

GRIFFIN NEWS

June 2022

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday June 15th — Grade 8 Grade Backyard Fun Day

Friday June 24th — Final Report Cards published

*Tuesday June 28th — Last day of school for students/Grade 8
Leaving Ceremony*

Grade 6 Immunizations Round 2

The second dose of immunizations for grade 6 students will be happening this coming Tuesday, June 14th, during the school day between 9:15 am and 3:00 pm. For any specific questions about these immunizations, please contact the New Westminister Public Health Unit at 604-777-6731.

Non-Returning Students & September Class Placement

Glenbrook continues to collect enrollment information in order to accurately plan for the next school year.

We ask that if your child will be moving to another school district, or will be moving to another catchment before September, please let us know either by calling the office at 604-517-5940, or by emailing us at glenbrook@sd40.bc.ca at your earliest convenience. Please note that if your child is simply graduating from grade 8 at Glenbrook and moving on to grade 9 at New Westminister Secondary School, we are already aware of the transition and you do not need to let us know.

We thank you for your assistance with this process!



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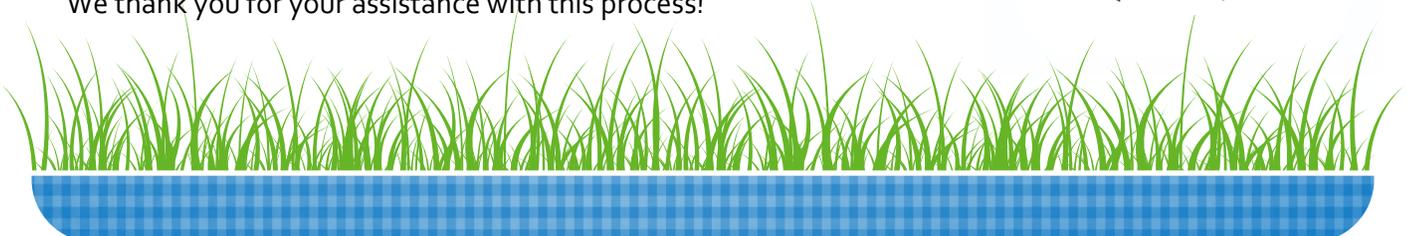
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Xwəsǰəǰíp - Unity - 2022

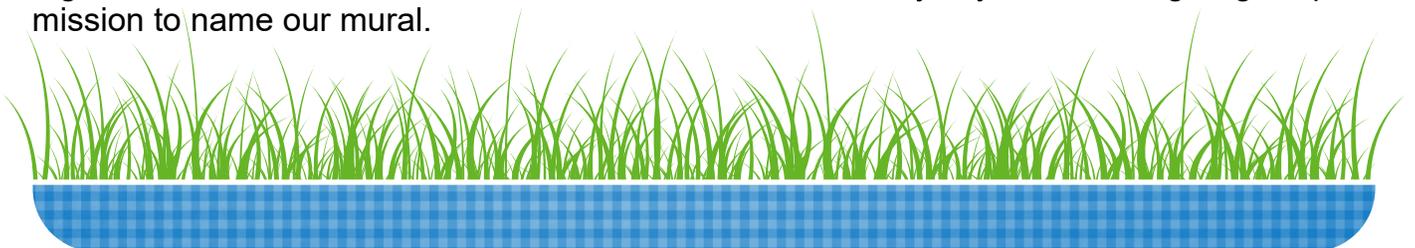
As a school, we wanted to do a project to honour truth and reconciliation efforts; for that, we needed something that would not only involve the whole school, but be meaningful. In the Spring of 2021, EGMS's art teacher Angela Jurgensen approached one of our talented indigenous students and asked for a seemingly difficult task: create a version of the EGMS logo to incorporate local indigenous designs, in order to make a mural. Derek Hall, a Metis student with Cree ancestry, has been active in the local indigenous culture from a very young age, being involved on Pow Wows for many years and even running a dance workshop at EGMS when he was just starting grade 6. His grandparents are very proud of their heritage and have done extensive work tracing back to the 1700s. Derek grew up with a sense of pride and a willingness to share, and so, a difficult task for many was quite easy for him. Derek's design shows his Pacific Northwest influences as well as his own sense of style, which was encouraged since very young. Derek's family is rich with artists, working from pen and ink all the way to bronze sculptures; his young cousin Sarah Last continues to be a great source of inspiration for him.

