



Griffin News

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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM ÉCOLE GLENBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL
"TOGETHER WE SUCCEED — ENSEMBLE ON RÉUSSIT"

Principal's Message



Dear Glenbrook parents & guardians,



Happy spring everyone! I know that many of you are probably missing those cold snowy/rainy evenings beside a soccer/lacrosse field or the 5:30 am hockey practices but now you have more time to cut the lawn and weed the garden!

Although there is still lots of time left in this school year, we are already starting the process of creating our structure for next year. It is very helpful to us that if you are aware your family is going to be moving out of the area before next school year, to please let us know. As well, I will put more about this next point in next month's bulletin, but if you are providing the school with any information about your child that you feel will be helpful when we are creating classes, we ask that you do not request certain teachers.

As the weather warms up, students will start to wear their summer season clothing. Could you please remind your student that this is not a beach, and that we ask them to wear clothes that are comfortable but still appropriate for the setting.

I would also like to thank our PAC again for all of the support they provide our school. They are such an important part of providing a positive experience for your student with not only financial support but fun events such as the Silly Olympics coming up in May. They will also be having elections soon so it would be great to have as many people possible out to the meetings to choose next year's executive, or to run for a position.

Just prior to the break we held an assembly to introduce our students to the goal of mindfulness that we will be focusing on as a school over the next couple of years. As a staff, we will be working on strategies that everyone can use to create and support awareness and caring of self, others and our surroundings. Our intent is to support all members of our school community, adult and child, to work towards their full potential.

Enjoy the blooming of the cherry blossoms!

Mr. Chris Evans, Principal

Security Protocol Reminder: Signing your student safely in & out of school

The safety of our students is very important to EGMS staff, as it is to you as parents. Please be reminded that we do not allow students to leave school grounds during school hours without the express permission of a parent or guardian. If your child has an appointment or any other pre-arranged reason to leave school early, please ensure you provide them with a note that they can show to their teacher and to the office before they sign out. If you are not able to send a note, we are happy to take permission in the form of an email or a phone call. If neither of these can be provided, the office will not allow the student to leave until we have direct approval from a parent or a guardian. Students are also not welcome to walk to a restaurant or a store at any time unless a parent comes to the school to pick them up and supervise them.

If your child has called you from their own phone while school is in session and asked to walk home or to be picked up, please either call to let the office know that they can go home, or come into the office yourself when you arrive so that we can ensure they are going with a safe person.

Additionally, we are working to minimize interruptions to classes during class time; if you and your child are both aware that they will need to be picked up early to attend an appointment, please try to remind them the evening before or the morning of to gather their belongings and to come sign out at the office 5 minutes before your pre-arranged time. This ensures both that they make it to their appointment on time, and that we do not have to call their classroom and disrupt their teacher's lesson.

Thank you for your consideration - your help with this matter is very much appreciated by all staff.

Reminders and Important Information

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat. April 6 - Gr. 8 Grad REUZ market, 10 am @ EGMS Gym

Tues. April 9 - Collaboration Day for staff; students are dismissed at 11:45 am.

Thurs. April 11 - Our monthly theme day for April is **BACKWARDS DAY!**

Sat. April 13 - Grade 8 Community Bottle Drive, 9 pm to 3 pm @ EGMS parking lot

Sun. April 14 - Whistler Ski trip for registered participants

Mon. April 15 - PAC Meeting, EGMS library, 7 pm

Tues. April 16 - Grade 8 Grad Committee Parent Meeting, 6:45 PM @ EGMS Library

Weds. April 17 & Thu. April 18 - Parent/Teacher conferences; students are dismissed at 12:10 pm.

Fri. April 19 - Good Friday, **NO SCHOOL**

Mon. April 22 - Easter Monday, **NO SCHOOL**

Fri. April 26 to Mon. April 28 - Whistler Band Trip

Mon. April 29 - Non-Instructional day, **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!**

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Thu. May 16 - PAC Silly Olympics!

