



Glanford Middle School Newsletter

March 31, 2011

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.



The teachers at our school have taken time to articulate the progress of every student on the second term report cards. Second term formal report cards will go home with students Friday, April 1st. When the report comes home, it is important for students and families to celebrate the progress being made and to make the goal areas set for third term a top priority. 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. We are not having an early dismissal to facilitate parent/teacher conferences as a follow up to second term report cards. Included in the report card envelope is a letter regarding parent teacher conferences. If teachers wish to see parents, they will indicate this on the form, likewise parents will have the opportunity to request an interview.

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. Our school fields are now officially re-opened! Let's get the soccer balls rolling and find ways to be active every day!

GMS PAC Fundraising Effort

Each year, the **GMS PAC** takes on one major fundraising endeavor – chocolate sales! 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 **Alison Carretero, Audrey Smith, and many** of the parents of our school community, this year's chocolate sale will surely be a huge success! The profits made by this effort are in turn used to support our programs for **GMS** kids in their entirety. The fundraiser will be launched by the PAC prior to April 8th, and the event will run for two weeks. We know that the students and families work hard to sell the chocolates, and a huge thanks goes out to everyone in advance for supporting this important endeavor!



Planning for September, 2011

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: scigliano@sd61.bc.ca just as soon as possible. This information is very much appreciated and greatly assists us in our planning.



Upcoming Athletic Opportunities at GMS

We are very excited about 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, Mr. Pite and Mr. Gerhardt**. 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**. We have loved Volleyball so much that **Mr. Allsopp** and parent **Rob Basi** are continuing to offer weekly drop in sessions for any students interesting in furthering their volleyball skills. After Easter Break, students will also have the opportunity to participate in Track and Field Events. Our own **Mr. Shires** is the Track and Field Commissioner and we'd like to also thank him in advance for the important service he provides on behalf of student athletes. 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.

Parent Evening Thursday, April 7th with Dr. Allison Rees

GMS parents are invited to join other parents from the Spectrum Family of Schools for a meeting with Dr. Allison Rees. Come out to hear a humorous, down-to-earth approach that takes the guesswork out of parenting teens and leaves parents feeling empowered. Dr. Rees is a family counselor and co-writer and teacher of the LIFE Seminars. She is also co-host of the Island Parent Radio show, and editorial board member of Parenting Teens magazine. The evening is planned on April 7th at the Burnside Gorge Community Association, located at 4471 Cecilia. A community dinner is optional at 5 PM, followed by the presentation and discussion with Dr. Rees from 6:15 PM – 8:30 PM. Parents are welcome to attend, and are asked to RSVP to the Burnside Gorge Community Association by calling 250-388-5251.

GMS Library News - Scholastic Book Fair

Mr. Leischner and Mrs. Cassidy are pleased to say they are experiencing their best and busiest year ever, with a circulation increase of 20 percent! That means, on average, there are about 1,300 books out at any given time. Very impressive statistics indeed!

Staff, students and parents are asked to mark their calendars now for the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair, which will be held in our library from Monday, May 2nd to Friday, May 6th. As this is our only library fundraiser during the year, Mr. Leischner hopes the entire GMS community will support this initiative to raise money for new resources. As always, the school will be open before school, at lunch-time and after school for the entire week. Advisory classes are welcome to preview the fair during the day. The fair will be accepting cash, cheques, Master Card, Visa and Interac. We hope to see you during that week. And remember to keep reading, GMS!

Upcoming Grade 6 Immunizations

A note from Public Health Nurse Jennifer Derocher:

Dear Parents/Guardians of grade 6 students,

Grade 6 student immunizations will be occurring in the library the morning of Wednesday April 27, 2011. Immunization(s) will be administered to students for whom informed consent was received. The immunizations to be administered are:

*Hepatitis B dose #2 for boys & girls
Gardasil (Human Papillomavirus vaccine)
dose #2 for girls*

Please feel free to contact me at the Saanich Health Unit for any questions.

*Sincerely,
Jennifer Derocher, RN BSN
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Upcoming Important Dates

- Tuesday, April 5th – **GMS PAC** Meeting, 7 PM; all parents welcome to attend
- Friday, April 8th – neighboring grade 5 students that have been accepted to GMS for September will be visiting us for a music concert in our gym, 1:15 PM
- Thursday, April 14th – Saturday, April 16th – **GMS** Music tour to Seattle with **Ms. Gerrits and Mr. Hurst**
- Friday, April 22nd – Good Friday – school not in session
- Monday, April 25th – Easter Monday – school not in session
- Wednesday, April 27th – Grade 6 Immunizations – see note from school nurse
- Fridays, April 29th, May 6th, and May 27th - Final round of Mini-X; watch for choices being offered on our school website in the near future. PARENTS / GRANDPARENTS – please contact Mr. Scigliano (250-479-7179) or by e-mail: 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

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