In order to guide Derek and the students through the respectful and authentic creation of this mural, Cree artist Jerry Whitehead came to EGMS and spent a day teaching us about indigenous art and guiding us through the process of creating a mural by using stencils. His suggestion to incorporate colours that embraced Derek's Cree heritage was the last piece missing. We are so grateful for Jerry Whitehead's talent and his involvement in our project; as he said, sometimes he is the lead and sometimes he follows the lead, and he was happy to follow Derek's lead on this project.

All indigenous students in our school, from grades 6 to 8, were called in on a Friday to paint the black lines of the mural, to represent the invisible indigenous energy that holds us all together, with Derek Hall painting the lines on the head. Grade 6s and 7s were asked to create and paint stencils on different pieces of the mural, representing their Spark – the thing they are most passionate about. Finally, a name needed to be found; one of our grade 7 indigenous students, Jackson Malakoff, suggested "Unity" – and that is the story of our mural *Xwəsǰəǰíp*, which means *come together*.

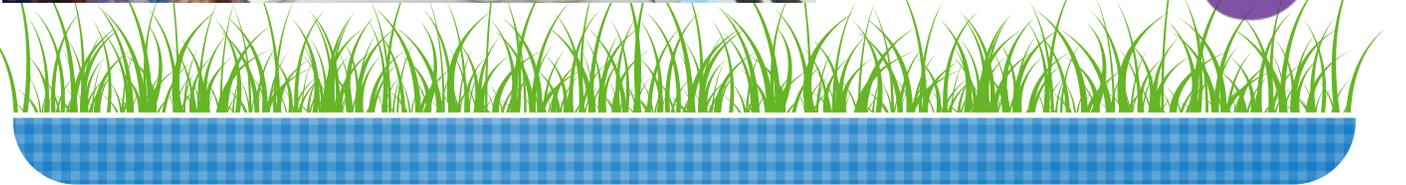
EGMS gratefully occupies the traditional and unceded territory of the QayQayt nation. Our students come not only from Canada, but from all over the world. They all have dreams and passions that evolve through their lifetimes. Together, they play, learn and grow into the people they are meant to be. In our daily pursuits, it is easy to forget that we all follow our path in this beautiful ancestral land. *Xwəsǰəǰíp* symbolizes all the students of EGMS, past, present and future, with all their hopes and dreams, growing together under an invisible, but powerful indigenous framework: the ancestral land we share.

We are thankful to Derek and all that came together to create this visual representation of our land acknowledgement. We are thankful to be able to live, learn and play in this land together, and thankful to Chief Rhonda Larrabee of the QayQayt nation for giving us permission to name our mural.





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Bike to School

We want to say thank you to everyone, students and staff, who participated in Bike To School week! Between May 30th and June 3rd, each homeroom kept a careful count of how many students walked, biked, skateboarded, or scooted to school.

The class with the highest percentage of people using one of these modes of transportation to get to school had a chance to win a pizza party, and that class turned out to be Mrs. Larkin's grade 6/7 class, Team D2. Congratulations D2!

Honorable mention also goes out to D1 for having the highest number of bikers!



Canadian Parents for French: Spring Break Trip 2023!

Parents of students who will be in Grade 7 and 8 French Immersion at EGMS in the 2022-23 school year: We are awaiting the last few details for our proposed Spring Break Trip to Montreal and Quebec City in March 2023. We are hoping to have an info meeting for parents and students before the end of June. If you are at all interested in signing up for the trip or getting more information, please sign up using the form below so we can reach you via email. **Please note that we will not have access to emails sent from the school over the summer, so we must have your email address to be able to contact you ourselves.**

If you have already filled in the form, thank you! You do not need to do so again. Merci!

[FIND THE INTEREST FORM HERE](#)

Sloane Drennan, Chair, CPF-NW

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Grade 8 Exploratory Course Selection

On May 3rd, an email was sent home to parents & guardians of grade 7 students who will be starting grade 8 in the fall, containing instructions on how to choose their Exploratory courses for the coming school year. We encourage our grade 7 parents to complete this form along with their child as soon as possible to help ensure they get the Exploratories they want!

The deadline to complete the form is Tuesday June 21st. If you did not receive this email, or if you are having any difficulties accessing the form via the link provided, please contact the office at Glenbrook@sd40.bc.ca for assistance.

Please Return All Library Books!

The end of the school year is quickly approaching, and our wonderful librarian Ms. Yung would like to remind our families to please return all of their Glenbrook library books as soon as possible—**no later than Thursday June 16th.** Thank you!



THE YEARBOOKS ARE COMING

Our Yearbooks Are Almost Here!

