



GLANFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hello Everyone!



This is the final newsletter of this school year. We bring the 2004/2005 school year to a close and reflect on the past ten months. Our first year as a middle school has truly exceeded expectations. By partnering parents with the talented staff at **Glanford Middle School**, we have worked hard to enrich the lives of all students. We have placed an emphasis on intellectual, emotional, social, artistic, musical, and physical development for all learners. We have worked together in the interest of our children, guiding them, encouraging them, and praising them. Together, we have promoted the joy of learning this year at **GMS** - we should all feel proud of this! As the Principal of the school, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to parents and school staff for their collaborative work on behalf of all of our students. Together, I know you have a positive daily influence on our students – our students have been the benefactors.

It has been a joy working with the **GMS** students in our inaugural year! Back in September, we knew our challenge would be to have students from eleven different schools come together as one. Quickly, we set the tone for a respectful,

high achieving school culture. The awesome students of our school have truly been the reason we can celebrate the wonderful year we have had – thanks to each and every one of you.

We encourage you to spend quality time with your family as we enter the summer vacation period. The summer months provide kids with time to reflect on this year's activities and to rejuvenate for their next year of schooling. Spending time with friends, relaxing, and trying new things that there typically isn't enough time to try will undoubtedly be high on everyone's agenda this summer! All the best to each of you - thank you for helping to make this school year a special one.

Track and Field

We had many **GMS** students participate in this year's track and field events. Thanks so much to Ms. Chiappetta, Mrs. Javorski, and all staff and parents that assisted and drove our athletes to their events. Your efforts allowed for another unique learning opportunity for our students. Congratulations to **ALL PARTICIPANTS**, – we are proud of your athletic accomplishments!



Year End Celebrations and Assemblies

Our final Retro Assembly of the year was a highlight! We were treated to a number of musical presentations – the band shared their talents with us, **Ms. Brown and Mr. Bedard's** class performed a ukulele tune, **Mr. Brooker's** class delighted us with a percussion medley, **Joe W., Nick F., and Luke D.** shared their rock talents, **Carter G.** performed a cool tune, **Molly D.** led a wonderful rendition of "Louie Louie", and the **GMS** crowd was treated to a live presentation by the up and coming rock band "**Smooch**", comprised of the sons of rock legends "Kiss". These guys were good – the cow bell is still resonating its sounds of "*I Want to Rock and Roll All Night*" in our gymnasium! The parents in attendance were brought back in time by 30 years – great to see! As this was the final retro assembly of the year, **Mrs. Wooster** had a number



of students dress up **Mr. Scigliano** in Canadian attire – good wishes were extended by the students for a wonderful year off. Thanks everyone – your good wishes mean a great deal to me! The final assembly planned for 9AM Wednesday June 29th will be an opportunity to present year end recognition to our students – parents welcome to attend.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Monday – Thursday, June 20th to 23rd – all lost and found articles need to be claimed during this week, as leftovers will be donated to charity
- Thursday, June 23rd – Fun Day afternoon planned by The Hippy Hoopla Team

- Friday, June 24th - All Classes to Water Slides
- Tuesday, June 28th – Grade 8 Year End Event planned, 11:30 AM – 3 PM
- Wednesday, June 29th – Last day of school for students; final assembly 9 AM
- Tuesday, September 6th – First day of school for the 2005/06 school year

Some final thoughts . . .

Thank-you goes out to all **GMS** parents and families for your ongoing support and commitment to our school this year. Working with the parent executive of the **GMS PAC**, with **Audrey Smith** as chairperson, has been a wonderful partnership and strong foundation for the future. We have been blessed to have worked with exceptional children and supportive families. A tremendous thank-you goes out to the **GMS** staff for embracing the exemplary middle school model and for your commitment to our students and to learning. Your contributions to this learning community are to be commended. It has been an honor to be your Principal this year. Our school welcomes **Mr. Wayne Hunter** as Principal next year to join **Mrs. Wooster** on the administrative team for the school, as I begin my year sabbatical to spend time with my family. I wish all of you nothing but the best in the upcoming school year and in the future, and feel blessed to be able to return to **GMS** as your Principal once again for the 2006/07 school year.

On behalf of the Glanford Middle School staff, have a great summer, everyone!

Mr. L. Scigliano, Principal

