

Friday, June 24th, 2010

Greetings to all **GMS** Families!



This is the last newsletter of the school year – what a year we have had at **GMS**! Where has this year gone?

We wish to express our congratulations to our grade 8 students as they have completed their time in Middle School. Most of our grade 8 students are on their way to Spectrum and Reynolds Secondary Schools, and we have some that will be attending Mt. Douglas, Vic High, Lambrick Park, Esquimalt, and Claremont Secondary Schools. Thanks so much to all of you for your leadership and overall outstanding contributions to our school! All the Best! We look forward to welcoming a whole new class of grade six students in September!

Thanks so much to **all of our staff** for tremendous commitment and dedication to our students this year! We wish to extend our sincere thanks and best wishes to Mrs. Norbury, Mr. Welby, Mr. Pite, Ms. Webers, and Constable Kim Basi as they will be moving on to new positions in the fall. Mrs. Seaberg will be taking a one year maternity leave, and we wish her and Mr. Seaberg the very best with their new baby arriving in the fall.

GMS School Goals for 2010/2011- GMS is a thriving, successful middle school. We are proud of our school and at the same time, continue to look at how we can continue to grow as a learning community. **Glanford Middle School** is pleased to have a strong School Planning Council, and in collaboration with the **Glanford Staff** and the **GMS PAC**, have created our school's growth plan for 2010/2011. Upon its near completion, the plan can be found in its entirety at the Glanford web page:

www.sd61.bc.ca/school/glanford In our updated School Growth Plan, our School Planning Council and school staff have decided on the following two goals:

- 1) To maximize student engagement and leadership in the highly successful culture established at GMS.
- 2) To raise achievement in student writing skills and instill a positive attitude towards the writing process in an increasingly technological culture. We look forward to ongoing success in our wonderful school.

Thanks to our **GMS** PAC and to all of our **GMS** parents – it has been great working together with you in support of our kids! Take time this summer to relax, enjoy the outdoors, and find balance in life. Spend quality time with friends and loved ones, enjoy some great books, exercise, and see you in September! School opens on **Tuesday, September 7th, 2010**. We ask that our students meet in our gymnasium on September 7th, which will be in session from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM on the first day. All the Best!

Elaine Wooster, Vice-Principal, and Louie Scigliano, Principal

News from the Greater Victoria Public Library

Free programs for teens this summer

Summer for Teens at Greater Victoria Public Library

Log on to teenrc.ca, Canada's online reading club for teens. Review books, post to the forums, chat with authors, submit creative writing and enter to win prizes! Check out www.gvpl.ca for many other free summer programs for teens.

Volunteer Opportunities for Teens at Greater Victoria Public Library

Volunteer opportunities include:

Reading Buddies: help kids with reading

Tech Buddies: play Wii games with older adults

Youth Advisory Council: work on library projects such as website

For more information email teens@gvpl.ca or check out www.gvpl.ca.