

GRiffin NEWS

December 2021

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM
ÉCOLE GLENBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

"TOGETHER WE SUCCEED — ENSEMBLE ON RÉUSSIT"

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday December 10th — First Term Report Cards Published
Monday December 20th to Monday January 3rd — School
Closed for Winter Break

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Tuesday January 4th — School Reopens!

Report Cards Are Coming Soon!

First term report cards will be made available to families on the MyEducation BC Family Portal this Friday, December 10th, after the end of the school day. To prepare to access them, we encourage all families to log into their accounts in advance and ensure that your password information is updated. For security reasons, all passwords across the system expire every 90 days, so please be aware that the one you have saved may no longer be correct.

For those requiring a password reset, or requiring any other assistance with a Portal issue, please email us (glenbrook@sd40.bc.ca) or call us at 604-517-5935. For refresher instructions, please see the sheet attached to this newsletter email.

Once they are published, please remember to either print or download a copy of the report cards for your own records!



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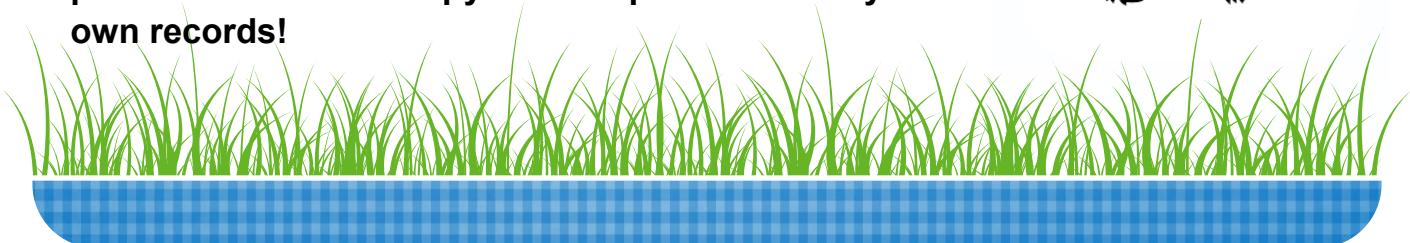
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Visit Us Online!

Are you looking for a school calendar, a school supply list, information about the MyEd Family Portal, or something else?

[Don't forget to visit the École Glenbrook Middle School Website!](#)

It is a handy place to find [email addresses for your child's teachers](#), as well as info on upcoming events.

We also host an archive of our past school Newsletters (just like this one!) [here](#) in case you ever want to go back and review information from previous issues.



Please Remember to Mask Up!

We would like to gently remind our families that students **MUST** wear masks at school; we are still noticing that increasing numbers of students are repeatedly forgetting their masks at home in the mornings.

Please see the most current Provincial Health guidelines regarding masks below:

"Effective starting Monday, October 4th all kindergarten to grade 12 students, staff and visitors must* wear a mask when inside a school.

**Exemptions remain in place for students or staff who cannot wear masks, or for times when masks may temporarily need to be removed. This includes when consuming food and drink, when actively engaging in an activity that requires temporary removal of the mask (e.g. when playing a wind instrument), when communicating with or providing a service to a person with diverse needs who may depend on visual cues or facial expressions, when a person can not put on or remove their own mask without assistance, when needing to quickly identify a person, when speaking through a barrier, or when a person can not tolerate a mask.*

We are fortunate to be able to provide students who do not have masks with them upon arrival with disposable masks, but we strongly encourage our families to provide their own. **If possible, it is good practice for students to keep a spare clean mask or two in a baggie in their backpack or their locker at all times.**



We thank you for your assistance with keeping our whole Glenbrook community safe and healthy!

New Westminster Welcome Centre

The Welcome Centre, located at New Westminster Secondary School (820 6th Street) is intended to provide a variety of seamless supports and information to newcomers. Some of the services offered include settlement services, centralized registration, collaboration space, and a variety of programming from local service providers.

New to New Westminster? See the flyer attached to this newsletter email for more info on the Welcome Center!

2021/2022 Yearbooks Available for Pre-Order Now!

The Yearbook Club has been hard at work, and are happy to announce that the 2021/2022 Glenbrook Yearbook is ready for pre-order!

Unlike previous school years, we will not be selling the yearbook via School Cash Online at all; orders can be placed online exclusively via [the Jostens website](#)! This allows families to personalize their child's

yearbook if they choose, and also offers a variety of upgrades such as built-in photo pockets or a colour autograph section, as well as the option to donate a yearbook to a student whose family may not be able to afford one on their own!

Yearbooks will be delivered to the school in mid-June; consider a pre-order as a holiday gift!



THIS IS YOUR STORY. AND EVERYONE IS IN IT.

"Toonies for Our Town" Holiday Fundraiser

Each holiday season, the staff and students of Glenbrook have traditionally held a can and food drive...but we are spreading our cheer a different way this year! Instead, we are collecting "Toonies for Our Town"! We believe in the joy and giving spirit of the holiday season, and we want to share it in the safest and most efficient way possible.

