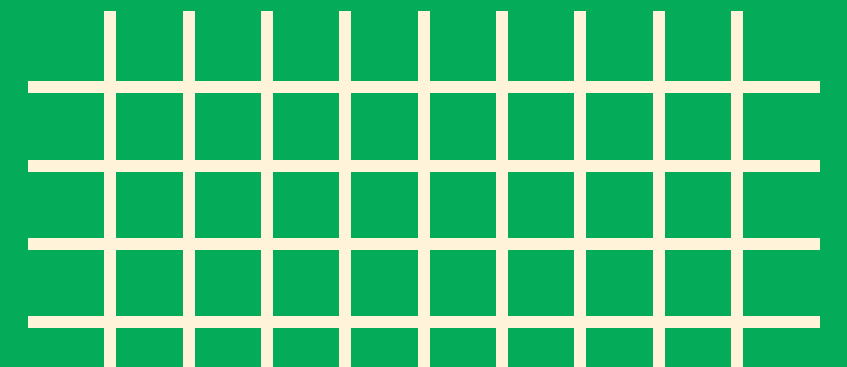
● **Student of the Year**
Gr 9

Fundraisers

Annual Fundraisers

- **Mom's Pantry:** Held in the fall, featuring a variety of pantry staples and treats.
- **Growing Smiles:** Our spring fundraiser offering beautiful plants and flowers.
- **Bottle Drive:** Takes place at the end of June to support school initiatives.
- **Bake Sale:** Hosted during our Christmas Concert (hosted once every 2 years).

These fundraisers help offset transportation costs for events and field trips throughout the year, as well as other larger expenses that arise, such as new projectors. Your support helps fund important school initiatives and programs!





Volunteering

We welcome and value volunteers to help create a vibrant school community!

Opportunities include:

- Supervising field trips
- Assisting with classroom activities
- Sharing knowledge and expertise
- Coaching sports or leading clubs

Important Information for Volunteers:

- Volunteers serving regularly or in one-on-one situations must complete a Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check (CRVS) and the Partnership Code of Conduct.
- Volunteers driving students in personal vehicles must carry third-party liability insurance of at least \$2 million and complete Form 552-1 annually.

Partnership Code of Conduct

Form 552-1

School Community Council



Who?

School Community Councils (SCCs) are made up of elected community members and serve as advisory bodies for schools. Any community member can run for an SCC position. If you are interested, please reach out to the school principal in the fall to be updated for the AGM.



Why?

They meet regularly to share ideas and collaborate on important tasks, like creating yearly School Level Plans (SLPs) to support educational goals. SCCs also plan fundraising opportunities to supplement school budgets, engaging the community in promoting both student learning success and wellness.





Partnerships



Grayson Public Library

Our school library is proudly partnered with the Grayson Public Library, creating one shared space for students and the community. Anyone can sign out books from either the Public Library or the Grayson School collection. The library is open during school hours and regular public library hours. Follow the Grayson Library Facebook page for updates on programs and hours!

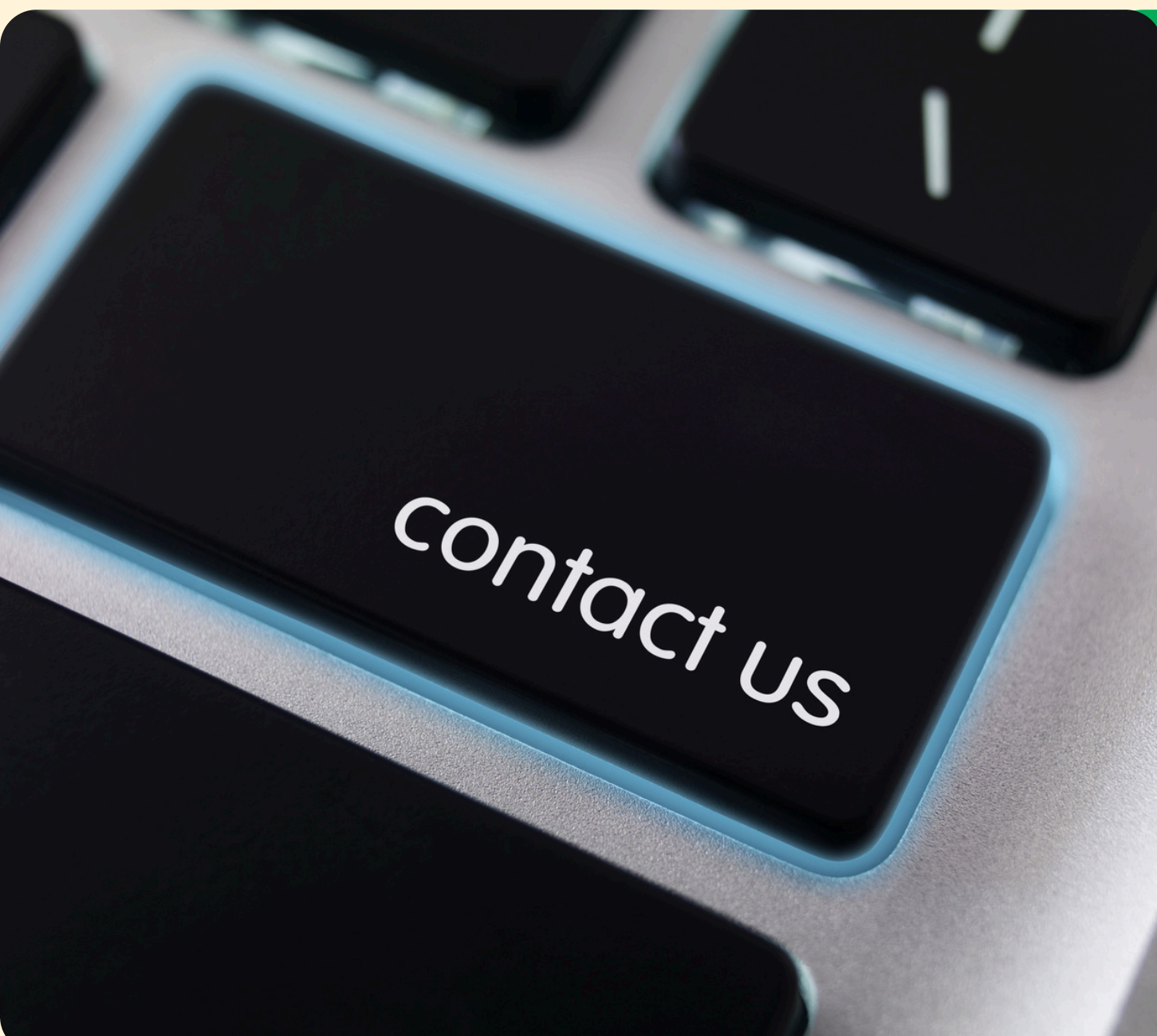


Grayson Community Daycare

We're proud to share our school space with the Grayson Community Daycare! While the daycare operates independently and their staff are not employed by GSDD, we work closely in partnership to support the needs of families in our community.



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