Class Photos and Team Photos

As you may know, before the break all of Glenbrook's homeroom classes, teams, and activities clubs had photos taken by Mountain West. This year, Mountain West has moved to an online system where you are now able to download digital copies of these photos as well as ordering prints.



Below are the details on how to download these group photos if you wish. Please let the office know if you have any questions, or contact Mountain West directly at [604.433.0551](tel:604.433.0551)

Instructions for school - how to download digital photos and/or order prints:

- 1) Visit Mountain West Studios website <https://www.mountainwest.ca> and click on the view & order button.
- 2) Once you are at the login page, enter your email address and the following Class/Group code: **GBRKGRP19**
- 3) To download your free digital class photos, click the Green "DOWNLOAD" button. This will take you to the download page.
- 4) If you wish to order printed versions of your class groups, teams or clubs, please follow instructions on the main gallery page."

Grade 8 Graduation Bottle Drive!

The grade 8 Grad committee will be collecting all sizes of refundable beverage containers including water, pop, juice, beer, wine and liquor containers, aluminum cans, plastic or glass bottles and tetra pack containers. If you received a flyer in your mailbox, please leave your bagged or boxed bottles outside with the tag by 9 AM, and we will come collect them!

Containers may also be dropped off at the sorting station at EGMS parking lot (Park Crescent & 7th Avenue/ Jack Mahoney Place), on Saturday, April 13, from 9 AM to 3PM

For those who live in Queensborough, you can also drop off refundables at the Return-It Depot (409 Boyne Street), under the EGMS Grad (Account# 610) account at any time!

Reminders and Important Information

Have you purchased your yearbook yet?

It's time to buy your 2018-2019 yearbook! Get your hands on a copy ASAP!

There are only 60 copies left, so act fast!

Buy it online at www.jostens.ca and personalize your book with your name and some icons!
OR buy it on School Cash Online for \$40.00. Please see Ms. Jurgensen or Mme. Gibson for more information.

The Yearbook Club is looking for pictures of the talent show, any sports or events that are related to the school! Parents, please email Mrs. J at ajurgensen@sd40.bc.ca with some of your awesome photos!

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French Immersion Quebec Trip 2019

During the first week of Spring Break, 94 EGMS Grade 7 and 8 students and 16 teacher and parent chaperones (pictured below) went on a trip to Montreal and Quebec City! They had an amazing (albeit chilly!) trip and spent time learning about Quebecois history, trying traditional foods, participating in exciting activities (like curling, dogsledding and snow tubing) and spending tons of time speaking French. The trip was a great experience for all and, on behalf of the kids, big thanks go out to all the parents who supported the trip, Mr. Zaenker and Ms. Chan, who gave up a week of their break, and to the volunteers from Canadian Parents for French, who organized the trip.

The next trip is planned for March 2021, so if you have any interest in helping to organize it, please contact cpfquebec-rip@gmail.com!



Gr. 8 Whistler Band Trip

Grade 8 Band is getting ready to perform at Whistler Cantando band festival!

At the end of April, grade 8 concert band students will be performing 4 pieces at the Whistler Cantando band festival and staying for 2 nights. Students have been working hard in anticipation for the performance. The Whistler Cantando festival is a great opportunity for students to hear other bands from B.C and Alberta, and to receive valuable adjudication and coaching on their instruments. Combined with the camaraderie and nice spring weather, the band will also enjoy a walk around Lost Lake.

Glenbrook Sports

Track & Field

Track and Field has started. Practice and meet schedules are online at BNWTrack.weebly.com

There is still time to sign up for all Grades - cut off is April 15 so go see Mr. Blatherwick soon!

If parents have any questions, please feel free to email Mr. Blatherwick at dblatherwick@sd40.bc.ca

Come and play Middle School Football at Glenbrook!

Is your student interested in playing football? Get them to come join our league! No experience? No problem - this league is designed for players with no football experience. Cost is \$35 to play; practices will be held twice per week, between 3:30 and 5:30 pm. Games will be on Fridays, competing against other middle school teams from New Westminster, Vancouver, and the North Shore.

