



Griffin News

JUNE 2019

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The countdown has begun. It is the season of mixed emotions!

There is the sadness of not being able to see friends for the summer or maybe even longer, sadness as people move on to new schools.

On the other hand, there is excitement about all of the great things coming in the next couple of months. There is also a bit of happiness for a few people (not just me) about getting to sleep in, occasionally.

In the next couple of weeks there will be plenty of field trip opportunities. If you would like to spend a day with your child as a chaperone, please let their teacher know. For the grade eight family members, we hope to see you at our leaving ceremony the morning of Thursday, June 27th. Please join us as we say goodbye to our grade 8's.

To our departing grade 8 students - we wish you all the best at your new high schools next year!

I would like to thank our student's families and our wonderful staff for all of their hard work and support of our students. I hope all of you have a great summer, and I look forward to working with you in September.



Mr. Chris Evans,

Principal

Reminders and Important Information 1

DATES TO REMEMBER



Tuesday June 4 - Last day of Peer Tutoring for the school year

Thursday, June 13 - Band Concert, 6:30 - 7:30

Tuesday/Wednesday, June 18/19 - Class trips to Playland!

Thursday, June 20 - Grade 8 Leaving Celebration (students only)

Friday, June 21 - New West Youth Swim, Moody Park Pool, 7:30 - 9:00, \$1.00

Thursday, June 27 - Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony, 10: 15 am



Have you purchased your yearbook yet?



The clock is ticking on the 2018/2019 Glenbrook yearbook!

There are only 10 copies left, so get yours now!

The yearbook is no longer available to purchase online, so please bring cash to Mrs. Moysiuk at the office, or to Mme. Gibson in room 303.

LAST CALL: Lost & Found

Dear parents, with the warmer weather that's been happening, our Lost & Found fills up rapidly these days! At the end of May, despite making numerous announcements to check for lost belongings, we ended up donating 3 full garbage bags, mostly of clothes, to Big Brothers & Big Sisters.

If your child is missing any of their things, please make sure they check the Lost & Found, which is located near the office, before summer vacation! Any items that remain unclaimed at the end of the month will also be donated, so please encourage your student to look sooner rather than later!

IMPORTANT: School Cash Online Sign-Up is Mandatory!

If you are not already familiar, School Cash Online is a safe and easy-to-use way to pay for your children's school fees, including field trips, school spirit wear, yearbooks, and more! School Cash Online allows you to pay with credit or debit, as well as offering the choice to load an online wallet that allows you to allocate funds to pay for items at a later date.

Starting September 2019, School Cash Online will become the mandatory format district-wide for filling out permission slips and paying for field trips, as well as essential start-of-year consent forms for items such as Google Education Suite, consent to use chrome-books, walking field trips, and participation in the BC Fruit & Vegetable program. If these forms are not signed, your child will not be able to access these tools and activities.

Again, this will be mandatory for all New Westminster schools, **including NWSS**.

Please **sign up as soon as possible, ideally before the end of June**; this will give you time to become familiar with the program before school begins again in September.

<https://newwestschools.schoolcashonline.com/>

Reminders & Important Information 2

We're Getting A New Lunch Program!

As some parents may already know, New Westminster Schools has recently launched a new district-wide school lunch program. Some schools have already started using the online-ordering-based program, while Glenbrook will be beginning in September 2019. We will no longer be using our traditional same-day paper order slips; instead, parents will be able to set up an online account and order for their children in advance from a comprehensive list of meal options!



A list of menu items, as well as further information on how you can register for this new program, will be sent out to all parents as soon as it is made available to the school.

Students Not Returning to Glenbrook / Late Returns

If your family is moving out of the New Westminster School District, and/or if your student will be attending a different school beginning in September 2019, please make sure to let the office know - either by calling us at 604-517-5940, or emailing us at Glenbrook@sd40.bc.ca

This will help us begin the process of transitioning your student's records to their new school, and will help us keep an accurate count of incoming students as well. Your help with this matter is much appreciated.