Time is running out to get your hands on the 2021/2022 Glenbrook Yearbook! The online store to purchase has now closed, but we encourage those who are still interested in purchasing any additional copies that come available to **put their names on the waitlist!**

The yearbooks will be arriving at Glenbrook sometime this week, and once they have been counted and organized, they will be distributed to classrooms for teachers to hand out.

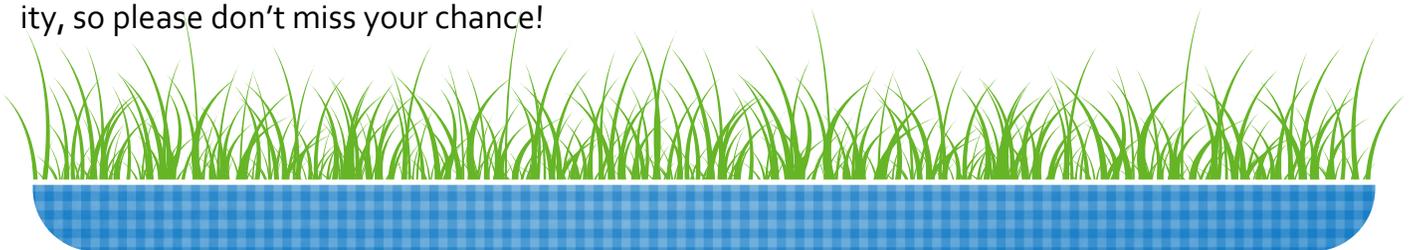
We can't wait for our school community to see the hard work and creativity that Mme. Sprangers and her dedicated yearbook team put into making this special memento for our students!

Gauss Math Contest

Congratulations to everyone who wrote the Gauss Math Test this year! Special congratulations to Terry Wang, who scored 150 out of 150 on the grade 7 test, and to Gwyneth Kim, who scored 132 out of 150 on the grade 8 test.

Lost & Found

With the end of June close at hand, we strongly encourage our students and their families to check the Lost & Found on a regular basis so that they may be reunited with their missing belongings! We have amassed a large collection of water bottles, spring jackets, glasses, and many other items that would like to go back to their original homes. All items that remain unclaimed by the last day of school will be donated to charity, so please don't miss your chance!



EGMS PAC & Grade 8 Grad

The EGMS PAC Executive would like to thank all parents and guardians for your support this past year. Thanks to your generosity through our various fundraisers (including Fun Lunches, Raffles, Purdy's Chocolates, Gift Cards, West Coast Seeds, Me'N'Eds Pizza night, Family Photo Night and so many more), we have been able to support the students and staff of EGMS with field trip funds, classroom requests (such as chairs, plants, equipment) and extra curricular requests (i.e.: band, sports teams).



As well, thanks to the wonderful staff and administration at EGMS, we have also been able to support the students with the following events:

Welcome Back BBQ

First Day of School Activities

Snack Days

Spirit Wear

Entrepreneurial Fair

Last Day of School Treats

We invite and welcome you to the last PAC meeting of the year on Monday, June 20th at 7:30pm. Link for this virtual meeting is below. Come meet the 2022-23 EGMS PAC Executive team!

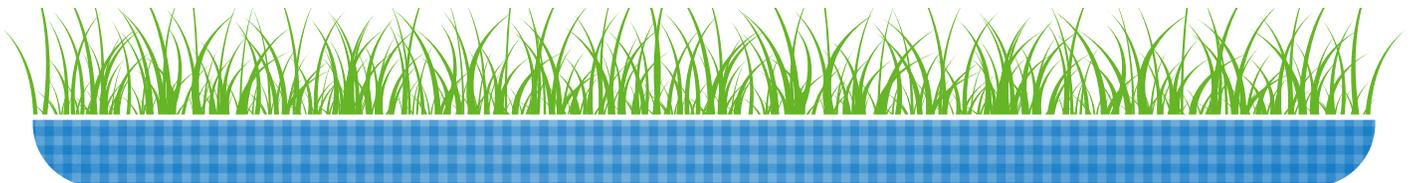
Join Zoom Meeting; Meeting ID: 654 6389 6834, Passcode: e*Ngasek

We wish you all a safe and adventure-filled summer and thank you again for your fantastic support of the students, staff and administration at EGMS!

From your 2021-22 EGMS PAC Executive Team

The grade 8 grad committee would also like to thank everyone who has helped make celebrating our grade 8 students possible! They are very much looking forward to spending a fun-filled afternoon with our grads next week on June 15th at the Backyard Fun Day, held right here at Glenbrook from 11 am to 3 pm.

