



Home of the Eagles

École Glen Elementary School Newsletter

"Taking care of ourselves, others, and this place"

2009 October 13



MISSION STATEMENT

Glen Elementary welcomes a diversity of learners and in partnership with the community is committed to creating a mutually supportive environment which fosters a positive attitude towards learning; self-esteem; personal and social responsibility.

L'école Glen élémentaire accueille une diversité d'élèves et s'engage, en partenariat avec la communauté, à créer un environnement de soutien mutuel lequel encouragera une attitude positive envers l'apprentissage académique, l'estime de soi ainsi que la responsabilité individuelle et sociale.

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<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/glen/calendar/calendar.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE:

All newsletters are only posted on our learning portal at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/glen/Pages/default.aspx>

We understand that you may not own a computer and/or may not have access to the internet. If this is the case, please let the office know and we will make sure your child receives a hardcopy to bring home...thank you!!

Halloween Carnival and Halloween Parade

On Friday, October 30, 2009 we will hold our annual Halloween Carnival and Halloween Parade.

Our Halloween Carnival will take place in the gym in the morning. Each class will get the opportunity to take part in a circuit of fun 'Halloween-related' activities, organized and run by Mr. Stella's Grade 5 students, which includes our famous 'Haunted House', created and run by Ms. Brovold's Grade 5 students.

Our annual Halloween Parade is for all students. We encourage all students and family members to dress up in a Halloween costume. Students will parade in their costumes in and out of each classroom. The parade ends in the gym between approximately 2:00 and 2:30 pm in front of parents and family members.

I would like to remind parents, that although we are celebrating Halloween, we need to keep in mind the young age of the children. Please choose costumes that are not scary, gory, or that have weapons as accessories. Since weapons of any type (even pretend ones) are not permitted on school grounds, please leave these at home (even if they are part of the costume).

Let's keep the atmosphere fun & positive.

COME AND HAVE A CREEPY GOOD TIME!



THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT. PLEASE HAVE IT TRANSLATED TODAY.

此為重要文件,請翻譯成中文。

이것은 중요한 문서입니다. 오늘 반드시 번역하십시오.

هذا مستند هام جداً. يرجى ترجمته اليوم.

ESTE DOCUMENTO ES MUY IMPORTANTE, POR FAVOR, TRATE QUE SE LO TRADUCIR AL ESPANOL LO.

Това е важно документа. Моля преведете го днес.

Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day Assembly

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 (10:45 am)



Please make plans to attend this very special and solemn ceremony. The staff and students will be working extremely hard preparing for this ceremony.

We are respectfully inviting family members who have served in the Canadian military or who currently serve or have served with the local police forces or fire departments to attend in full uniform. In addition,

we encourage all of our Sparks, Brownies, and Cubs to attend in full uniform.

Please let Mr. Passaglia know if there will be a family member attending by providing the family member's name, the unit she/he served, the dates of service and tours of service.



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**Verification Forms,
Volunteer Forms,
Driver's Abstracts, and CRC's
~ THANK YOU! ~**

A special thank-you to all of our families who completed these forms

We are, however, still missing some forms and some forms that were handed in were not completed fully.

As this information is very important, we will, again, call students from families whose forms we are missing or are not complete. We will give your child the forms with the hope that they will be completed and returned the very next day.

**Thank you for your time,
efforts and care!!**

**Non-Instructional
Days for 2009/2010**

The Provincial Ministry of Education has made provision for schools to use six days each year for promoting professional growth amongst teachers. Teachers are in session only and students do not attend school on these days.

- Friday, October 23, 2009
- Friday, January 22, 2010
- Friday, February 12, 2010
- Friday, April 16, 2010
- Friday, May 21, 2010

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM



Over the course of the past school year, the school district re-organized the elementary school meals program, in an effort to provide a greater number of schools with nutritious lunches. All food preparation will be done at Centennial Secondary's teaching kitchen, under the direction of the teaching chef and elementary school meal coordinators. The meals will be delivered each morning to our school.

We are aware that for some families, finances are a challenge. We are able to support some families with a reduced lunch-cost. For further information, please call the school at 604-464-6608 and speak with Mrs. Denton or Mr. Passaglia.



Dressing for the Weather

We will be encouraging our students to go outside at Recess and Lunch on a regular basis. This will include all days except those where the weather is very inclement.

As a result, we ask that parents ensure that students are dressed for our typical B.C. weather and we also suggest sending a change of clothes to school that can be kept at your child's cloakroom space in the event that they do get wet or muddy.

As well, it would be helpful that children have an umbrella that can be left at school. Children need fresh air and the opportunity to be outdoors as a break from classroom routines.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.



