



Greetings to all Glanford Families!

We are well underway with our programs at **GMS**! It has been our intent to have all students feel like they belong – it is their place! Our standards of behavior and respect have been set high in an effort to create a positive, safe environment for teaching and learning.

Upcoming Events

Monday and Tuesday, September 30th and October 1st- Dismissal at 11:56 AM for parent/teacher conferences

Wednesday, October 2nd - Head Shaves to support Cops for Cancer - 9:00 AM

Thursday, October 3rd - Tour de Rock Riders come to **GMS**, 12:38 PM; PLEASE NOTE: Lunch break October 3rd will be 11:25 am – 12:15 pm

Monday, October 7th - **GMS** PAC meeting, 7 PM in the library - all parents welcome

Thursday, October 10th – Art Starts Fine Arts Presentation – Axe Capoeira 1:15 pm in our gymnasium; parents welcome

Monday, October 14th - Thanksgiving Day - school not in session

Wednesday, October 16th – Lockdown Drill at **GMS** 9:30 am, led by Saanich Police

Thursday, October 17th – Earthquake “Shake Out” Drill – 10:17 am to align with the Provincial Earthquake Preparedness drill

Friday, October 18th – Grade 6 Immunizations – watch for more information

Friday, October 25th - Provincial Pro-D Day, school not in session

Monday, October 28th – Curriculum Completion Day letter goes home to parents in preparation for curriculum completion afternoon Monday, November 4th – 11:56 am dismissal (more details coming)

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
Lindsay Porter

Grade 6/7 Team

Melissa Cheng
Kate Thompson
Nicole Olynyk/Mitch Dwyer

Grade 7 Team

Melanie West
Andrew Shires
Nicole Larocque/Mitch Dwyer
Jonathan Allsopp
Steven Morrison

Grade 8 Team

Bryden Gage
Derek Brooker
Cindy Kind
Vicky Seaberg
Mark Gerhardt
Jenny Ohl/Sarah Khosla

Learning Support Jenny Ohl, Jaimee Devlin, Greg Barmby, Lisa Deegan

Exploratory Team and Music

Norm Pite – Wood Working
Sasha Skolsky – Visual Arts
Allison Rhodes - Dance/Drama
Jenn Kelly – Band, Choir

Alexis Thonger – Home Economics
John Weston– Technology/Gifted Ed
Troy Koosman – Health/Physical Literacy

Librarian John Weston
Secretary Michelle Hansen

Counsellor Veryan Wolsak
Accounts Clerk Jenny Reicker

Support Staff

Elaine Bayles	Shirley Dyson	Sharon Brough	Amanda Toyata
Deidre Bissonette	Michelle Ray	Kolby Wood	Justine Will
Julia Parmar	Randy Wickens	Tara Wilcox	Tina Jubinville
Jenene Marquette			

Educational Psychologist

Carol Walton

Occupational Therapist

Charlene Bradbury

Physiotherapist

Victoria MacAulay

School Technology Assistant Anh Phan

Custodian Mark Atkins

Evening Custodians Shane Woolbert, Matt Jensen

Vice-Principal Sarah Khosla

Principal Louie Scigliano

Safety Around GMS

Our school enrolls over 380 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. We also have Third Wave Bus Services dropping off and picking up students at our drop off zone on Glanford Avenue. 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**.



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 30 students participating in Cross Country running. Thanks so much to **Mr. Barmby** for working with this team! We also have touch rugby teams organized by Mr. Gerhardt, and Ultimate Frisbee organized and coached by Mr. Gage. Now, Basketball is just getting underway as well! We encourage our students to find ways to engage in our learning community by becoming involved in the variety of events offered at **GMS**. Please take a look at the **GMS** webpage, found here: <https://glanford.sd61.bc.ca/> and you will find a calendar of events so that you can view the happenings at **GMS** – look for the tab Athletics/Fine Arts/Extracurricular Calendar.

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 2nd to support this cause. Please join us on Thursday, October 3rd at approximately 12:38 PM 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 Corey Volk (Mr. C)** and the Saanich Police, October 16th 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 17th, **GMS** will participate in 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 17th, 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 Thursday, November 7th, 2019 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



We are hiring!

The Greater Victoria School District is looking for passionate and qualified individuals to join our team as Educational Assistants.

For more information about the position, description, and qualifications click here -> [Education Assistant: General](#)

If you are interested, please submit a cover letter, resume, qualifications, and references to: hrrs@sd61.bc.ca

If you know someone who may be interested, please share this email and/or message.

We look forward to hearing from people who wish to be part of our learning community.

T. Sherstobitoff

District Principal
Human Resource Services
556 Boleskine Road
Victoria, BC, V8Z 1E8
(250) 475-4151

www.sd61.bc.ca |   @sd61schools



PATHWAYS & PARTNERSHIPS INVITES YOU TO:

PARENTS AS EDUCATION & CAREER COACHES

Spaces are Limited.
RSVP required.
REGISTER
TODAY at:
<http://evite.me/wuYcravAKE>

- Are you the parent of a middle or high school student?
- Would you like to help them with their post-secondary choices?
- Join us for this FREE interactive workshop designed to give you the skills and confidence you need!

For more information, contact Lindsay Johnson:
250-475-4182 (ljohnson@sd61.bc.ca)

OCTOBER 29, 2019 | 6-8:30PM
SD61 BOARD OFFICE
556 BOLESKINE ROAD