If your child will be attending Glenbrook in the fall but will not be returning for the scheduled first day of school, please try to let us know as soon as possible. Thank you!

Vending Machine Changes

As you may know, Glenbrook is host to 5 healthy-option snack and drink vending machines.

Up until now, it has been school policy for the office to issue students cash refunds for small amounts of money that have become stuck or which have been "eaten" by the machines, from a float provided by the vending company. This was an honour-based system, which relied on the students verbally reporting their loss to the office, and having the issue and the amount recorded.

Over time, our records began to show that a particular group of students were coming for refunds with unusually high frequency, and were often reporting issues with machines that could not be either replicated or verified by the technicians.

After some discussion with our principal Mr. Evans and the vending company, we have made the decision that the school will no longer be issuing refunds to students directly. We will now ask that students come to the office to have their loss recorded as before, but rather than receiving a refund immediately, they will be asked to have their parents contact the company to initiate the return.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to both parents and students. We hope that this new system will help us more accurately maintain the vending machines, which in turn will help us provide better service to our students.

Next Year's School Supplies

For those who are keen to get the jump on preparing for next year, please view our basic school supply lists, available on our website at the following link: <https://glenbrookschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/School-Supply-List-2018-2019-1.pdf>

These lists will be updated for accuracy within the week, and will also be sent out to parents directly. Purchasing school supplies is the responsibility of parents/guardians; we do not work with a third-party company to have supplies delivered to the school.



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IMPORTANT: Please ensure that all library books are returned to the library no later than June 17!

Trillion Trees Environmental Fundraiser

Grade 7 students at EGMS were really moved after studying about climate change and they wanted to do something to help the environment somehow. They were inspired by Greta Thunberg and all the activism spreading around the world. So, they created a box to send to the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, painted like the Earth, and filled it with some relevant items (such as a thermometer, a jack-in-the-box saying "Time's Up" and photographs). They wrote almost 120 letters to the prime minister!

To help combat the environmental effects of climate change, our enterprising students have started a fundraiser that will plant back some of the trees destroyed by the BC wildfires of the past few years.



**A Trillion Trees
Starts With One**

Please follow [this link](#) to go to our donations page. It is connected directly to One tree planted, a non-profit organization working to replant trees all around the world.

Every dollar donated equals a tree sapling!

Track & Field

We had a really successful year in Track and Field this year.! Several of our Grade 6s, 7s, and 8s produced school and district records ,and 9 Grade 8s qualified for Provincial Championships. Brother-sister team **Ben and Corinna Talbot** each set school Long Jump records. Corinna jumped 3.70m, impressive for a Grade 6, and Ben jumped 5.15m which would have been good enough to qualify him for the Grade 8 Provincial Championships!

Our Grade 8s missed the banner this year by just over 20 points but there were some fantastic individual and relay action going on both on and off the Track. The school's top point getter was **Levi Tuura**, who qualified for the Provincial Championships in Shot Put, Long Jump, and High Jump. His jump of 1.75m in high jump was a school record and he fell just short of the record in the district track meet. Levi also went to the Provincial Multi-Events Championships. After a long day of High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Hurdles, and finally a 1000m run, Levi came away with an impressive Bronze medal!

Noah Duke became the first boy at Glenbrook to compete in Pole Vault and qualified for Provincials in the 200m Hurdles by posting a district record setting time of 31.24 seconds. **Aiden Post** also qualified for Provincials in the 200m Hurdles and grabbed a school record in the Hammer Throw. Rounding out the boys at Provincial Championships was the 4x100m relay team consisting of **Levi, Noah, Aiden, and Reid Hinds-MacDonald**.

On the girls side, **Emma Hillaby** qualified for the Grade 10 level Provincials by finishing 2nd in the Zone Championships. Avery Tamagi qualified in the 3000m with an impressive run in districts. Finally, the 4x400m girls relay team qualified for Provincials and with **Naylani Uy and Angela Arana** unable to attend we will be sending an impressive team of **Avery, Hannah Kroll, Victoria Kolganov, and Grace Lin**.

