



GLANFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 1, 2005

Greetings to all **GMS** families!
Welcome back from Spring Break and Easter Holidays. We hope the time away from school allowed you to relax and spend quality time together. We are now into our third and final term of the school year - the **GMS** staff are ready to go and are delighted to reconnect with their students. Third term will be busy for everyone - here we go !

Transition Events for **GMS**

With this being the final term for the school year, we are talking about plans for next year! All of our grade eight **GMS** students know which secondary school they will be attending; the majority of our students will be attending **Spectrum Secondary** or **Reynolds Secondary** Schools in the Greater Victoria School District.

Principals and counselors will be visiting our students from those secondary schools to assist them with course selection for grade 9 next Thursday, April 7th at 11:15 AM - forms will accompany each

grade 8 student home with this information. For those grade 8 students that have made application to attend District Programs for Grade 9 (Flexible Studies, Challenge, Soccer Academy, Hockey Academy), response letters have now been sent to each applicant. On Thursday, May 19th, the school district will be having a Transition Day; it is this day that our grade eight students will have an opportunity to visit their chosen secondary school (more details to follow). It is hard to believe that in just a few short months, our grade 8s will be Secondary School students!

With respect to incoming students to **GMS** for next year, we are delighted to report that approximately 120 students entering grade six are expected to join us at **GMS** in September 2005! There will also be some new students for grade 7 and 8 for next year as well. This is fantastic! **Mr. Scigliano** and **Mrs. Wooster** will be visiting Grade 5

students at **Northridge, Rogers, McKenzie and Strawberry Vale** Elementary Schools the week of April 25th - 29th. Parents of the grade five students that will be attending **GMS** in September 2005 have been invited to attend our next **GMS PAC meeting**, scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th, at 7 PM - all **GMS** parents, of course, are welcome to attend this meeting as well! On the District Transition Day, May 19th, we will be hosting a welcome event at **GMS** for all students that will be new to our school in September of 2005. Transition events will keep us hopping during the next few months!

Chocolate Sales Fundraiser

Many thanks go to all **GMS** students and families that put forth a great effort to sell chocolates for this year's major fundraising endeavor. All profits realized will be announced at upcoming PAC meetings and will be completely used to provide some of the extra-special opportunities for **GMS** kids that they may otherwise not receive. Congratulations to the student winners of the draw prizes from the fundraising event - **Robert Kennedy, Brodie Oliver, Joaquin Gito, Morgan Ellis, Jason Parker, Brodie Oliver and Megan Docouto Palamar**. A tremendous effort was put out by our parent leader **Shannon Sartori**, our PAC



chairperson **Audrey Smith**, our PAC Treasurer Tracy Oliver, and by our office staff - **Mrs. Craig** and **Mrs. Ashlee**. Thanks so much!

Athletics @ **GMS**

Mr. Bedard, assisted by **Mr. Brooker**, have started three rugby teams at the school - Grade 8 boys, Grade 6/7 boys, and Grade 6/7/8 Girls. The teams are learning the basic skills of the game of rugby while an emphasis is being placed on safety and respect for the game. **Mrs. Rushton**, assisted by **Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Paul**, have started a field hockey team at the school as well, and they are delighted to be working with interested girls in grades 6 and 7. Letters from the staff have gone home now with further information to those **GMS** students expressing an interest in these teams.



Plant Sale @ **GMS**

Attached to this newsletter you will find information regarding our upcoming plant sale. The flowers from Marigold Nurseries are always of exceptional quality, and will assuredly make wonderful Mother's Day gifts! If you wish to purchase any of the flower offerings, please submit orders by April 13th. This school sponsored fundraiser is taking the place of the once talked



about "School wide Garage Sale", and all profits will be used to offset year end outings for our grade 6-8 students. We have now completed collecting phone books - thanks to those of you that sent your books in; we are looking for a parent volunteer with a pick-up truck that might be able to assist us in the delivery of the phone books - if you can help out, please contact the office.

District Survey Information

The Greater Victoria School District is surveying parents of newly opened Middle Schools in the district, **GMS** being one, to collect data regarding satisfaction levels. Please complete the attached survey and have your child return it to his/her teacher as soon as possible. We look forward to receiving your input!



Upcoming Important Dates

Tuesday, April 5th

- Bunnies Team attends World Curling Championships at Save on Foods Memorial Center, 9 AM - WOW!;
- **GMS** PAC meeting in our Library 7 PM - all parents welcome to attend



Wednesday, April 6th

- 7:30 p.m. - Both Reynolds and Spectrum Community School Parent Evenings for all

prospective Gr. 9 students attending Spectrum/Reynolds in September 2005.

Wednesday, April 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th

- Mini-Exploratories Rotation 2 Thursday, April 7th -

- Grade 9 representatives from Spectrum and Reynolds Secondary Schools here to assist our grade 8s with course selections for next year

Friday, April 15th

- Completed Course selection forms for Spectrum are due at **GMS** this morning.

