

# Glanford Gazette



## October 2022 Newsletter

### Principal's Message

Hello Glanford families. Another month has flown by at Glanford. Reading through the Gazette, it is easy to tell why time flies! Each week is filled with lively community building activities: Clash events to build class and school spirit, Chess Club to bring together friendships and strategy, Retro assemblies to showcase and share (and eat some candy), and team and physical health come together through sport. Mrs. Khosla and I love visiting classes and seeing and hearing about the rich learning opportunities our students are engaged in. Criteria building, inquiry, class read alouds, partner talk, collaboration and practice time is evident throughout the school. You will hear your child talking more about the competencies they are learning - these are the skills that we use in each subject area to enhance our learning. With this focus we can already see our students becoming more aware of who they are as learners and what they can do to take next steps and set goals for learning.

Last month I shared that we are working on creating and supporting a safe and healthy school. This work continues. In particular, we are noticing an increase in teasing, taunting and hands-on play. We are working as a staff to develop social skills in classes and as a school. We ask that you support this work at home through conversations about healthy friendship and as we say, lifting each other up. The importance of being a respectful and caring human doesn't only exist in school. It includes how we arrive, how we play and how we leave each day. Caring for our neighbourhood and public transportation is just as important. We ask that this is also included in your conversations. Thank you for your ongoing support!

### Weather Reminders

With fall here it means more rain, wind and cold. Outside time is important for our students' health and wellness and students will be out for breaks rain or shine. Please have your child dress for the weather each day.

### **Next GMS PAC Meeting November 7th!**

Meeting starts at 7pm in the library.

**Thank you for supporting our Bottle Drive!**

**Please report student absences to our email [glanford@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:glanford@sd61.bc.ca) or to our callback line 250-479-5032. Thanks!**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**November 3rd** Pizza Lunch

**November 4th** Grade 8 MADD Presentation

**November 10th** Remembrance Day Ceremony

**November 10th** Subway Lunch

**November 11th** Remembrance Day (no school)

**November 14th** Professional Development Day  
(no school)

**November 17th** Photo Retake Day

**November 17th** Pizza Lunch

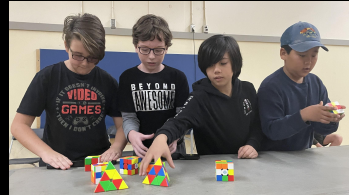
**November 10th** Subway Lunch

**November 25** Curriculum Completion Day (early dismissal at 11:23am)

**Don't forget check out the school website for information and to see what happening at GMS!  
<https://glanford.sd61.bc.ca/>**

## RETRO ASSEMBLY

We had our first Retro Assembly and it was a wonderful celebration of our first few months of the 2022-2023 school year! Matt and Giya were incredible MCs, DJ Cloud set an uplifting tempo, Samantha led O Canada beautifully, Koen thrilled us with magical card tricks, Kyle, Quinlan, Joshua and Sam the Schmuzzler entertained us with their speedy cubing and Danny, Audrey, Kayla and Tristan destroyed the staff in our basketball shootout! Thank you to our stage crew, Nick and Taylor, to our tech crew, Zoe and Noah and to our staff helpers Mr. Barmby, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Gage, Prince Shires, Mrs. Ohl, Mr. Brooker, Mr. Weston and Badge. Our next Retro is scheduled for Friday, December 16 and families are welcome to join.



## CHESS CLUB



This is by far our biggest year for Chess Club with over 45 members participating! Chess Club is held regularly on Thursdays in the Library. This term, our focus is participation and practice as we gear up for our major chess tournament starting in January.

**Mr. Barmby, GMS Chess Master**

Headstrong Youth Leadership Summit  
Ten Grade 7 and 8 students from Glanford are participating in an Anti-Stigma Youth Conference coming up on November 1st. This summit will provide the chance for students to hear powerful stories from various speakers about stigma and mental health.

**Mr. Barmby and Mr. Smith**

## CARIBOU MATH COMPETITION



The first Math contest of the year was held in October, and 21 students from all grades participated in this online competition. Roughly 18,000 students compete in this competition from all over the world. Special congratulations to Joshua Won, currently sitting in 1485<sup>th</sup> in the world in the Grade 5/6 competition, and Cameron Smith, currently sitting in 139<sup>th</sup> place in the world in the Grade 7/8 competition. The next contest is November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Barmby, Mathletics Coach**

## GSA

Our Gender/Sexuality Alliance meets weekly and is made of students from all over the school. All students are always welcome to join our weekly meetings, where we work on projects for the school, have group discussions and look forward to events during the school year. The group prides itself on being a safe space for students to be themselves.

**Mr. Barmby, GSA Sponsor Teacher**



## ATHLETICS ANNOUNCEMENTS



The season finished strong in October, with a series of four races this year. Congratulations to all participants, we had 22 students participate in this year's season! A special congratulations to Esme Miller, for her many first-place ribbons. Track & Field season will start up in May next year, and students have the opportunity to participate in many different events in middle school.

Mr. Barmby, Cross Country Coach

Basketball season is up and running at GMS! This year, we have four teams participating in the Lower Island Middle School Sports Association. Our 6/7/8 Competitive Boys team is coached by Greg Perrins, our 6/7/8 Competitive Girls team is coached by Mr. Brooker, 6/7 Girls Recreational team is coached by Robin Hutchinson and James Nesbitt and our 6/7/8 Boys Recreational team coached by Nav Jhaver. Thank you to all of our parent and staff coaches for their time and dedication to teaching our student athletes. And good luck to all of our teams, GO MAVS!

For students not participating on our extracurricular basketball teams, we are running a lunch time intramural basketball program for the next six weeks. Students have signed up and games are underway! We are so happy to see so many students participating and learning new skills! Thank you to our Athletic Directors, Mrs. Devlin and Ms. Olynyk for the tremendous job of organizing our athletics program and to staff members who are supporting these programs by volunteering their time.

Volleyball season is up next (January to March)! Please contact our Athletic Directors if you can help coach! Mrs. Devlin [jdevlin@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:jdevlin@sd61.bc.ca) or Mrs. Olynyk [nolynyk@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:nolynyk@sd61.bc.ca).

See practice and game schedules [here](#).



### **A message from Glanford Music!**

**Wonderful news Glanford, please welcome our new Strings teacher, Ms. Laura Backstrom. Intermediate/Advanced Strings players please come with your instrument (if you have it) to class on Monday, November 7th at 7:45 am. Beginner Strings students will have their first class in block I on Monday, November 7th. No instruments required for Beginner Strings.**

**Families can always find information about programs on the Music Program page our school website.**

**Not on our mailing list?**

**Please email Us at: [glanfordmusic@gmail.com](mailto:glanfordmusic@gmail.com)**