



GLANFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 14, 2006

Greetings to all Glanford Families!

We are well underway with the Exemplary Middle School Model here at **GMS!** Your child is part of an **advisory program** as well as a team within the school. Our **exploratory program** is now in full swing, and we have launched into our academic programs in all grades. Homework routines are being established in every advisory, and **GMS** students have indeed shown themselves to be a privilege to work with. Our band program under the direction of Mr. Fello, and our Strings Program under the direction of Mr. Wellby, have both kicked off with a bang! We are in for a great year at **GMS!** As a reminder, should your child be absent, please call the attendance line (479-5032) and leave a message there.

Glanford's Open House



Our Family Barbecue / Meet the **GMS** Staff evening and welcome back to school is next Wednesday evening, September 20th! We invite all **GMS** families to take part in the event. **Dismissal** from school on that day is 12:01 PM, and families are invited to attend from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Please see the attached notice for additional information. This is our first opportunity to create the important relationship between school and home- see you next Wednesday night!

Glanford's Staff for 2006/07

Mr. Scigliano - Principal
Mrs. Wooster - Vice-Principal & Gr. 7 -B1
Mr. Beech - Gr. 8 - A1
Mr. Brooker - Gr. 8 - A2
Mrs. Kind - Gr. 8 - A3
Ms. Cannon - Gr. 8 - A4
Ms. Durrance - Gr. 7 - B1
Mr. Dailyde - Gr. 7 - B2
Mr. Seaberg - Gr. 7 - B3
Mr. Allsopp - Gr. 7 - B4
Mrs. Kidd - Gr. 6 - C1
Ms. Brown - Gr. 6 - C2
Mrs. Norbury - Gr. 6 - C3
Mrs. Rushton - Gr. 6 - C4
Mrs. McKillop - Gr. 6 - C5
Mrs. Battie - Counsellor
Mrs. Routley - Speech & Language
Ms. Ishikawa - Occupational Therapist
Ms. MacAulay - Physical Therapist
Ms. Chiappetta - Learning Support teacher
Mrs. Ohl - Art Exploratory & Learning Support
Mr. Shaw - Woodwork Exploratory
Mr. Weston - Technology Exploratory (Gr. 6)
Mrs. Vander Ende - Home Ec Exploratory
Mr. Fello - Music Exploratory, Band & Gifted
Mr. Welby - Strings
Mr. Schmitt - Day Custodian
Mrs. Wiggins - Computer Tech.
Ms. Craig - Admin. Assistant
Mrs. Reicker - Account Clerk
Mrs. Hall - Educational Assistant
Mrs. O'Connor - Educational Assistant
Mrs. Shewchuk - Educational Assistant
Mrs. Cassidy - Educational Assistant
Mrs. Turner - Educational Assistant

Glanford's Athletes

Extra-curricular events have now begun at **GMS** in the area of athletics. We have Cross Country for all interested runners sponsored by Ms. Brown and Mrs. Reicker. Dates for Cross Country have been determined - Sept. 21 @ Lambrick Park, Sept. 27 @ Beaver Lake, Oct. 4 @ Beacon Hill Park, and Oct. 12 @ Cedar Hill. Grade 8 boy's soccer is sponsored by Mr. Fello & Mr. Leischner, Grade 8 girl's soccer with Mr. Scigliano, Grade 6/7 boy's soccer with Ms. Cannon and Mr. Seaberg, and Grade 6/7 girl's soccer with Ms. Chiappetta and Mrs. McKillop. Notices with details of these extra-curricular opportunities will be coming home with each student participating.

Glanford's Web Page

We are very proud of the school web page we have for our school, and wish to thank Mr. Brooker for his leadership in this area. Parents are encouraged to have a look at the web page by going to <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/school/glanford/sites/pages/home.htm>

There you will find the most amazing resources and information about our great school! We will be posting school newsletters on the web page. We wish to thank the many families that have replied to our first newsletter and have now provided advisory teachers with their **e-mail addresses**. We will be collating those into a mailing list and sending future newsletters electronically. This will assist in assuring greater communication between school and home, and also **really** help save our environment!

