

GRIFFIN NEWS

March 2022

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM
ÉCOLE GLENBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

"TOGETHER WE SUCCEED — ENSEMBLE ON RÉUSSIT"

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday March 10 — Term 2 report cards go home

March 15 to 25 — Spring Break

Monday March 28 — First day back to school

Congratulations Are In Order!

We would like to share with our Glenbrook families the fantastic achievement of one of our grade 7 students, Terry Wang. Terry participated in the Caribou Contest, the largest online math contest, and has ranked number one in the world on two occasions already this year, once in January and once in February.

New Westminster Schools Superintendent Karim Hachlaf came to Terry's class to personally congratulate him and give him an award in recognition of his achievement. Congratulations on your hard work and your math skills, Terry!

We would also like to congratulate our Grade 8 girls basketball team for their incredible season so far—they have played hard under Mr. Alvaro's leadership, and have been nearly undefeated this season, earning themselves a spot at the 2022 Junior Girls Provincial Invitational Tournament, happening from March 2-5.

Go Glenbrook Girls!



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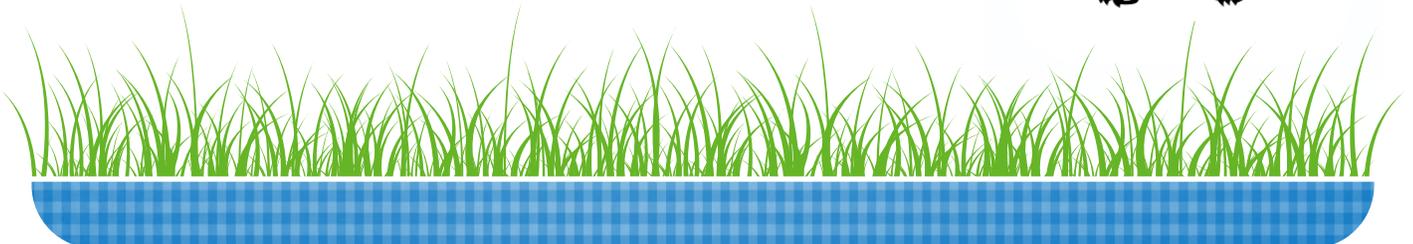
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Visit Us Online!

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 many 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!

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!



Order the 2022 Yearbook Today!

The Yearbook Club has been hard at work getting the yearbook ready to go to print.

Orders should be placed online exclusively via [the Jostens website](#); they are \$40.00 for an 84-page full colour hardcover book of memories. The Jostens site also offers

the option to donate a yearbook to a student whose family may not be able to afford one on their own!

Order soon to guarantee your yearbook, as we will not be ordering extras to sell at the end of the school year.



THIS IS YOUR STORY. AND EVERYONE IS IN IT.

Report Cards Are Coming Again Soon!

It's almost that time again! Term 2 report cards will be made available to families on the MyEducation BC Family Portal on Thursday March 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 from the last report card

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!

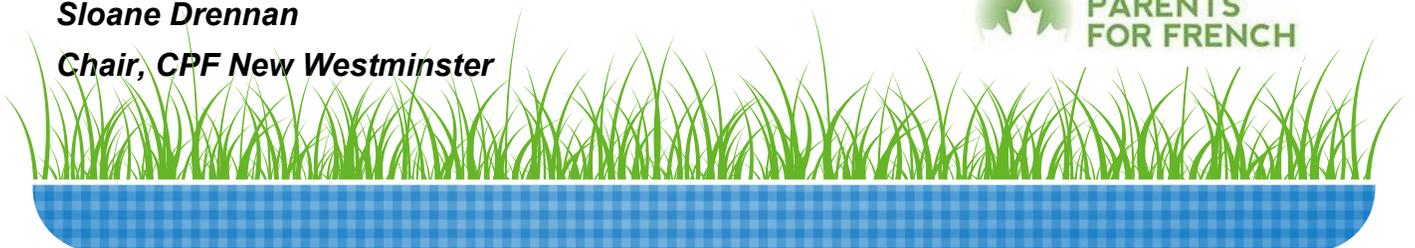
Canadian Parents for French

Bonjour current Gr 6 & 7 French Immersion Families. Canadian Parents for French - New Westminster is excited to announce we are in the initial planning stages of our 2023 Spring Break Trip to Montreal and Quebec City for 2022-23 Gr 7 & 8 French Immersion students from EGMS!

Students will visit cultural and historical sites in and around Montreal and Quebec City, all while using their French! The trip is tentatively booked for March 12 to 17 or 18, 2023 during the first week of the 2023 Spring Break. If your student(s) is interested in participating in this trip, or you want more information, please take a moment to fill in [our quick survey](#)! This is not a commitment, just a gauge of interest. If you have any questions, please email cpfnewwest@gmail.com.