We are asking that instead of donating food, our students, their families, and our staff bring in a toonie, or any amount you would like to offer, to the big collection jar at the school office. As with the previous

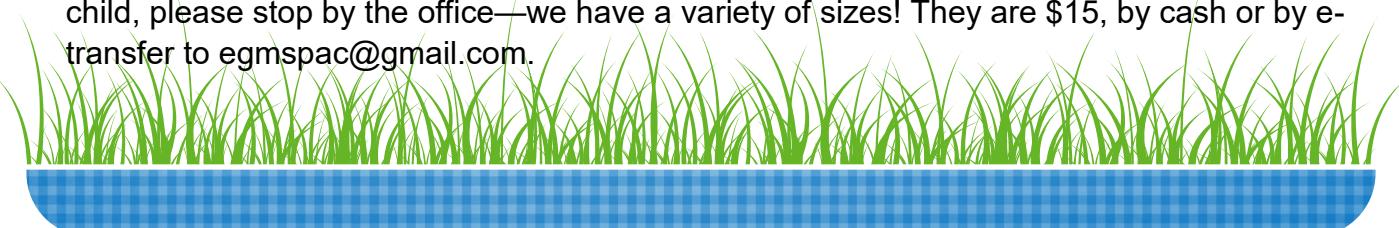
poinsettia fundraiser, your donation raises money for the EGMS Christmas Hampers that our Wellness Team coordinates every year. They create packages of food, gifts, and other treats to help bring smiles and good cheer to local families in need during the winter season.

We appreciate your contributions in support of our fellow community members!



Special-Edition EGMS T-Shirts Still Available!

This year, one of our very talented students, Derek Hall, redesigned the EGMS Griffin logo, and our principals liked it so much that they had it printed on the t-shirts we give to students new to Glenbrook each year. If you would like one of these special-edition shirts for your child, please stop by the office—we have a variety of sizes! They are \$15, by cash or by e-transfer to egmspac@gmail.com.



Canadian Parents for French

Canadian Parents for French - New Westminster wishes all our students and staff and their families *des bonne vacances d'hiver*, and all our best wishes for *une bonne année 2022!*

CPF-NW is currently in the beginning stages of planning for a Spring Break 2023 trip to Quebec City and Montreal for grade 7 and 8 students in French Immersion at EGMS (and potentially a trip for grade 9 and 10 students in French Immersion at NWSS if there is interest!)

Please look for a “tell me more” survey coming in January 2022. We’d like to get a general idea of how many students/families would be interested in hearing more information before we get too deep into planning.

If you are interested in being on the planning committee for the trip, please email cpfnewwest@gmail.com!



Grade 8 Grad Hoodies Still Available!

A gentle reminder to the families of our grade 8 students that the grad hoodies/grad wear for our 2021/2022 grads will still be available for purchase online for another few weeks!

Please visit [this link](#) to check out the different options and place your order! The store will close to orders on December 19th, with delivery coming in early January--the precise dates will be communicated to those who purchased closer to that time.

As well, please make sure to measure your child and double-check for sizing (size charts available on the website), as items are made to order, and cannot be returned or exchanged. Sizing samples are available to try on at MVP Athletic Supplies, located at #2-20215 97th Avenue in Langley.

In the Know Youth Mental Health Presentation: Holidays Can Be Hard

Every month, [FamilySmart](#) offers a virtual event series for families called “In the Know”; these presentations are help to support those who are parenting a child or youth with mental health challenges.

This month, their topic of discussion centers on the expectations that can often come with the holidays, how to get through hard spots and celebrate the small things, and how to find space to breathe when we need it.

The *Holidays Can Be Hard* presentation will take place on Wednesday December 22nd, 2021, at 6:00 pm—please register in advance via [this link](#).

Lost & Found

Is your child missing a coat, a sweater, a water bottle, or an umbrella? Please have them check the Lost & Found, which is located on the main floor of the school, in the hallway across from the office. If they are missing an item of higher value, such as a phone, glasses, keys, or headphones, please have them check with the secretaries, as these often get turned in to the office staff. Any items not collected by the winter break will be packed up and donated to charity, so please take a look!



New West Minor Lacrosse opens up early bird box registration, with 25% savings for the month of December, 2021. Register today at minorbellies.com



A Few Notes About Road Safety

Ms. Trieu and Mr. Evans would like to briefly remind our students about using good road sense coming to and from school. Many of our students enjoy cycling, skateboarding, or scootering, and we are seeing several without helmets each day; please remember that all bicycle riders under the age of 18 are required to wear helmets while travelling on any public road for their own safety. We also ask that all students riding wheeled transportation to school please dismount and carry or push their board or bike when they arrive; the sidewalks and ramp area in front of the office can often be crowded, and we would like to avoid any injuries.

