

Greetings to all Glanford Families!



We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits, and we are delighted to say that we are well underway with our programs at **GMS!** It has been our intent to have all students at our school feel like they belong here - it is their place! Our standards of behavior and respect have been set high, all in an effort to create a positive, safe environment for teaching and learning.

Upcoming Events in October

Monday and Tuesday, October 1st and 2nd - Dismissal at 11:56 AM for parent/teacher conferences

Wednesday, October 3rd - Head Shaves to support Cops for Cancer - 8:50 AM

GMS PAC meeting, 7 PM in the library - all parents welcome

Thursday, October 4th - Tour de Rock Riders come to GMS, 11:45 AM

Monday, October 8th - Thanksgiving Day - school not in session

Thursday, October 18th - Earthquake "Shake Out" Drill; Golden Boot soccer game; girls' competitive team versus GMS staff - 12:15 pm

Friday, October 19th - Provincial Pro-D Day, school not in session

Friday, October 26th - Retro Assembly 1:30 PM

Wednesday, October 31st - Halloween Activities and Dance at GMS

This year's staff at GMS is committed to working with each and every student in our care. Of course, we strive to create a professional relationship with parents, as this is integral to the success of our work with our kids. This year's GMS staff:

Grade 6 Team

Wendy Kidd

Anna Copp

Lisa Galway

Melissa Cheng

Lindsay Porter

Jenny Ohl/Sarah Khosla

Grade 7 Team

Jenni Gould

Andrew Shires

Nicole Larocque

Jonathan Allsopp

Steven Morrison

Grade 8 Team

Bryden Gage

Derek Brooker

Cindy Kind

Vicky Seaberg

Mark Gerhardt

Learning Support Jenny Ohl, Jaimee Devlin, Greg Barmby

Exploratory Team and Music

Norm Pite - Wood Working
Sasha Skolsky - Visual Arts
Allison Rhodes - Dance/Drama
Byron Lienard - Music, Band, Choir

Lynda Middleton - Home Economics
John Weston- Technology/Gifted Ed

Librarian John Weston
Secretary Michelle Hansen

Counselor Veryan Wolsak
Accounts Clerk Jenny Reicker

Support Staff

Elaine Bayles Shirley Dyson Sharon Brough Toni Mattingley
Cristelle Bryson Emma Watts Amanda Toyata Deidre Bissonette
Michelle Ray Justine Will

Library Clerk/Office Assistant - Nancy Moniz

Educational Psychologist Carol Walton
Occupational Therapist Charlene Bradbury
Physiotherapist Victoria MacAulay

School Technology Assistant Dave Wardle

Custodian Mark Atkins
Evening Custodian: Shane Woolbert

Vice-Principal Sarah Khosla
Principal Louie Scigliano

Safety Around GMS

Our school enrolls over 375 students and we have almost 40 staff members. We are encouraging alternative forms of transportation to and from school, hoping to avoid congestion problems and excessive traffic. Parents that have to drive are kindly asked to utilize Judah Street as their point of drop off and pick up, as Glanford Avenue drop off is available, but extremely busy. There is to be absolutely no parking, please, in the Glanford drop-off area. Thank you for your ongoing care and attention to safety around GMS. Parents are asked to respect the neighboring homes, particularly on Polyanthus Crescent; parents should avoid using Polyanthus as a turn around opportunity.



Current Athletic Offerings at GMS

We believe that by offering our students a variety of ways to become involved at the school, we are fostering a culture of belonging and pride. Currently, we have about 20 students participating in Cross Country running. Thanks so much to **Mr. Barmby** for working with this team! We also have four soccer teams playing against other schools - Thanks to Ms. Kind, Mr. Gerhardt, and Mr. Scigliano for coaching. We also offer lunch time intermural soccer for kids that want to play, but aren't able to play on the school teams - numerous staff are helping with this! Between competitive and recreational soccer, we have almost 100 students participating! Our soccer season will culminate with a **GOLDEN BOOT GAME** on Thursday, October 18th between our competitive girls' team and GMS staff. We encourage our students to find ways to engage in our learning community by becoming involved in the variety of events offered at GMS.