Provincial Championships will be held in Kelowna from May 30-June 1.

Glenbrook PAC

A Message from your PAC Chair:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to start by thanking all of you who have come to PAC meetings, events, and otherwise supported our PAC activities over the 2018-2019 school year!! Your PAC was busy organizing and running events this school year, the highlights include: Welcome Back to School BBQ; Family Photo Night; Young Entrepreneurial Fair; Gift Card Fundraiser sales; Bingo Night; Glenbrook Spirit Wear sales; parent education guest speakers at PAC meetings; and Silly Olympics. PAC funding was used to enhance the students' school experience, supporting: classroom & library supplies, field trips, the fall Talent Show, and more.

I would like to thank the whole "village" of people who helped PAC throughout the year (we couldn't have done it without you!): Principal Chris Evans, VP Tu Loan Trieu, secretaries Shahan Gill, Katie Jull and Lena Moysiuk, Mason Mellor (Youth Programs), Trustee Dee Beatie, and the PAC Executive: Renee Mosi, Wendy Luu, Cyrus Sy, Sloane Drennan, Tim Mercier, and Lisa Falbo. Special acknowledgement goes to: Renee for her many years as an active leader on the PAC & CPF; Wendy for her organizational prowess, time commitment, (and great minute-taking!) on the PAC and Grad Committee; and Sloane for her tireless work as CPF chair and co-coordinator of the grade 7/8 Quebec trip.

On May 27th, we held our AGM and I am pleased to announce your new PAC Executive for 2019/2020:

Chair (or Co-Chairs): *vacant*,

(*Kathleen Carlsen agreed to Co-chair; nominations & election at September meeting)

Vice-Chair: *Robin Goyan*

Secretary: *Sloane Drennan*

Treasurer: *Renee Mosi*

DPAC Rep: *Cyrus Sy*

Members-at-Large: *Tim Mercier and Ross Arbo* (*other member at large positions available-election at September meeting)

***Please come to our first PAC meeting on Monday, September 16th and get involved in PAC – you can help decide the priorities and activities that will happen in the new school year!!**

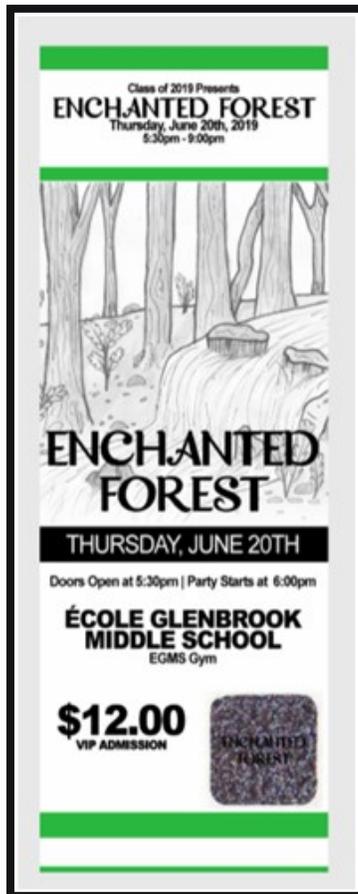
The first big PAC event will be the "Welcome Back to School BBQ" on Wednesday, September 25th! Please Save-the-Date & keep a look out for more information about helping out (we need a coordinator for the event-please contact us at egmspac@gmail.com if you can help with this).

Warm Regards,

Beth Ott, Chair PAC (2018-19)



Grade 8 Grad 2018/2019



Dear Parents,

The Grade 8 Leaving Dance is quickly approaching, and our hard-working grad committee is desperately looking for Grade 7 Parent Volunteers to help chaperone the Grade 8 Dance. Please email us @ egmsgrad2019@gmail.com if you are available to volunteer that night. We will need parents from around 4:45PM until 9 PM on Thursday June 20. If you are interested in volunteering for the Grad committee next year, this is a great opportunity to see what it looks like!