Finally, we ask all students and pedestrians to remember the importance of looking both ways for oncoming traffic before crossing the street.

Fuel Up! Daily Lunch Program

New Westminster Schools launched a ground-breaking school lunch program back in February 2019 with the aim of achieving an important goal: ensure that no child is hungry and every child eats healthy.

They have partnered with Simply Foods to provide parents with the option to order a healthy and nutritious lunch on a daily, weekly, monthly or occasional basis. Their budget-friendly and healthy daily lunch options meet the [BC School Nutrition Guidelines](#) – with menu options available to order through an easy-to-use online platform.

If you are not yet familiar with the Fuel Up! Daily lunch program, you can learn more about them [here](#). To learn how to create an account, how to order the lunches online, or to view the monthly menus, please click [here](#)!

Fuel Up! Also offers a subsidy program for families seeking financial support, offering partial or full coverage, for lunches, and dairy/dairy alternative products. [Apply for subsidy here!](#) Eliminate stress about school lunches in the new year.

Joke of the Month

Q: Why was the snowman looking at the bag of carrots?

A: He was picking his nose!



Grade 8 Grad Fundraising



Return-It Express Bottle Drive

Please support our Grade 8 Grad fundraising by collecting your empty beverage containers over the Holiday Season and dropping them off at any Return-It Express station in BC!

Each Grade 8 student has received a clear plastic bag with the EGMS Return-It Express label affixed. Simply place your drink containers in the bag and drop it off at a Return-It Express Depot - no sorting needed! Additional labels can be printed at any Return-It Express kiosk using this phone number: **604-517-5940**.

We will have extra bags at the office for Grade 6 and 7's if you would like your student to pick one up!

Please tell your family, friends and neighbours...donations can be made year-round!

Visit <https://www.return-it.ca/locations/express> to find a location near you!

TruEarth Laundry Strips

TruEarth is a local company that makes environmentally friendly laundry strips and other environmentally friendly products.

Click on our fundraising page at the link below to order.

<https://fundraising.tru.earth/EGMS>

Holiday promotions are on now so don't delay! The products make great stocking stuffers-- supporting our Grade 8 Grads can also help save the planet at the same time!

FlipGive

The EGMS Grade 8 Grad Committee earns cash back on every purchase made through FlipGive all year long! All you have to do is shop anytime with the brands you already love, like Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws.

[Join our team now and you'll get a \\$5 bonus the first time you shop!](#)

Or enter this code: **XMT3C3**

"New" Grade 8 Winter Market - Craft Fair & Bake Sale

Come out and shop locally from our Grade 8 Vendors! We will have 20 tables with a wide selection of Crafts, Jewelry, Candles, Holiday Gifts and so much more. Not to mention all the baked goodies that will also be there and even a few fun games we have planned that you may want to participate in.

Please help spread the word to your family and friends!

The Grade 8 Winter Market will take place on: Wednesday December 15th, 2021, from 3 pm to 5 pm in the Glenbrook Gym.



Please be aware that masks are mandatory when attending the Grade 8 Winter Market , and that vaccine passports will be required for all guests. Our Grade 8 Grad Committee and our Grade 8 Grads thank you for your support!

EGMS Parent Advisory Council

Holiday Raffle

The École Glenbrook Middle School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is thrilled to be running a Holiday Raffle again this year. Thank you for your support of students at our school!

The prize is a basket perfect for your holiday meal with a \$100 Save On gift card, a \$50 gift certificate from Queens Park Meats, a \$50 gift card for London Drugs and a \$50 gift card for the BC Liquor Store. Total prize value \$250. Prize also includes a pair of tickets to a Vancouver Giants hockey game and an oil change generously donated by Foreman's Integra Tire Auto Centre!

Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis, so please fill in the form but DO NOT send the e-transfer until your order is confirmed by the PAC! We'll get back to you within 24 hours of your submission.



Please fill in the Google form to purchase your ticket(s). Payment will be accepted by e-transfer to egmspac@gmail.com. Once payment has been received, you will be emailed your ticket number(s).

Details:

Ticket price(s): 500 tickets, 1 for \$2.00 (a maximum of 10 tickets per purchaser)

Ticket sale dates: Wednesday, December 1st, 2021 @ 12:00am to Friday, December 10th, 2021 @ 11:59pm

Draw date: Saturday, December 11th, 2021 @ 10am via Zoom (link to be emailed out to purchasers)

Gaming Event: Licence # 130841

Event contact: Robin Goyan egmspac@gmail.com

Pizza Fun Lunch Reminder

We'd like to briefly remind our families that time is running out to place your orders for PAC Pizza fun lunch, which will be taking place on Friday December 17th—the last day to place orders is TODAY, Wednesday December 8th; please note that late orders will not be accepted! To order for your child, simply visit their profile on School Cash Online!

