



GLANFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 31, 2008

Greetings to all GMS families!

We hope that you took some time to relax and unwind during Spring Break! It is time to start our third and final term of the school year.

Spring Break was a time to relax and recharge - now it is time to get into our third term. The teachers at our school have taken time to articulate the progress of every student on the second term report cards. The reports that came home are important for students and their families - celebrate your successes, and think clearly while acting upon the goal areas set for third term. Middle School is an exciting time for everyone and there are numerous opportunities for development. The third term will continue to bring these many opportunities, and a focus on intellectual development will continue to be of importance as staff plan their lessons.

With the improvement in weather, we encourage more students to walk or cycle to and from **GMS**. If you are riding to and from school, please remember to wear your helmet, walk your bicycle on the school property, and lock up your bicycle in the designated bicycle racks.



GMS PAC Fundraising Effort

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the **GMS PAC** and all of the parents/students/staff that have diligently worked hard on behalf of our learning community by taking part in this year's chocolate fundraising event. Under the leadership and tireless efforts of parents Gary and Audrey Smith, **many** of the parents of our school community came together to make this year's chocolate sale a huge success! The profits made by this effort are in turn used to support our programs for **GMS** kids in their entirety. We know that the students have also worked hard by selling the chocolates, and a huge thanks goes out to all that worked so hard to support this important endeavor!



Upcoming Athletic Opportunities at GMS

We have introduced three new sports for students to take part in at our school. Field Hockey is being offered by **Mrs. Rushton**. Rugby is being offered by **Mr. Seaburg**. Additionally, students interested in playing badminton can do so under the leadership of **Mr. Leischner**. Students are encouraged to try something new – you just might fall in love with a new sport! Thanks in advance to the parents that assist us with our teams and with the transportation that is required for games.

PARENTS: Please note that once the three sports mentioned above are complete, we will be offering **Track and Field** to the **GMS** students. We would very much appreciate Parent Volunteers to assist us with Track and Field this year. Practices could occur before school, at lunch time, or after school, depending on parent and coach availability. Parents are needed to assist students with practicing their various running events in particular, as well as the three field events that we will be offering – high jump, long jump, and shot put. We have staff members keen to work along side parent volunteers for the upcoming track and field season. We will also need the assistance of parents up at UVIC on a few evenings in May/June when the actual events occur. So, if you are interested in helping us out with Track and Field this year, please contact Mr. Scigliano (479-7179) or by e-mail: lscigliano@sd61.bc.ca .

Planning for September, 2008

We are making plans for our school organization for next year. It is imperative for us to know if a **current grade 6 or 7 GMS child** is moving / not returning to Glanford Middle School in September. If this is the case for your family, please advise Mr. Scigliano (479-7179) or by e-mail: lscigliano@sd61.bc.ca just as soon as possible. This information is very much appreciated and greatly assists us in our planning.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Tuesday, April 1st – **GMS PAC** Meeting, 7 PM; all parents welcome to attend
- Wednesday, April 9th – Students dismissed at 12:03 PM to allow for parent teacher conferences that afternoon and early evening – a document for the scheduling of Parent/Teacher conferences has been sent separately from this newsletter.
- Friday, April 18th – Provincial Non-Instructional Day; School not in session
- Monday, April 21st – Friday, April 25th – **GMS** Band tour to Calgary with **Mr. Fello**
- Wednesday, April 30th, May 7th, May 14th, and May 21st - Final round of Mini-X; watch for choices being offered on our school website in the near future. PARENTS / GRANDPARENTS – please contact Mr. Scigliano (479-7179) or by e-mail: lscigliano@sd61.bc.ca if you are able to offer a mini-x experience during these times
- Tuesday, April 29th – Class photo day

See you in and around **GMS**

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