The more formal Leaving Ceremony for grade 8 students will be held on Tuesday June 28th, and has been divided between one group in the morning and one group in the afternoon as a way to be mindful of crowd size. **The ceremony for Teams E & G will be from 10 to 11:30, and the ceremony for F Team will be from 1:15 to 2:30.** We ask that no more than 2 supporters for each student attend, please; we will provide a live link closer to the day so that other family members can watch the ceremony online!



Track & Field

May saw the beginning of Championship season in Track & Field. All Grades competed at Swangard on May 13. There were some outstanding performances. **Annika Jessome** won the Grade 6 Girls 100m, 400m, and 800m. **Aria Devji** won the 400m, Long Jump, and Shot Put for Grade 7 Girls. **James Ramsay** won the 400m, 800m, and 1500m for the Grade 6 Boys. In Grade 7 Boys, **Desmond Schiebler** won the 400m, 800m, and Long Jump.

After blowing away the competition in the Grade 7 Girls 100m at Swangard, **Olivia Robinson** set the Grade 7 Girls record running a 13.71 at the Jesse Bent Memorial track meet. This time would be good enough to qualify for the Grade 8 Provincial Championships in this event.

The Grade 8s at Swangard had a great day, winning the Bantam Banner by outscoring Moscrop by almost 100 points. **Kiara Malcolm**, who won the 100m, 200m, and Long Jump, and **Rebecca Russell Black**, who won the 400m, 80m Hurdles, and finished 5th in the 100m won the top Bantam female performers of the meet.

The top Grade 8s then advanced to the inaugural Fraser North Zone Track and Field Championships against schools from Coquitlam and Maple Ridge. Our Grade 8 Girls won the first ever Bantam Girls Zone Championship with several very strong performances. **Kiara Malcolm** won the 100m and 200m, **Rebecca Russell Black** won the 400m, **Rosie Haas** won the 800m, **Juno Parkes-Sluis** won the 80m Hurdles, **Angie Chen** won the High Jump, and the Girls team won the 4x100m relay.

Nine athletes qualified for Provincial Championships on June 9-11. **Kiara Malcolm** (100m, 200m, Long Jump), **Audelle-Anne Chang-Vallee** (Hammer Throw), **Kieren Courchaine** (Hammer Throw), **Molly Cyr** (Pole Vault), **Juno Parkes-Sluis** (80m Hurdles), **Rebecca Russell Black** (400m, 80m Hurdles), **Jackson Schiebler** (800m, 1500m, 3000m), and the Girls 4x100m Relay team all qualified by being one of the top 24 athletes in the province.

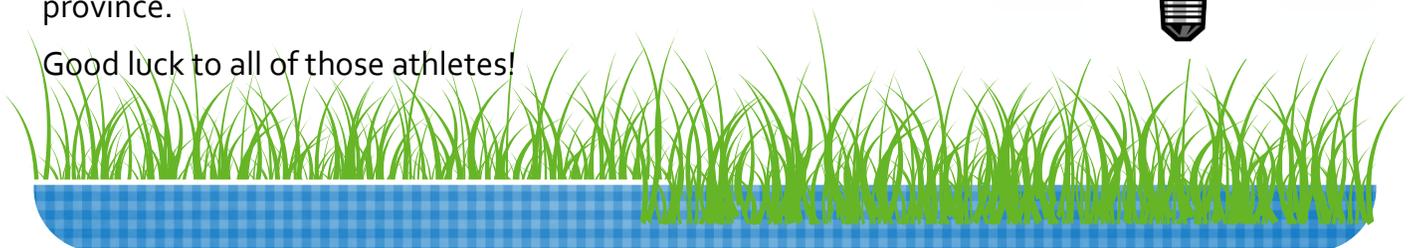
Good luck to all of those athletes!

Thank You for Supporting Our Young Entrepreneurs!

We would like to extend special thanks to all the students, staff, and family members who participated in making the Glenbrook Entrepreneur Fair a success, and for everybody who came out in support of our young entrepreneurs!

Each Entrepreneurial team went into this endeavour planning to donate 10% of their total profits to charity, and we are happy to report that they raised a total of \$390.00 for the BC Children's Hospital Foundation. Great job everyone!

A special thank you as well to Ms. Chan, Ms. Trieu, and Mrs. Jurgensen for organizing the fair this year.



New Westminster Youth Services: What's Happening This Summer?

