



GLANFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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THE FINISH!

"Teaching is leaving a vestige of oneself in the development of another. And surely the student is bank where you can deposit your most precious treasures." Eugene P. Bertin

I thank Shannon Bowles, a member of our PAC Executive for a very appropriate year end quote.

GMS' second year as a middle school has been a composite of growth, discovery, and challenge blended with school culture, academic learning and fun. Hopefully all of us - students, parents and staff - have enriched our lives through learning and relationships. We have promoted the joy of learning this year at GMS - we should all feel proud of this! As the "stand-in" Principal of GMS I thank the PAC, under the leadership of Audrey Smith, and staff for their collaborative work on behalf of our students. My time with the GMS family was mainly guided by two of the GMS "stars" - Elaine Wooster and Teri Craig.

Next year will see the return of Mr. Scigliano as Principal as well as an array of new students and challenges. The GMS framework is well in place.... Good luck with the interior design and decorating.

Best wishes for success and good health to our grade 8 students as they forge their way to the halls of high school learning ... a new beginning!

Enjoy your summer time as a family. Hopefully the extra rest, called sleep in pre-adolescent language, will allow time for reflection and rejuvenation as the 2006/07 school year approaches. On behalf of the Glanford Middle School staff, thank you, good health and success in whatever you do.

G. Wayne Hunter, Principal



Dates:

- Friday, June 23 - School wide trip to the waterslides
- Tuesday, June 27 - Fun day being organized by Gr. 8's
- Wednesday, June 28 - Gr. 8 lunch and dance
- Thursday, June 29 - Student recognition assembly at 9 am, report cards go home - last day of school for students
- Tuesday, September 5, 2006 - First day of school - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Please check out the inside of your child's report card envelope for a list of important dates and times for next year as well as a school supply list for students entering Gr. 7 and 8. Also included is a form to order a new lock and/or an agenda book for September. Only students new to GMS pay the textbook deposit.

Staff "Bon Voyage"

There are a number of staff moving to new ventures and adventures next year. We thank all of them for their professional and personal caring of our young people. As colleagues they have enriched everyone's life at GMS.



Doug Durrance - retires!
After 17 years at Glanford Mr. Durrance moves into the next stage of his life. No more Report cards or Staff meetings. Doug was a major 'player' in the development of GMS as a middle school. His excellent input to this

project and the education of hundreds of children is a measure of the true professional. Our children have been blessed by Doug's educational and personal 'magic'.

Barbara Macaulay moves to Hillcrest and the K to 5 atmosphere. Mrs. Macaulay has spent the last 15 years at Glanford and was also very much a part of the planning and transition process of our new middle school.



Barbara's stability and excellent teaching practices have benefited many Glanford students ranging from grades Kindergarten to 7. A truly warm and caring professional. Thank you Mrs. Macaulay for your caring and positive outlook to education and all the challenges it brings each year. The Glanford families truly appreciate you and wish you best of luck at Hillcrest. You will be missed.

A number of other staff have helped us this past year or two and will also be moving in new directions. **Lorraine Powell**, who took over for Mrs. Margetts' maternity leave will be going on maternity leave herself. Mrs. Powell has done an excellent job of jumping into our grade 8 team. We thank her for her part in keeping the grade 8 ship upright. A great "Medieval Fair" and bonne chance a vous et votre famille.



Our Educational Assistants, **Elaine Bayles**, at GMS the past 2 years, **Pat Johnson, Ted Gamble, Naomi Koopmans, Beth Powell** and **Amanda Starchuk**, this year, move onto other schools as the Special Education student contingent has decreased from the 2006/07 year. Their support in our classrooms and individually with our Special Education students was greatly appreciated. Educational Assistants also ensure our playground and halls are safe places to be as they are the 'eyes and ears' of supervision. Our GMS students and staff are grateful for your dedication, consistency, teamwork and caring.

... as Shrek says, "Change is good". The GMS family wishes everyone of these people success and good health as they move forward in their lives.

SPECIAL THANKS - "Field of Dreams"

To Audrey Smith of the PAC executive, Dave Douglas of the

neighbourhood group, Skyler Smith, our students 'petition' leader, and the Board of School Trustees for revisiting our field issue. The Board of trustees voted unanimously in favour of turning our "all weather" gravel field into a grass field. Soil and seeding should happen sooner rather than later. A big thanks goes out to the students for their petition, the trustees said it was an important piece of information. Thanks to the staff for making the petition available, and even incorporating it into advisory time. It showed that the students cared and were interested in getting involved. Also thanks to all of the parents that sent in a survey and to the staff for willingly answering questions, those results were key to the argument that Middle School is no place for a gravel practice field. Glanford Middle School continues to be "The place to be". Thanks to all of you well done.



Prevention Services

Avoid the sun between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm.
If your children are outdoors between these times teach them to:

- SEEK** out the shade
- SLIP** on clothing that covers arms and legs
- SLAP** on a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses
- SLOP** on sunscreen with SPF #30 or higher
- SLURP** lots of water

Remember that babies under one year of age should not be in the sun.
For more information contact:

- your local Health Unit
- <http://www.dermatology.ca/english/sun/index.html>
- BC Nurse Line 1-866-215-4700

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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