



Glanford Middle School Newsletter

May 28, 2010

Greetings to all *GMS families!*



As we bring the month of May to an end, we prepare for the final month of the school year at **GMS**. We have so much to celebrate as a learning community – it is truly

a privilege to be working with such a highly dedicated staff, an amazing group of students, and very supportive families. The final five weeks of this school year will be extremely active for all of us, and there is much to look forward to!

GMS Walk for Africa

We are delighted to have ongoing, meaningful involvement with fundraising efforts to support students in **Tanzania**. Our students collected pledges and raised funds for our ***GMS Walk for Africa*** Campaign on May 27th. Students and staff embarked upon a walk/run/jog endeavor around the neighborhood in an effort to raise awareness and funds for students in Africa. Specifically, we are pleased to be supporting a technical school for girls in **Tanzania**. Additionally, we are committed to the tuition for one Tanzanian girl for a four year period and we are supporting ***Dirma Primary School***. These activities are a result of our fortunate contact with ***Mrs. Catriona Harker***, a retired School District Principal now volunteering her time in Tanzania. ***Mrs. Wooster, Mrs. Craig***, and our ***Me to We*** group of student leaders challenged our students to get involved and to raise awareness and funds for people in Tanzania. Additionally, Mr. Shires' class embarked upon a class building exercise to raise funds for the cause. In total, we raised

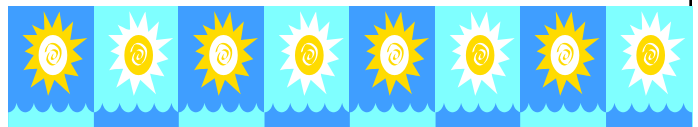


over **\$4,500**, which will go directly to supporting people in Africa, and will undoubtedly go a long way toward assisting them in their learning! Thank you **GMS** students, parents, and staff, for being socially responsible and **Giving** so generously.

Waste Management Launched at GMS



We are pleased to announce that **GMS** has officially launched our waste management program! With the support of the school district, the leadership of ***Mrs. Copp*** and a number of student and staff leaders, plans and details of the waste management program have been shared with our learning community. Our intent is to develop positive attitudes and changes in behavior that promote the reduction, elimination, and proper management of products that have been typically seen as “garbage”. Our students are the greatest advocates for a sustainable future. Students and staff at **GMS** are excited about this new important initiative at our school.



Is Your Student Going to be Absent or Late? Please call our Student Attendance Line at 250-479-5032 whenever your student is going to be away or late

Parent Appreciation Breakfast

We very much value the willingness of parents to help us achieve our goals at **GMS**. The members of the Glanford PAC and the Glanford Music Parents Association are two groups of parents that do so much to help our programs succeed. Additionally, parents and grandparents of Glanford students find ways in their busy schedules to help us out with field trips, sports team outings, mini-x, and numerous other activities. The **Glanford Staff** would like to say THANK YOU to the many parents and grandparents that have volunteered their time this year! On Wednesday, June 9th, our volunteers will be treated to a **“Coffee and Muffin To Go”**. When you drop your child off on June 9th, the **GMS** staff will serve you a hot coffee and a breakfast treat to start you off on your day! This is your invitation to join us! We have asked students to ensure that our parent volunteers know about the **Coffee and Muffin To Go** event and invite them to it – we really hope you can pop by on the morning of June 9th.



Planning for 2010/2011

We are beginning to plan for our classes next year! Our grade eight students have selected their courses at various secondary schools. We have accepted a full set of incoming grade sixes. If your child is currently in grade 6 or 7 and will not be attending Glanford Middle School next year, please advise the office staff. Furthermore, if parents wish to provide input to the class placement process, citing educational and social/emotional reasons, please send an e-mail to Mr. Scigliano (lscigliano@sd61.bc.ca) no later than Friday, June 4th, 2010. We will be organizing 14 advisory classes – five at the grade six level, five at the grade seven level, and four at the grade eight level.