ALL GENDERS ARE WELCOME!

The team still needs a few more players, so please don't hesitate to talk to Mrs. Smith if you'd like to play!



All equipment will be provided. The season will last from April 2nd to May 17th. There are trophies and prizes to be won!

For more information, please contact Mrs. Tina Smith at tsmith@sd40.bc.ca

Glenbrook Activities

Leadership Club

Leadership Club currently meets every Wednesday at lunch time. Club members are busy getting ready for an important VOW OF SILENCE campaign to bring awareness to global human rights and fund-raise for social change. Stay tuned for upcoming details. We appreciate your support!

Are you interested in joining band?

Our wonderful band teacher Mr. Zaenker is also currently inviting all grade 6 students to consider band as an exploratory for next year, and the permission form can be picked up directly in the band room. Students in grade 7 are encouraged to continue in grade 8, and if any grade 8 student was not in band 7 this year they should see Mr. Zaenker. Parents with questions should email him at pzaenker@sd40.bc.ca.

Parents Night Out: Gaming Disorders & Addiction

Join us for an educational evening with Dr. Benjamin Wong, Registered Clinical Counsellor, Speaker, and Author. Dr. Wong is a recognized expert in the treatment and prevention of problem video gaming and related pathological digital use conditions. Dr. Wong will speak on recognizing symptoms of problem gaming, potential underlying causes, and treatment.

This presentation will be held at the Justice Institute of BC at 715 McBride Blvd, on Tuesday April 23, from 6:30-8:30

For child minding or any other questions, please call Rick Bloudell at 778-874-5457.

Please register at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/parents-night-out-gaming-disorders-addiction->

New Westminster Youth Services

New Westminster Youth Services: Early May



There are no special events from New West Youth Services this month of April, but there are several events taking place in the first week of May that they wanted to give advance notice of! Please see their list below:

Wednesday May 1st: Youth Awards- Century House. Event that celebrates all of new Westminster's youth and their contributions to their community. Nomination forms and more info at <http://newwestyouth.ca>

Thursday May 2nd: Queensborough BBQ - Queensborough Community Centre - Games, Food, and Prizes!

Friday May 3rd: 3 vs. 3 Basketball in collaboration with New West Police Department - Fraser River Middle School - teams can pick up registration forms from the youth centre or local youth workers. Junior teams, senior teams and all female teams. There will be prizes and food!

Saturday May 4th: Grade 6-8 dance - Youth centre. We will be doing a glow party. Black lights, wear white, we will be handing out markers to sign each other's shirts. Glow sticks and prizes!

Monday May 6th: Youth Pop up Café - Youth Centre. Food will be provided, there will be a number of community partners present, and we will be discussing relevant youth issues and topics

Tuesday May 7th: Youth week closing ceremonies/wrap up party - Youth Centre. Activities, food, Royal City Wrestling will be stopping by.

Please contact neighbourhood youth worker Mason Mellor with any questions at:
mmellor@newwestcity.ca



Hello from your Parent Advisory Council (PAC)!



We hope you all had a relaxing spring break and are happy to welcome the warmth of the sun!

Thank you to all the amazing kids (and their parents) for bringing their wares to this year's Entrepreneurial Fair. It was super well attended and we were astounded by the talent in our school!

We will be having our next meeting on MONDAY April 15th at 7pm in the school library. Come meet Ms. Carmen Woo, EGMS Teacher Librarian, who will be providing a brief Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Presentation. Regular PAC meeting to follow where we will be calling for nominations for next year's executive. These positions will be voted for at the PAC AGM in May. Come out, get educated and get involved!

The PAC is also seeking at least 20 volunteers for our upcoming PAC event (May 16) - the very fun, **Silly Olympics!** We need you to run this event successfully- seeing teachers and students get pie'd in the face is more work than you can imagine, but so worth the smiles and laughter! Please email us at egmspac@gmail.com with your contact info and we will get in touch with you with more details!

Please join us- we hope to see you at some or all of the events we have coming up!

Cheers,

Your EGMS PAC