Tour de Rock - Cops for Cancer Campaign

As you are probably aware, **GMS** is a big supporter of the annual Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock campaign. We believe that by supporting this worthwhile community endeavor, we are promoting empathy, compassion, and social responsibility in our learning community. Many thanks to **Mrs. Dyson** for her leadership in this campaign! Each class in the school is collecting donations for this worthy cause and we encourage the donations to keep coming in! We are planning our head shaving event October 3rd to support this cause. Please join us on Thursday, October 4th at approximately 11:45 AM to cheer on the Tour de Rock cycling team as they make their way into Victoria with a stop right here at **GMS!**

Earthquake Preparedness, Fire Drills, and Lockdown Drills

We have had our first fire drill as a school and are pleased to report that this was very well done by everyone involved. The Saanich Fire Department will be at **GMS** in October to conduct the second drill, which we will be ready for. With the assistance of **Constable Lisa Cownden** and the Saanich Police, October 22nd is the day GMS will be having a lockdown drill. We keep these drills low key and do not want to frighten anyone. We do need to be prepared in the event our school needs to go into lockdown. Additionally, happening on Thursday, October 11th, **GMS** is officially registered for the Provincial Earthquake Shakeout Emergency Drill. This is an opportunity to join thousands of other British Columbians in the annual earthquake

preparedness and evacuation exercise. We will be reviewing our plans with the students and staff for earthquake preparedness and look forward to taking part in this provincially organized earthquake drill again this year. Please be sure to have an emergency plan for your family in the event of an earthquake. For more information about the Earthquake Shakeout Drill on October 11th, please log on to <http://www.shakeoutbc.ca/>

Upcoming Special Event at GMS

Every year, schools in Canada organize a special assembly at Remembrance Day. This year, the **GMS** Remembrance Day assembly is planned for the morning of Friday, November 8th, 2018 at 9 AM. For recent Remembrance Day Assemblies, we have invited **GMS** families to take part in the assembly by contributing photographs for the slide show/video that will be prepared for the event. If you have photos of relatives that have served, we would love for you to share those with us. Please forward these photos, along with the name of the family member that was a serviceperson, and the connection with any of the current Glanford students/staff, to our grade 8 teacher, Mr. Brooker, via e-mail: dbrooker@sd61.bc.ca. Thank you in advance for your contributions; you are encouraged to take part in this opportunity for **GMS** to show our respect to men and women that have served.

See you in and around GMS!

Louie Scigliano, Principal
Sarah Khosla Vice-Principal



A message for families that may be interested in Optional Kids Plus Accident Insurance :

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance school distribution program is moving online!
All partner school boards can now access kidsplus.ca/resources for information about Kids Plus™ which they can use on their respective websites, e-newsletters and social media. The main website at kidsplus.ca will continue to be available for parents to purchase coverage, access claims forms and full plan information online. Additionally, for 2018 we've decided to take our mission to be green one step further by discontinuing distribution of all Kids Plus™ Notices (Brochures) to reduce our overall paper use. These changes are part of our ongoing commitment to continuously provide superior and meaningful service to our partners and clients while reducing our impact on the environment.

Effective this September 1st, there will be some changes to our Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance policy that will impact our Active Plan holders. Permanent Total Disability coverage will be reduced from \$360,000 to \$100,000 and Dismemberment or Total & Permanent Loss of Use from \$200,000 to \$100,000. These changes allow us to continue to offer the benefits families use most, such as dental treatment and eyewear, with no increase in premiums. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our new promotional landing page, our Kids Plus™ Client Service Specialists would be happy to assist you. You may contact us toll-free at 1-800-556-7411 or email kidsplus@ia.ca