Summer 2022

Effective July 2

Schedules are subject to change without notice

YOUTH DROP-IN SCHEDULE					
Effective July 2, 2022					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
YOUTH CENTRE • 620 Eighth Street • 604.515.3801 • 11 - 18 YEARS					
Youth Drop-in 12:30 - 9:00 pm	Youth Drop-in 12:30 - 9:00 pm	Youth Drop-in 12:30 - 9:00 pm	Youth Drop-in 12:30 - 9:00 pm	Youth Drop-in 12:30 - 9:00 pm	Youth Drop-in 12:30 - 9:00 pm
	Youth DJ Program 3:30 - 5:30 pm		Music Scene Jam Session 6:30 - 8:30 pm	Fresh Friday 12:30 - 9:00 pm	
See Youth Fitness times on page 9. Register for Youth Centre fitness centre at newwestcity.ca/youthdropin					
QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE • 920 Ewen Avenue • 604.515.3801 • 11 - 18 YEARS					
Youth Drop-in 3:30 - 6:30 pm		Youth Drop-in 3:30 - 6:30 pm		Youth Drop-in 3:30 - 10:00 pm	
Gym Drop-in 3:30 - 6:30 pm		Gym Drop-in 3:30 - 6:30 pm		Gym Drop-in 3:30 - 5:30 pm	
				Basketball 5:30 - 10:00 pm	



YOUTH SWIM FRIDAY JUNE 17
@MOODY PARK OUTDOOR POOL 6:30 - 8:45 PM
\$2.00 admission, registration required: 145890
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New West Youth.ca NEW WESTMINSTER Parks & Recreation



SUMMER SOLSTICE DANCE
SATURDAY, JUNE 25 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Age 11-13, @ Moody Park Lacrosse Box
Tickets must be purchased in advance: \$10.00
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Have questions about the summer programs, or about New West Youth Services in general? Visit their website at New West Youth to learn all about their programming and events! You can also reach out to the City Youth Services Coordinator Silisha Ali at sali@newwestcity.ca, or to Rhianon Foxcroft, the Assistant Program Coordinator, at rfoxcroft@newwestcity.ca. A New West Youth **annual membership pass** is only \$20.00 for 12 months, and it gets your child into all drop-in programs, as well as special events all year long.



The **last day of drop-in at EGMS will be Friday June 24th**, where the youth will be planning a fun event for their peers.

As of the last day of school, ALL middle school students will be able to attend youth drop-in at the Youth Centre throughout the summer. The Youth Centre will be open 12:30-9:00 Monday-Saturday in the summer months and the cost is \$1.00 or free with membership. The New Westminster Youth Centre is located at 620 Eighth Street, at the edge of Moody Park.

Youth Services also has some fun pre-registered program offerings for youth this summer:

Youth Extreme Adventure Camp (11- 16 years)

Try new things, challenge yourself and explore the outdoors! Activities will run rain or shine. Participants should bring lunch, snacks, water, rain gear, and bathing suit and towel where appropriate. Day trips are subject to change.

Held Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

July 18 - 22

*Monday - Biking the Seawall — Tuesday - Playland — Wednesday - Fear Factor challenge — Thursday - Hike —
Friday - Wildplay*

August 8 - 11

Monday - Big Splash — Tuesday - Playland — Wednesday - Amazing Race — Thursday - Hike — Friday - Stand up Paddle boarding

Registration Fee: \$250.00 / per 5 classes

Babysitter Boot Day Camp (11 - 14 years)

An excellent opportunity to 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.

Queensborough Community Centre 604.515.3801

Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

July 11 - 15

August 15 - 19

Registration Fee: \$111.25 / 5 days

Please visit this link to register for these courses and more!



As a school, we would like to take a moment to honour the achievements of two of our wonderful Wellness Team staff members, who have recently won awards for their important contributions to our schools, as well as to the wider New Westminster community.

Mrs. Tina Smith, who has been a Child & Youth Care Worker at Glenbrook for several years, was presented with the Adult Ally Award as part of the New West Youth Services 2022 Youth awards.

This award represents her outstanding services to and connections with the youth of Glenbrook, particularly as an ally to our LGBTQIA2s+ youth as an organizing member of the Glenbrook Gender & Sexuality Alliance. She is a deeply warm, caring, and fun person who is a highly valued member of our staff and the New Westminster community.

Congratulations Mrs. Smith on your well-deserved win!



Mr. Lee Laufer is an Indigenous Youth worker not only here at Glenbrook, but at Fraser River Middle School and New Westminster Secondary as well!

Lee was presented with the Murray Goldman Legacy Award by Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Greater Vancouver at their Big Night of Stars event. This award honours the myriad of ways that Lee and his colleagues have contributed to uplifting Indigenous Education as part of the New Westminster School District, as well as the vitally important connections they make with our students and families. Lee is a kind and outgoing person with a great sense of humour, and his influence here is greatly appreciated by all of our staff and students!

Congratulations Lee on this award!