Our leaving Grad Leaving tickets will be available at the school for purchase by Grade 8 students on June 6, 7, 13, and 14th. These will only be available at lunchtime on these dates, cash only please. \$12 will admit your student to the Leaving Party which includes dinner and treats, dance, and entertainment! It's a great way for your child to celebrate the end of their middle school journey with their EGMS friends! Doors open at 530PM, event starts at 6 PM, Thursday June 20. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at

egmsgrad@gmail.com

Canadian Parents for French

Canadian Parents for French - New Westminster would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer vacation!

Our Welcome Back to School swim will take place on Monday, September 2nd, 2019 from 11 am to 1 pm at Moody Outdoor Pool, with last entry at 12:30 pm. All French Immersion students and friends are welcome. Cost is \$1 for CPF members and \$2 for non-members.

The 2019 Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday, September 30th, 2019 at 7pm in the Library at Ecole Qayqayt School. Everyone is welcome!

Leadership Club

The club has had another successful year with great participation by the student members.

In the fall we attended WE Day, had a Toy Drive and Food Drive, sold Rafiki bracelets to support communities overseas, and visited elderly residents at Kiwanis Seniors Home. In recent months we had a fundraiser for the SPCA and visited Spencer Elementary to lead a grade 5 orientation session.

Most recently, we had a very successful Vow of Silence in which leadership club members led a school-wide assembly, fundraised for children's education, and saw the entire school go silent for one hour.

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you!

Many thanks to those who supported our Leadership Club efforts this year!

New Westminster Youth Services

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YOUTH SERVICES

Are you looking for something interesting for your kids to do this summer? Are they interested in learning to DJ, taking a babysitter training program, or joining other local youth on out-trips to fun locations like Playland, Cultus Lake, or the Vancouver Seawall?

Check out the New West Youth Summer 2019 brochure attached to this email for further information and the registration form!

Hey Parents!

Are you interested in becoming an Education Assistant?

If so, you are cordially invited to attend an upcoming information session!

In partnership with Burnaby Community & Continuing Education, New Westminster Schools is now pleased to present an in-house Education Assistant Program! Education Assistants work with teachers and other professionals to support students with exceptional learning needs.

Our Education Assistant program includes classroom theory, clinical instruction, and practicums in schools. Qualified Education Assistants are currently in high demand in school districts across the province, including in New Westminster. Graduates are welcome to apply for SD40 employment opportunities upon graduation.

To learn more about this new initiative, please attend the program's general information session, which will be held on Thursday, June 13 at 7 pm in the Fraser River Middle School library. This is a drop-in event—no RSVP is required!

Free English testing will be available after the info session.

Please see the flyer attached to this email for further information.



New Club Alert: The Glenbrook Gazette!

Dear students,

This is a message from Ms. Jull, your friendly blue-haired secretary! You may know me as the person who bandages scraped knees or lends you the phone or helps you with your hot lunch, but you may not know that I also write our monthly school newsletter. (Hello!) It is my job to keep on top of school information and events so that I can accurately report it to you and your families.

For the upcoming 2019/2020 school year, I am looking for students who love art, writing, photography and design to help put together a 2 to 3 page spread for each monthly issue of our newsletter that both celebrates our students' achievements and creativity, and showcases life at Glenbrook from *your* unique perspectives. Your contributions could take the form of a journalistic article, a poem, an advice column, an art piece, perhaps some photos (with teacher permission, of course!), or you could help with editing, layout and page design.

Our meeting days and times are yet to be determined, but if this is something you are interested in being involved in, please come see me at the office and put your name on a list for the next school year; our first issue will likely be for October 2019. If you have any questions, you can also contact me at kjull@sd40.bc.ca. I look forward to seeing your brilliant ideas!