Sloane Drennan

Chair, CPF New Westminster



[Wellness Centre Series: “Is This Normal?” An Exploration of the Teenage Brain](#)

New Westminster Schools invites you to join us virtually for our Wellness Centre Series for parents and caregivers. Session 1 is entitled: “Is this Normal?” An Exploration of the Teenage Brain, and is presented by Dr. Saira Sabzaali, who is a Registered Clinical Counsellor with a Ph.D. in Transpersonal Psychology. It covers an introduction to child & youth Development, the brain’s evolution from childhood to adolescence, and how to support your child as they grow and evolve.

This event will be taking place via Zoom on Wednesday March 9th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. [Please pre-register via this link.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the Wellness Centre at wellness@sd40.bc.ca, or call them at 604-517-6291. You may also see the event flyer attached to this newsletter email for further information.



[FamilySmart Presentation: ADHD — The Real Deal](#)

Every month, [FamilySmart](#), in partnership with the Ministry of Children and Family Development and [Here to Help BC](#), hosts a series of free virtual events called “In the Know”. Attendees watch a video and share experiences and strategies that can help in the hard moments. The focus of these presentations is on strengthening your understanding of and connection with your kids.

For March, the video presentation will be by Dr. Duncan, who will help to dispel the many myths surrounding ADHD by presenting up-to-date scientific facts about cause, prevalence, diagnosis, and treatment. He will explain how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does. There are 5 different dates on which this presentation will be offered, between March 10th and March 29th; please see the event flyer attached to this newsletter email for further information. [Pre-registration is required at this link.](#)

[EGMS Parent Advisory Council](#)

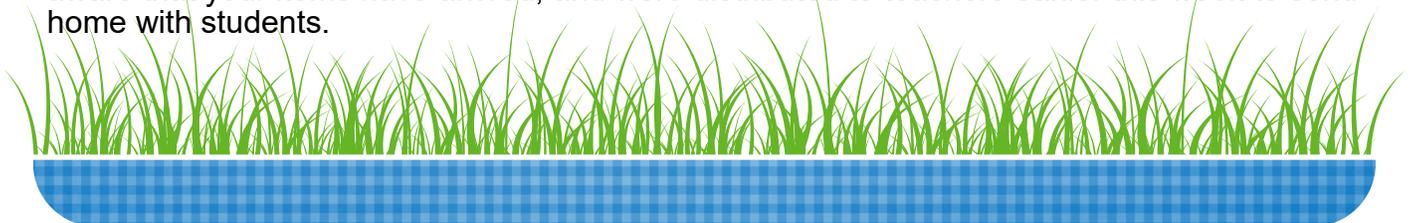
Hello EGMS Family,

Your PAC is thrilled to announce the launch of our 2022 Spring Purdy’s Chocolate Fundraising Campaign! Order between now and March 28th, 2022 and have delicious Purdy’s chocolate delivered in early April in time for the holiday. Or just because chocolate is yummy! Exact date and time for pick up at the school to be confirmed at a later date. Most likely between April 5th and 12th, 2022.



[Please follow this link to order](#), and feel free to share it with your friends and family!
Mmm...chocolate!

For any families who previously ordered from the West Coast Seeds fundraiser, please be aware that your items have arrived, and were distributed to teachers earlier this week to send home with students.



EGMS Grade 8 Grad

The Grad committee is excited to release our plans for this year's event!

Grade 8 Grad Backyard Party: Save the Date!

The Grade 8 Grad Backyard Party will take place on Wednesday **June 15th** from 11am to 3pm on the school grounds. We have a fun-filled event planned for the day with lots of interactive games, activities, food & fun!



We are looking for volunteers to help with setup, supervision of the event, and cleanup. Please sign up to volunteer [here](#). If any parents can lend pop-up tents or backyard games for the event, please email julielilyjohnstone@gmail.com.

Fundraisers

March 11 - The Krispy Kreme donut sale is now closed, and the donuts will be handed out next Friday, March 11th.

March 31 - Me N Ed's Pizza Night is coming up soon (Order [online](#) through the Burnaby location or call 604-521-8881. Please reference "**Glenbrook Middle School**" when you order.

We appreciate your support, and are looking forward to a great event!

Track & Field

Any students who are interested in joining Track & Field this spring, please go see Mr. Blath-erwick in room 111 to sign up! There are throws, jumps, short distances, longer distances, and relays; Grade 8 students will also have the opportunity to do hurdles, racewalking, and a wider variety of events in all areas.

The grade 8 meets will start in April, and the grade 6/7 meet will be held on May 13th. You are welcome to join anytime before April 20th.

Schedules, practice times, and results can be found on the [Track & Field Website](#).