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, September 19th - Grade 8 Team day at Camp Thunderbird; Gr. 7's Dragon Boating
- Wednesday, September 20th - Family Barbecue and Meet the Teacher night, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

- Thursday, September 21st - individual photos for students done by Gibson's Studios
- Monday, September 25th - Non-Instructional Day - school is not in session for students
- Wednesday, September 27th - Our first "**Retro Assembly**", 1 PM
- Tuesday, October 3rd - **GMS PAC Meeting**, 7 PM in Library - all parents welcome
- Monday, October 11th - Thanksgiving Day, school not in session
- Friday, October 22nd - Provincial Non-Instructional Day - school not in session

Fundraising @ GMS

Like most schools, Glanford Middle School and the **GMS PAC** take on a variety of fundraisers during the school year to support our programs. We are aware of the importance of timing, so that families are not overwhelmed by too many fundraisers happening at the same time. We have this issue of concern as a goal for ourselves this year and will be working with the **PAC** to try to be as coordinated as possible in our fundraising efforts. We have started the year off with the sale of **Entertainment Books**, which is the single, largest fundraising effort that **GMS** staff will do this year. In past years, funds have been used to purchase school uniforms and update the computer lab. Our target this year is to raise \$3000. Please note for every five books sold, your family receives a **FREE** book and your child receives a school prize. In addition, for each book sold, students have their names entered into a draw for amazing prizes, including iPods, a telephone, stereo, and others. Any questions regarding Entertainment Book sales, please contact Mrs. Wooster, Vice-Principal.

See you in and around Glanford!

Louie Scigliano, Principal

Elaine Wooster, Vice-Principal

School Hours for 2006/2007

Supervision begins - 8:10 a.m.
Morning classes begin - 8:40 a.m.
Nutrition Break - 10:01 to 10:16 a.m.
Lunch break - 12:08 to 12:58 p.m.
Dismissal - 2:58 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
 - 2:01 p.m. Wed.
Supervision ends - 3:13 p.m. / 2:16 p.m. (Wed.)

Calendar for 2006/2007

2006

- Tuesday, September 5th - School Opening
- Monday, September 25th - Non-instructional day
- Wednesday, September 20th - 12:08 p.m. dismissal - P/T Conference
- Monday, October 9th - Thanksgiving holiday
- Friday, October 20th - Non-instructional day
- Monday, November 13th - Remembrance Day
- Friday, December 1st - Report cards sent home
- Wednesday, December 6th - 12:08 p.m. dismissal - P/T Conferences
- Thursday, December 7th - 1:58 p.m. dismissal - P/T Conferences
- Friday, December 22nd - Last day of school prior to Winter Break

2007

- Monday, January 8th - School re-opens after Winter Break
- Monday, January 22nd - Non-instructional day
- Friday, February 16th - Non-instructional day
- Friday, March 16th - Reports cards sent home
- Friday, March 16th - Last day of school prior to Spring Break
- Monday, March 26th - School re-opens after Spring Break
- Wednesday, April 4th - 12:08 p.m. dismissal - P/T Conferences
- Friday, April 6th - Good Friday
- Monday, April 9th - Easter Monday
- Friday, April 20th - Non-instructional day
- Friday, May 18th - Non-instructional day
- Monday, May 21st - Victoria Day Holiday
- Thursday, June 28th - Last day of school for students



GLANFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL BARBEQUE & OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, September 20th
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

MENU: Gourmet Hot Dog
Can of Pop
Bag of Chips
Dessert Selection

Glanford Middle School, together with the *GMS PAC*, invite your family to join us for an informal barbeque and "Meet the Teacher" evening next Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. The barbeque is 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - teachers will be in their classrooms from 6:35 to 7:30 p.m. Any families that can assist with desserts are requested to send their dessert to the school on Wednesday morning. Squares, loaves, cookies and other finger desserts would be appreciated.

Tickets: Single Gourmet Dog Meal \$2.00
 (includes hot dog, pop, chips and dessert)
 Pop, chips, hot dogs - individually \$1.00

Tickets will be sold at the door only. Correct change would be appreciated. Please remember to bring blankets or lawn chairs for the picnic.

