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Excitement for Learning in New Griffiths Scott School

The brand new Griffiths Scott Middle School opened its doors to students on September 4, 2012. This new school has a 300 student capacity and is an internationally accredited UNESCO school that supports the positive environmental aspects of a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver building. This School is a core modular design and includes several features



that are new to the school community. The wide open entrance to the school greets you as you enter the facility and adjacent is a multi-functional administrative suite, library, band room and stage area. Every classroom in the school has been designed for multi-purpose use, and comes fully equipped with a smart board.



Learning for the Griffiths Scott Middle School students seems to have been met with new enthusiasm; they are thrilled with the new facility and the opportunity to have enhanced option classes that were not available to them before.

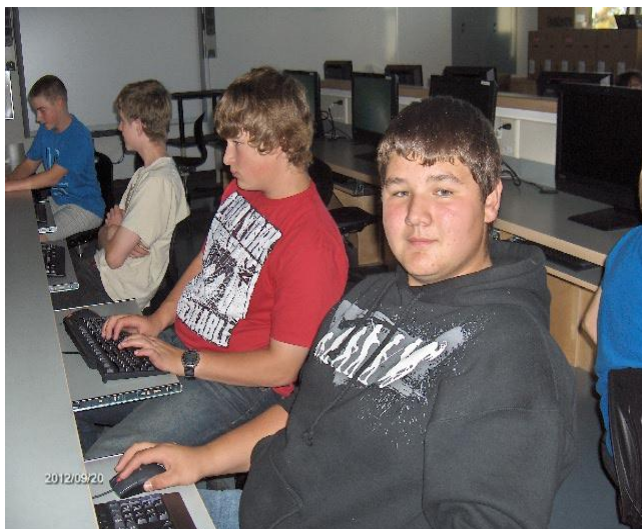
Students will now have access to enhanced options through a CTS Shop, Home Economics Room, a multifunctional band/drama room, science, art room and computer lab.

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The students and staff are excited about learning in the new school. As grade five students worked in a hallway on a social studies assignment, Spencer added "I like going to school in a brand new school". Emily stated "It is very nice, I feel like I am part of the school and it is easy to get around".

When comparing the old Griffith Scott Middle School to the new school Brett a grade nine student stated "I like the new school better because it is not falling apart".



The new computer lab seems to be a hit and as one grade 9 student noted "we have very good internet in the new school it actually works".



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Teachers and support staff have settled into the new facility. Some boxes may still be waiting to be unpacked and organized but staff seems thrilled with the new school.

The school also features a recycling area, where students can drop their recycling right into the hidden bins below; these bins are then accessed in the recycling room where the grade six classes recycle bottles, cans and juice boxes. The money raised will be used to fund school projects.

The final touches are being completed on the gymnasium floor; staff and students are looking forward to using the gym in the near future. Work is also continuing on the landscaping and parking area. An official grand opening will be planned for in the near future.

