

# **Monday Maverick**

Mon. Apr.1<sup>st</sup> – Fri. Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>

#### WELCOME BACK!

Happy Spring! We look forward to seeing students on Wednesday am. Please remember to let the school know if you are still away on holidays.

### THIS WEEK...

Mon. Apr. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Holiday - no school
Tues. Apr. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Holiday Observance - no school
Wed. Apr. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul> <li>Welcome back – school re-opens!</li> <li>Grade 6/7 Exploratory Round 5 Begins</li> </ul>
Thurs. Apr. 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri. Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul> <li>Drumming (all are welcome) – 8:10 am</li> <li>Hot Lunch – Pizza</li> </ul>

## Mark Your Calendars...

Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> – Culture Connections Lunch; PAC Meeting

Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> – Grade 8 Exploratory Round 5 Ends

Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> – Hot Lunch

The Fine Arts, Clubs, Athletics Calendar in the Google Drive is updated regularly

click here for quick access

#### Save the Date!

We look forward to hosting 2 parent sessions within the theme of mental health and wellness.

April 18th – Mental Health and Mindfulness – How to support family wellness with Lisa Baylis

May (date TBD) – Anxiety 101 – with Saanich Neighbourhood House

Session details and sign ups will come soon. We hope many will be able to join us!

We have extended our food program to include recess snacks out of the performing arts studio. If your child will benefit please remind them to come by. We have protein, fruits, veggies & yogurt. Open to all students!

#### Accessing Learning Updates (Report Cards) Online (from email sent March 15<sup>th</sup>)

We now share learning updates (report cards) online through the Parent Connect Portal. Term 2 Learning Updates will be live at <u>3:00 pm Friday, March 15th.</u>

Students and families can see their current learning update and review previous report cards within the assessment history tab. <u>Please read the attached document for instructions to access learning updates online, including links.</u>

For each reporting period, there are 2 areas to access: the learning update and the portfolio.

- **Every** class uses the learning update to share term comments, subject proficiency levels, and attendance information
- **Some** classes use only the learning update to communicate student learning and comments in subject areas
- *Every* class uses the portfolio for their term core competency self-reflection and goal-setting
- **Some** classes use the portfolio to communicate student learning in subject areas (this may be familiar to families who previously used Freshgrade)

Please take time to read over your child's learning update and self-reflection with them.

Some guiding questions you may want to ask:

- What are you most proud of?
- What would you like me/us to notice?
- What was hard for you and why?
- Tell me more about your goals...how can you work towards them?
- How can I/we help you with your learning? With your friendships? With your participation in clubs, sports, or activities?

Learning updates are meant to be a snapshot of where your child is currently at in their learning. We recognize that learning is a continuous process and students will build on the skills and knowledge they gain as the year progresses. Students often move within the proficiency continuum as they build and apply new skills and understanding.

To learn more about BC's recent changes to reporting and assessment **please visit this site** for information, including a video presentation.

We thank you for supporting your child's learning and success at Glanford Middle School. We look forward to seeing you at our April 25th Student Lead Conferences!

## Glanford Move-A-Thon (MAT) 2024

Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is the MAT?

The Move-a-Thon (MAT) is a fun, school-wide fundraising event which supports PAC funded initiatives. The PAC provides funding for Mini-X, funds teacher-led extra-curricular activities and supports other school-based projects. This year, we will replenish the grounds beautification budget that was previously spent on the Mac Lab. Students can collect pledges prior to the MAT. On May 3rd, the entire school population moves on a route through the neighbourhood. Students do not need to collect pledges on a 'per lap' basis, just lump sum pledges. Pledge envelopes will be going home in the next couple of days.

#### Are there prizes?

Yes! The organizing committee has worked hard to ensure we have quality items to recognize contributions and promote school spirit. This year's prizes are:

Pledges Collected	Prizes Awarded
\$40	MAT t-shirt (single colour logo - exclusive design by Creative Juices)
\$80	Rec Centre pass, MAT t-shirt
\$125	\$15 Bolen Books gift card, Rec Centre pass, MAT t-shirt
\$200	Glanford hoodie, \$15 Bolen Books gift card, Rec Centre pass, MAT t-shirt

#### Are there any other prizes?

Yes! The class with the highest total of money raised, plus the class with the highest percentage of participation will each receive a pizza lunch (2 slices) from the PAC. There will also be a grand prize draw for an annual family pass to IMAX, plus other fabulous random draw prizes.

#### How do I get entered into the grand prize draw?

All students who return a pledge sheet will get one entry into the draw. If your family has chosen not to collect pledges, simply complete the top of the pledge form and return it to your teacher. For every \$20 in pledges you will receive an additional entry into the draw. The more pledges you collect, the better your odds of winning.

#### When will the prizes be delivered?

The prizes should be delivered to students approximately four weeks after the Move-A-Thon.

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#### Who should I ask for pledges?

- Friends and family pick up the phone, send a text or write a letter! Ask for e-transfer or do a mailbox drop.
- Send a note to neighbours and offer a no contact mailbox pick up.
- Pledges can be e-transferred directly to the PAC account (<u>glanfordpac@gmail.com</u>). E-Transfers MUST include the student's name and teacher/advisory in the comment AND students must return the pledge sheet to qualify for prizes.

#### What is the Move-A-Thon Pledge goal?

We are aiming for \$15,000 – which is about \$40 per student and will help replenish funds for grounds improvements amongst other projects and initiatives.

#### How can I help?

Do you own a business or know someone who does? If you would like to donate a draw prize, or contribute to the grand prize, please email <u>glanfordpac@gmail.com</u> and let us know. Additionally, we will be sharing the route ahead of the MAT and we invite any families and neighbours to cheer on students along the route.

#### When are the pledge forms due back?

Please return your pledge forms and pledges to the office as soon as you are finished collecting to allow us to start organizing the incentive prizes. All forms and pledges should be returned to the office no later than **Tuesday, April 30th**. Additional forms are available from the office, or by emailing glanfordpac@gmail.com

Any questions? Email the Glanford PAC (glanfordpac@gmail.com)