

Glanford Middle School

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Friday, May 25, 2018

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*. 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 PAC Meeting - Thursday, June 7th, 7 PM

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. THANK YOU to the many parents and grandparents that have volunteered their time this year!

On **Thursday, June 7**th at 7 PM, at our final PAC meeting of the year, parents are encouraged to attend. We have also invited parents of grade 5 children that will be joining us in September 2018. At that meeting we would like to formally thank all of our parent volunteers that helped us this year at *GMS*. We hope you can attend.

School Wide Community Walk

On *Wednesday, May 30th, GMS* will once again participate in a neighborhood 5km community walk to promote healthy living and *GMS* school spirit. We have the support of The Western Communities Foundation for this adventure. This group helped us with the fundraising for Phase One of the *GMS* playground replacement project, and then again this year, provided us with a generous donation toward Phase Two of the project. We are encouraging everyone to wear a RED T-SHIRT for the walk. Our *GMS* PAC have created a "Walk-a-Thon" pledge sheet for the walk. If students wish, they can ask their families and friends for a donation to support the fundraising effort for the second phase of the playground. Draw prizes provided by the *GMS* PAC will be made available for all students that make the effort to get walk-a-thon pledges for Wednesday's 5km walk. Students are encouraged to wear a hat and to bring along a water bottle. Of course, all parents and grandparents are welcome to join us for the school spirit event, commencing at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 30th. We hope you can join us!

The Month of June at GMS

The Rockin' Rookies, the Geckos, and the Hippity Hoopla teams are all planning year-end events. School staff will continue to communicate details with our parents for each of our teams. At the end of the school year, *GMS* has also traditionally enjoyed a final school wide event to celebrate the school year. We will be having our annual school-wide year end celebration at *Beaver Lake Park* on Tuesday, June 26th, 2018. 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! The Central Saanich Lions will be on hand to provide a freshly barbecued hamburger/veggie burger/or gourmet hot dog for all of our students and staff. There will be no charge to any of the students and staff for the Beaver Lake picnic. We plan to have a lifeguard on duty for a portion of the picnic so that our students can enjoy a swim. Parents are welcome to join us!

Parents of students <u>currently in grades 6 and 7</u>: IF your child will not be attending GMS in September of 2018, please call the office to inform us of this important information. Very much appreciated.

Upcoming Important Dates

Wednesday, May 30th - Community 5km walk - parents welcome to join us, 9:30 AM

<u>Thursday, May 31st</u> - Elements Dance Festival this afternoon

Friday, June 1, 8, & 15 - Mini-x final round

Tuesday, June 5th - Year end Music Concerts at 9 AM and 7 PM

Wednesday, June 6th - Choir and Strings concert, 7 PM

Wednesday, June 6th - Track and Field Finals for *GMS* athletes that qualify

<u>Thursday, June 7th Victoria Harbour Cats school wide outing; *GMS PAC* meeting – all parents welcome – 7 PM in the library; we have also invited parents of grade 5s coming to *GMS* in September</u>

<u>Monday, June 11th –</u> Curriculum Completion Afternoon - dismissal is 10:59 AM for those students that do not have any incomplete assignments. Students with incomplete assignments are required to stay for the full day; parents wishing their child to stay for the afternoon will be provided the option of saying so on the curriculum completion letter, coming home June 4th

Tuesday, June 26th – School Wide picnic and Fun Day at Beaver Lake Park

<u>Wednesday</u>, <u>June 27th</u> – Grade 8 luncheon, recognition ceremony and dance; further information coming home to parents of grade 8 students

<u>Thursday</u>, <u>June 28th</u> – Final Assembly and **Last day of Classes**; report cards go home

<u>Tuesday, September 4th</u> – *GMS* re-opens for the 2018/19 school year; opening day school hours are 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Please find the following page with our Important Dates to Remember for the upcoming 2018-2019 School Year. See you in and around *GMS*!

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SCHOOL HOURS for 2018-2019

Supervision begins: 8:00 a.m.

Morning classes begin: 8:30 a.m. (8:29 a.m. on Monday)

Nutrition Break: 9:47 a.m. - 10:02 a.m. Lunch Break: 11:56 a.m. - 12:46 p.m. Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.

Supervision Ends: 3:00 p.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER for 2018-2019

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Tuesday, September 4 Thursday, September 13 Monday, September 17 Monday, October 1 Tuesday, October 2 Monday, October 8 Friday, October 19 Thursday, November 8 Friday, November 9 Monday, November 12 Friday, November 23 Friday, November 30 Monday, December 10 Pare	
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Monday, January 7	Professional Development Day, No School