Friday, April 22nd

- Non-Instructional Day - no school in session; **GMS** Staff will be attending the Middle Years Association of British Columbia's MYABC Conference for Middle School Educators, Abbotsford BC - Great PRO-D!

Monday, April 25th - Friday, April 29th

- Mr. Scigliano and Mrs. Wooster visit neighborhood Elementary school grade 5 students

See you in and around **GMS** !

Mr. Scigliano, Principal,
Mrs. Wooster, Vice-Principal

CHILDREN WHO EAT RELATIVELY BALANCED DIETS BECOME ADULTS WHO EAT RELATIVELY BALANCED DIETS

Good eating and fitness habits early in life will affect health not only in childhood, but also for years to come. Many habits formed in the early years carry on into adult life.

Children learn through early experiences and by imitating the adults they spend time with. Children are not born with food likes and dislikes. These are learned through family interactions.

Parents or caregivers can support their child to have good eating patterns by serving brightly coloured vegetables and fruits, good sources of calcium like milk, fortified soy, or rice drinks, having protein at most meals and snacks, and serving whole grains. This will help set early patterns of eating that will affect your child's health into their adult years.

For more nutrition information call 1-800-667-3438 or visit www.dialadietitian.org.

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FLUORIDE TOOTHPASTE

Daily use of fluoride toothpaste is a cheap and easy way to protect children's teeth from decay. A dab of toothpaste the size of the child's baby fingernail, used twice each day is all you need.

Just spit out after brushing – don't rinse! This will allow small amounts of fluoride to stay in the mouth. The fluoride will help reverse areas of early tooth decay.

Toothpastes with special adult ingredients such as "anti-tartar", "whitening", and "anti-bacterial" agents are not recommended for children under 12.

For more information contact:

- your local Health Unit
- BC Nurse Line 1-866-215-4700

Health Units			
Esquimalt	360-5600	Salt Spring Island	538-4880
Outer Gulf Islands	539-3099	Sooke	642-5464
Peninsula	544-2400	Victoria	388-2200
Saanich	744-5100	West Shore	478-1757

Glanford Middle School

6-8 Middle School Satisfaction Survey

Respondent: Parent Staff Student Gr. 6 Gr. 7 Gr. 8

Please only one of the 4 ratings.

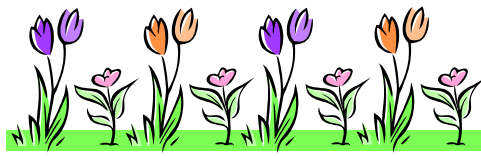
		Does not meet expectations	Minimally meets expectations	Fully meets expectations	Exceeds expectations
①	Glanford Middle School is an enjoyable place to be.				
②	Glanford Middle School is a safe place to be.				
③	Glanford Middle School offers a wide variety of programs for students.				
④	Glanford Middle School meets the developmental needs of students.				
⑤	The staff at Glanford Middle School appear to be committed to the education and development of students.				
⑥	Glanford Middle School maintains effective communication with the school community.				

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6-8 Middle School Satisfaction Survey

Please comment:

<p>⑦</p>	<p>List the strengths of Glanford Middle School as a 6-8 school.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>⑧</p>	<p>For future school planning, Glanford Middle School could consider the following:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



Bedding plants in time for spring planting!
Hanging baskets for Mother's Day!

If you wish to purchase any of the following items please complete the order form below and return with a cheque (payable to Glanford Middle School) or cash no later than Wednesday, April 13th. Orders will be available for pickup on Wednesday, May 4th between 2 and 6 p.m. or Thursday, May 5th between 3 and 5 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the school.

We will be buying these items from Marigold Nurseries. All annuals are sold by the flat **only** - size 606 - 6 packs of 6 plants (total of 36 plants) to a flat. All funds raised will be going to offset costs of year end activities for the students, ie. Camping trips, waterslides, etc.

Description	Quantity	Cost	Total
4" Zonal Geraniums - assorted		\$2.50 each	
Marigold Potting Soil (sterilized) - approx. 40 lb. bag		\$6.00 each	
10" Mixed Hanging Basket (contains geraniums, petunias, lobelias, marigold, asst. basket stuffers)		\$15.00 Each	
Petunias Red		\$12.00	
Petunias White		\$12.00	
Petunias Pink		\$12.00	
Petunias Mixed		\$12.00	
Double Petunias Mixed		\$12.00	
Cascade Petunias Mixed		\$12.00	
Marigolds 6 - 8" Orange		\$12.00	
Marigolds 6 - 8" Yellow		\$12.00	
Lobelia Blue Trailing		\$12.00	
Lobelia Blue Upright		\$12.00	
Fibrous Begonia Assorted		\$12.00	
Impatiens Mixed		\$12.00	

Total order \$ _____

Student Name _____ Advisory _____