



Glanford Middle School Newsletter

June 27, 2011

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 students that will be attending Mt. Doug, Vic High and Claremont as well. 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 their tremendous commitment and dedication to our students this year! We wish to extend our sincere thanks and best wishes to Ms. Margetts, Mr. Gerhardt, Mrs. Hart, Mr. Hallett, Mrs. Pollet, Ms. Buxbaum, and Ms. Oliver as they will be moving on to new positions in the fall. Mrs. Copp remains on maternity leave and we look forward to her return to GMS in January 2012. We also look forward to Mrs. Seaberg's return this fall after being off this year on maternity leave.

Textbook deposit refunds—Grade 8 students have been busy collecting signatures indicating that all their text and library books have been returned. Parents of Grade 8 students, please check your child's report card envelope for your refund cheque. If there is not a cheque included your child has not submitted the forms to the office. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

If your child is absent when **report cards/year books** are distributed to students please stop by the office to pick these items up—before Friday, July 8th. If you can not make it in to the school prior to this date, please call us to make alternate arrangements.

If your family moves over the summer and are not returning to Glanford, please notify the school either by phone (the answering machine will be on), or by e-mail to lscigliano@sd61.bc.ca

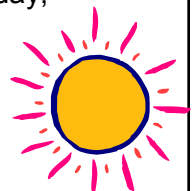
GMS School Goals for 2011/2012- GMS is a thriving, successful middle school. We are proud of our school and at the same time, continue to look at how we can continue to grow as a learning community. **Glanford Middle School** is pleased to have a strong School Planning Council, and in collaboration with the **Glanford Staff** and the **GMS PAC**, have created our school's growth plan for 2011/2012. 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 use technology effectively within each classroom to amplify learning and to embrace the best practices of 21st Century learning.

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 6th, 2011**. We ask that our students meet in our gymnasium on September 6th. GMS will be in session from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM on the first day. Students do not need to bring school supplies until Friday, when they will be placed into classes.

All the Best!
**Elaine Wooster, Vice-Principal, and
Louie Scigliano, Principal**



Year-End GMS Library Report

Mr. Leischner is pleased to say it has been a tremendously successful year in the library, with circulation records far exceeding normal expectations. This year, a total of **16,715 items** were borrowed during the school year.

Our top reader was from **Ms. Kidd's C-1 Advisory**. **Honesty Ross** borrowed a total of **245 books** during the course of the school year. Congratulations, Honesty!

As for the top Advisory class, **Mr. Dailyde's C-5** took top honours with **1,639 books** borrowed since September. As a result of this, Mr. Dailyde will proudly display the **GMS Annual Extreme Readers Cup** in his classroom for the following year, and his class will sample some fine pizza from Village's.

GMS would also like to thank the staff, students & community for supporting our **Scholastic Book Fair** in May. Over \$2,500 in product was sold, resulting in a free credit certificate totaling \$1,250!

In addition to offering instructional support to staff and students, the library continued to host a variety of reading, writing and art competitions throughout the year. As well, students have been encouraged to visit the GMS Library website to access helpful resources or to post some of their work throughout the year.

Any students who did not return a borrowed item were given a fine notice as well as a phone call home. Although the students' last day of school is June 28th, our office will remain open until July 7th for any last-minute returns. Don't delay, return those items today!

Finally, Mr. Leischner urges all students to avoid the 'summer slide' by visiting any one of Greater Victoria's 10 public libraries. Registration is now underway for **Summer Reading Programs, Teen Volunteers** and **Tech buddies**. More information regarding these programs is available online, simply by visiting their website at: www.gvpl.ca

Here's hoping you have a restful break. We'll see you all in September!

