



# GLANFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 31, 2009

## 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!



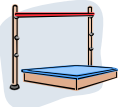
## Upcoming Athletic Opportunities at GMS

We are very excited about **SIX** 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. Seaberg**. For students interested in combining swimming with endurance running, **Mrs. Wooster** is sponsoring an Aquathon group (much like a triathlon, without the bike



portion). We will be having Juggy League during our lunch hours – a game named after a former GMS student, offered by **Mr. Brooker** during our noon hours.

Additionally, students interested in playing badminton can do so under the leadership of **Mr. Leischner** and **Mr. Dailyde**. After Easter Break, students will also have the opportunity to participate in Track and Field Events. Many thanks goes out to our staff (**Mr. Shires, Mr. Allsopp, Ms. Kidd, Mrs. McKillop, Mr. Beech, Mr. Dailyde, Mrs. Seaberg, Ms. Margetts, Mr. Weston, & Ms. Marczyk**) as well as parents **Wendy Pethick** and **Cathy Duncan** for their willingness to be involved with Track and Field this year! Students are encouraged to try something new – you just might fall in love with a new sport! In addition, thanks in advance to the parents that assist us with our teams and with the transportation that is required for these activities.



### **Planning for September, 2009**

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](mailto: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**

- Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Students dismissed at 12:03 PM to allow for parent teacher conferences that afternoon – if parents have not already done so, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange for an appointment if you desire one
- Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – **GMS PAC** Meeting, 7 PM; all parents welcome to attend
- Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – school not in session
- Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Easter Monday – school not in session
- Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Provincial Non-Instructional Day; School not in session
- Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – **GMS** Music tour to Seattle with **Ms. Gerrits and Mr. Welby**
- Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, and May 20<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto:lscigliano@sd61.bc.ca) if you are interested in offering a mini-x experience during these times.



See you in and around **GMS**

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