

# GLANFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Hello **GMS** Families! On behalf of the entire **GMS** staff, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! With only two weeks of school remaining before the Winter Break, we wanted to share some important information with you regarding upcoming initiatives and special events around **GMS**. Please read carefully – there are some fun ways for **GMS** parents to get involved with the school – we hope you can!

### Mark your calendar for:

Tonight! 7PM – GMS PAC meeting in our library – all parents welcome!  
Wednesday and Thursday this week – Parent/Teacher conferences  
Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – Band and Strings Concert – 7 PM  
Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast and Pyjama Day!

### Pancake Breakfast and Pyjama Day!

We are celebrating the Winter Break with a number of fun activities at the school, including a **GMS** Pancake Breakfast and Pyjama Day! The Saanich Lions will be assisting us with the event, and PARENT HELPERS are needed. Please call the office (479-7179) if you are interested and able to assist on that day during either, or both, of the following times:

7:30 AM – 8:45 AM

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM



The **GMS Community Outreach Leadership** group has chosen to focus upon helping to feed and clothe needy people in our Victoria community. We hope that you will support their Christmas drive to collect goods over the remaining days before the school holiday. Items will be collected each morning and will be delivered to The Mustard Seed Food Bank, The Open Door Shelter, and inner-city schools. The following is a list of suggested articles:

**MUSTARD SEED** - Food: tinned or dry foods, tea, coffee, juice

**OPEN DOOR** – Clothing such as warm hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, socks, jackets, blankets, sweaters, etc. Toiletries such as toothpaste/toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, shaving cream/razors/shampoo, deodorant, handcream, etc.

**Cash Donations** can be made in the office and will support Mustard Seed and Open Door  
**INNER-CITY SCHOOLS** need children's clothing, including socks, trousers, sweatshirts, jackets, hats, scarves and gloves - Thank you!

### Mini-Exploratory Blocks Start in January!

We are very excited to start our first round of mini-exploratory blocks for **GMS** students! These blocks are offered to enrich the middle school experience for all involved. Immediately following the winter break, students will be presented with an array of offerings to choose from. Students will be multi-aged according to their interests, and will attend four blocks of mini-exploratory sessions for each rotation. The rotations will be on Wednesdays, and the dates for the first rotation are January 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and February 9<sup>th</sup>. Parents that have a hobby, a passion, or skill that is appropriate and fun to share with Middle School kids are asked to call Mr. Scigliano (479-7179) to “explore” the idea! We hope to hear from you!

### February 22<sup>nd</sup> – A special day of recreation for GMS students!

Although it is some time away, we wanted to let families know that we are planning a special day for **GMS** students on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005. All students will be given the option of attending a one day ski trip to Mt. Washington on that day, or, if they prefer, spend the day at the school where special events will be happening. Final plans have not yet been made for students choosing to be at **GMS** the day of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005. Students choosing to be at school that day will have a recreational activity planned for them to enjoy.

