



GLENVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter: 2020/21 – October 2, 2020

Please see our website: www.sd57.bc.ca/school/glen

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October

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November

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December

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January

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EVENTS

Turkey Trot

Individual Student Photos (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) by Learning Group

Grade 6 Immunizations

Thanksgiving Holiday—School is closed.

Monthly Parent Advisory Council Meeting (Virtual meeting by Zoom) 6:30 p.m.

Non-instructional day; no school for students

Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly

Remembrance Day Holiday—School is closed.

Non-instructional day; no school for students

Primary Report Writing Day—No school for students in Divisions 1 to 5, and the Grade 3's in Division 6

Last day before Christmas vacation

Students return to school

Nut Aware

Glenview Elementary has at least two students who have anaphylactic reactions to nuts. This means not only can they not eat any item made with nuts, they cannot inhale the air around nuts or touch anything that people who have eaten nuts have touched. This means we cannot have any peanut butter, hazelnut spread, almond butter, or anything else with nuts at our school. All children are eating in their classrooms and washing their hands before and after they eat. This is important to keep students safe during the pandemic, but it also protects our vulnerable students. Please remember when making your child's lunch, to be extra careful.

Enrollment News

Each fall schools in BC confirm their enrollment numbers and present their budgets based on that enrollment, for final approval. A number of Prince George schools had unexpected drops in their enrollment in September, reducing the allocations from the Ministry of Education, and resulting in classes being cut and students being reorganized. Glenview was in the fortunate position that our enrollment actually increased from 248 last September to 254 this September. The number of Indigenous students, students with special needs and students qualifying for English Language Learning support also increased. This increase in numbers led to an increase in our budget rather than budget cuts. We were able to keep all of our divisions, and retain all of our staff, a very positive state to be in.

Parents and visitors not permitted in school at this time

Our CoVid-19 Health and Safety Plan, which matches the District's plan, does not permit parents and visitors in the school right now. Our doors are propped open to permit staff and students to enter the school, but not for guests. Please be aware that meetings must currently be by telephone, by Zoom (video conferencing) and for important meetings, by appointment only. Our students and staff are organized into Learning Groups to reduce the number of contacts during the day, and to make things safer for all. When coming for an appointment, it is important that our visitors do a daily health check, sanitize their hands, sign in and out at the office, and if possible, wear a mask.

Daily health checks for students

Each day before sending your child to school, please be sure to carry out a daily health check. Please assess each day whether your child has any of the new key symptoms of illness: 1. Fever; 2. Chills; 3. Cough or worsening of chronic cough; 4. Shortness of breath; 5. Loss of sense of smell or taste; 6. Diarrhea; 7. Nausea and vomiting.

Two additional questions to ask are: 1. International Travel: Has your child returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days? 2. Confirmed Contact: Is your child a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?

If you answer yes to any of the questions, please keep your child at home until symptoms improve, or until a CoVid test is carried out, if recommended by your health care provider or by 811.

Immunizations for last year's grade 6's

If your child was in grade 6 last year, they missed the spring vaccination. They received the fall portion, but not the rest as it was scheduled to happen when schools were closed in the spring. They still need to receive that booster. If you need to schedule an appointment for that, please call the Health Unit at 250-565-7381. Catch up vaccinations will not be provided at the school, you will have to take your child to the Health Unit for that.

Parents, please physical distance from the students outside

Parents, we are trying to limit contact for our staff and our students by having staggered outside breaks and staggered lunch hours. We are not able to stagger the start and end of school due to our buses. If possible, please drop your child off in the parking lot, and let them walk to the school alone. Supervisors will help them get to their line-ups. If you must walk your child to the line up, please keep 6 feet back from the students. Remember to physical distance from other parents, too!

Turkey Trot

Staff voted to continue with the annual turkey trot, with a few changes. Students will complete laps around half the playground (their half) during the outside breaks and lunch hour. EA's and teachers will give out turkey trot tickets to students who complete the laps. The tickets will go in a container in their classroom. On Friday, October 9, each division will draw for the winner of a pumpkin pie. All primary tickets and intermediate tickets will then be placed in two boxes, and a draw will be held for a primary winner and an intermediate winner. Those winners will take home a frozen turkey. We can't wait to see who the winners will be.

Beyond the Bell

Our "Beyond the Bell" after school programme, through the YMCA, has had to develop new safety guidelines and procedures. They are waiting for approval from the district and the school. Once these are approved, flyers will come home with information regarding registration. The staff are hoping to start the programme, with a few changes, the week of October 19. The programme is for students in grade 1 to grade 5. It runs after school, two days a week, and a Friday activity. Staff provide outdoor activities, a snack (this year, a wrapped item), and help with homework. Students attend from after school until approximately 5 p.m. Watch for the flyer and be sure to register your child if you believe they will benefit.

Extra-curricular sports

Extra curricular sports are not happening in our school right now. Inter-school competitions and tournaments are not permitted at this time, under the new Safety plans. Our students are in Learning Groups of 60 students and are avoiding contact with students outside their Learning Group. Since we have three different lunch hours, classes that are in session continue to have gym classes while other classes are outside. This means we cannot have lunch hour programmes in the gym. Should the safety guidelines change, we will adjust our lunch hours and our programmes, but at this time, athletic programmes are on hold throughout the district. In order to have Beyond the Bell continue in our building, we have assigned them to the gym after school, since it is available at the current time. This permits students to remain in their Learning Groups while being physically distanced from other groups in the gym. It also limits the area after school that has to be cleaned to one part of the school, since our custodians are not working from 9:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Choir

Choir will be starting soon. It will take place in the gym during the school day on Thursday mornings.

If choir and choral singing interest your child, make sure they listen for the announcements about choir sign-up. The first sign-up will be for Divisions 2 to 5. We will be looking at new ways of doing choir to ensure safety of all.

Need help?

This year is particularly confusing and can create a lot of anxiety. If you or your child need help with academics, or mental health support, be sure to touch base with school staff. We can help put you in touch with people or agencies who can help, if our staff is unable to help you. Phone or e-mail, we're all in this together!