The Month of June at **GMS**

The month of June means sunshine, classroom, grade level team, and school-wide culminations. Each grade level team, via our advisory teachers, will inform parents of upcoming field trips and special outings planned in June. Advisory teachers have currently planned outings to Witty's Lagoon, Commonwealth Pool, Eco-Rowing, Camp Qwanoes, and Wild Play, to name a few! We have not listed all of the outings in the “upcoming events” section of this newsletter, as the details have gone home / will go home to parents via classroom newsletter.

At the end of the school year, **GMS** has enjoyed a final school wide event to celebrate the end of the school year. We will be having our third annual school-wide year end celebration at **Beaver Lake Park** on Tuesday, June 22nd, 2010. This will be an opportunity for us to celebrate our year with one another, take time for recreation and the outdoors, and have some fun! This will be a great outing! All of the details for this special outing will be going home via a separate letter to all parents. Additionally, the Beaver Lake Park outing information will be posted on our school website.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Tuesday, June 1st - **GMS PAC** meeting – all parents welcome – 7 PM in the library; we will also be welcoming parents of grade 5 students attending **GMS** in September
- Tuesday, June 2nd – Renaissance Fair, hosted by the Grade 8 students and staff; Track and Field Finals for those students that have qualified
- Wednesday, June 9th – Parent Appreciation Coffee and Muffin to Go event – 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM at the Judah Street Drop off location and the Glanford Drop off location
- Friday, June 11th – Last day for our Library to be open; all books are due today!



- Tuesday, June 22nd – School Wide picnic and Fun Day at Beaver Lake Park – see all of the details in separate letter coming home, as well as posted on the school web site
- Friday, June 25th – Grade 8 luncheon and Dance
- Monday, June 28th – Final Assembly and **Last day of Classes**; report cards go home
- Tuesday, June 29th – GMS Non-Instructional Day – classes not in session for students
- Tuesday, September 7th – GMS re-opens for the 2010/11 school year; opening day school hours are 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM



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

Please see the Glanford Middle School Calendar for 2010/2011 on the following page!

It is important to note that GMS, like all elementary and middle schools in the Greater Victoria School District, has moved to a balanced timetable. Specifically, this means that Monday through Friday GMS students will be in attendance from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. daily.

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

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



School Hours for 2010/2011

Supervision begins - 8:00 a.m.
Morning classes begin - 8:30 a.m. (8:29 a.m. on Mondays)
Nutrition Break - 9:47 to 10:02 a.m.
Lunch Break - 11:56 to 12:46
Dismissal - 2:45 p.m.
Supervision ends - 3:00 p.m.

Calendar for 2010/2011

2010

Tuesday, September 7th - School Opening
Monday, September 20th - Non-instructional day
Monday, October 4th - 1:45 p.m. dismissal - P/T Conference
Monday, October 11th - Thanksgiving holiday
Monday, October 18th - 1:45 p.m. dismissal - P/T Conference
Friday, October 22nd - Non-instructional day
Monday, October 25th - 1:45 p.m. dismissal - P/T Conference
Thursday, November 11th - Remembrance Day
Thursday, November 18th - 11:56 a.m. dismissal - Curriculum Completion
Friday, November 26th - Non-instructional Day
Friday, December 3rd - Report cards sent home
Monday, December 13th - 1:45 p.m. dismissal - P/T Conferences
Friday, December 17th - Last day of school prior to Winter Break

2011

Tuesday, January 4th - School re-opens after Winter Break
Thursday, February 17th - 10:59 a.m. dismissal - Curriculum Completion
Friday, February 18th - Non-instructional day
Friday, March 11th - Last day of school prior to Spring Break
Monday, March 28th - School re-opens after Spring Break
Friday, April 1st - Reports cards sent home
Friday, April 22nd - Good Friday
Monday, April 25th - Easter Monday
Friday, May 20th - Non-instructional day
Monday, May 23rd - Victoria Day Holiday
Monday, June 6th - 11:56 a.m. dismissal - Curriculum Completion
Tuesday, June 28th - Last day of school for students
Wednesday, June 29th - Non-instructional day