Hyacks Spring Middle School Football League

[Hyacks Football](#) is excited to offer grade 7 & 8 student athletes Spring Football in New Westminster Middle Schools! The league will take place over 7 weeks from March 28th to May 12th; practices will take place at each school site 2-3 times per week, followed by 3 Jamboree Scrimmages against the other New West middle schools on Friday April 29th, Friday May 6th, and Thursday May 12th. The cost to play is \$35.



For more information on how to register and how to pay the fee, please see the flyer attached to this newsletter email. **The deadline to sign up is Thursday March 31, 2022.**



New Westminster Youth Services: Spring Break

SPRING BREAK 2022



Archive & Documentary Camp

(10 - 12 years)

Delve into New Westminster's archives for evocative stories and learn how to transform them into a documentary. Activities will include creating narratives using historical photos and articles, creating video footage, and editing historical material into a video documentary.

**New Media Gallery Lab 311, 604.515.3834
Anvil Centre**

Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
March 21 - 25

Registration Fee: \$140.00 / 5 classes 129366

PRETEEN / YOUTH

Babysitter Boot Day Camp (11 - 14 years)

Complete the Canadian Safety Council Babysitter Training Course and Home Alone Course. Learn effective and safe skills in a friendly environment. Certificates will be awarded for successful completion of the courses. Course will be a combination of course work and play.

**New West Youth Centre 604.515.3801
Virtual via Zoom**

Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
March 14 - 18

Registration Fee: \$111.25 / 5 classes 130144

Spring Break Out-trips (11 - 18 years)

Join Youth Services on a trip out of New West! Pick-up and drop-off available at New West Youth Centre, and Queensborough Community Centre. Registration includes transportation, admission, and staff supervision. Participants should bring lunch, snacks, and water.

**New West Youth Centre 604.515.3775
Queensborough Community Centre 604.515.3775**

9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Tuesday, March 15

Science World

Registration Fee: \$43.00 130146

Thursday, March 17

Snowshoeing

Registration Fee: \$45.75 130147

Tuesday, March 22

Provincial Park Day

Registration Fee: \$25.50 130148

Thursday, March 24

Rock Climbing

Registration Fee: \$58.75 130149

Investigate & Report Camp (12 - 15 years)

Learn the technology and skills needed in modern investigative reporting. Begin with local audio field recordings based on current events of your choice. Explore sound using Littlebit technology and create a narrative video using stop-motion animation.

**New Media Gallery Lab 311, 604.515.3834
Anvil Centre**

Monday - Friday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
March 14 - 18

Registration Fee: \$140.00 / 5 classes 129369

Public Art Camp (13 - 17 years)

Discover the world of art created for public installation. Learn to develop a public, site-specific art project. Activities will include visiting artwork, 3D modeling and mentorship from practicing public artists.

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Monday - Friday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
March 21 - 25

Registration Fee: \$140.00 / 5 classes 129434

SPRING BREAK 2022

YOUTH DROP-IN SCHEDULE				
Effective March 14 - 27, 2022				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NEW WEST YOUTH CENTRE • 620 Eighth Street • 604.515.3801				
E Sports Tournament 12:30 - 9:00 pm	Royal City Sound 12:30 - 9:00 pm	Fresh Feasts 12:30 - 9:00 pm	Sports Tournament 12:30 - 9:00 pm	Fresh Friday 12:30 - 9:00 pm
QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE • 920 Ewen Avenue • 604.525.7388				
E Sports Tournament 3:00 - 6:00 pm		Royal City Sound Fresh Feasts 3:00 - 6:00 pm		Sports Tournament 3:00 - 10:00 pm
For more information: 604.515.3801 • newwestyouth.ca • IG: @newwestyouth				



Youth Drop-in (11 - 18 years)

Hang out with youth your age. Youth workers create opportunity for structured fun, competition, and prizes, or you can create your own fun! Each day has a different theme.

E Sport Tournaments - Face off with friends in informal video game tournaments.

Royal City Sound - Try out our DJ equipment, a musical instrument, podcasting, and more, with help from our instructors.

Fresh Feast - Help out in the kitchen or just join in on the feast.

Sports Tournament - Grab a team or come alone and challenge others in sports for prizes.

Fresh Friday - We drop fresh activities on Fridays. There could be competition, eats, art, music and more!

Drop-in Fee: \$1.00 or free with Youth Membership

Grade 8 Students: The NWSS Musical Theatre Program wants YOU!

Calling all current Grade 8s! Do you love to perform? Are you passionate about singing, dancing, and acting? Do you spend your free time belting out show tunes? Are you a person who loves working backstage? Do you want to learn more about lighting and sound design, making props, and running a show? If so, our program is for you.

The NWSS Musical Theatre Program is back for the 2022/2023 school year, and we are inviting interested grade 8 students to audition for a spot on our team as either a performer or crew member.



[Check out the NWSS school website for more details and to register!](#)