Terry Fox Walk & Run

WE HAVE RAISED JUST OVER \$4,400

~ THANK YOU! ~

We held our annual Terry Fox Walk \ Run on Friday, September 18, 2009. The weather was spectacular. We headed to Town Centre Stadium for the afternoon.

I then challenged our outstanding Glen community. The challenge was...if we raised \$5,500, I would have my head shaved and Mrs. Williams will have her beautiful long hair cut in front of the entire school.

I am thrilled to announce that we have raised just over \$4,400 ...this is absolutely outstanding!! I am so incredibly PROUD of all of you. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Stewart and her group of moms for counting the money and rolling all the coins.

Now...I have spoken to some parents who have told me that they still have money at home...one parent told me that he has about \$400 to bring in. Our goal of \$5,500 is still, I believe, alive!!

This is an official last call for ALL Terry Fox money to be brought to school asap. If we reach our goal we will let you know when the 'shave and cut' will happen.

ÉCOLE GLEN SCHOOL LEARNING PORTAL

Our portal is a wonderful place to read and learn about the exciting events happening in and about our wonderful school, your child's classroom and throughout the district.

To access our portal simply go to: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/glen/Pages/default.aspx>

Your child's username and password label has now been given to your child to be placed on the inside cover of her/his planner (student agenda). Kindergarten students will have this information distributed differently as our K students do not have planners.

Using your child's username and password enables you to access our Learning Portal.



Glen Board of Education Liaison Trustee, Gail Alty, will be visiting Glen on the morning of Tuesday, October 27, 2009

I am very excited to announce that Gail Alty accepted my invitation to visit will be at Glen for the morning of Tuesday, October 27, 2009.

The very tentative itinerary includes:

- 8:00 am: arrival; chat with Mr. Passaglia and Mrs. Denton
- 8:30 – 8:40 am: meet and greet students and families as they arrive for the school day
- 8:40 – 10:00 am: visit classrooms; read to students; say a few words
- 10:10 – 10:25 am: visit with staff at recess

PAC/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION PROGRAM

At our last PAC Meeting held last Monday, October 05, 2009 it was decided that our wonderful PAC will be organizing and implementing a CLASS LIAISON communication program using email.

Due to legal and privacy issues, the school can NOT pass on personal information.

Therefore, a parent representative from each class will serve as a **Class Liaison Rep**. This class liaison rep will approach parents from their child's class and ask for your email address. Sharing your email address is **COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY**.

I would like to thank Heather Fowlie who will serve as the **PAC Liaison School Coordinator**. At the PAC Meeting we were able to have a parent volunteer from the majority of our classes volunteer to serve as the Class/Division Liaison.

The purpose of this program is for our PAC and school administration the ability to communicate important and/or time sensitive information quickly and efficiently.

All emails/communications must be approved by Mr. Passaglia or Mrs. Denton.

An example of this communication system could be:

- PAC Minutes written and ready for distribution the day after a PAC Meeting
- PAC Secretary emails MINUTES to Mr. Passaglia for approval
- Mr. Passaglia forwards email to PAC Liaison School Coordinator, Heather Fowlie (cc's to Luwanda Davies, PAC Chairperson and Mrs. Denton, Vice-Principal)
- Heather Fowlie emails MINUTES via a 'group email' to each class/division Class Liaison parent
- We have now distributed this information to many parents/guardians

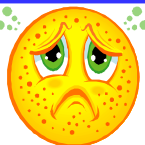
Pièce de Théâtre comes to Glen

Friday, October 16, 2009

All day in the gym

This theatre performance is for the French Immersion students in our school district. We are proud that we are hosting this amazing event. On the morning of Fri Oct 16, 2009, 222 students from Panorama Elementary, 86 students from Kilmer Elementary and close to 200 of our Glen students will be in our gym to enjoy this production.

Then, in the afternoon of Fri Oct 16, Maple Creek Middle School French Immersion students will be in our gym to enjoy the production



HEALTH REMINDERS

In an attempt to keep students and staff healthy from nasty colds and flu's...

1. Please have your children wash their hands regularly
2. Please keep your child home if...
 - they have a fever or are feeling nauseous
 - they have yellow or green discharge from their nose or mouth



New Glen School Construction Update

Possible first day for students:
Monday, January 4, 2009

Estimated moving of the majority of our 'old' school contents:
Mon Dec 07 - Fri Dec 18, 2009

An invitation to...

French Immersion Parent Information Night

(PARENTS/GUARDIANS ONLY)

Thursday, October 15, 2009 (6:30 – 7:30 pm; Gym)

Dear Glen French Immersion Parents/Guardians,

You should have received a special invitation last Friday, October 09, 2009 that looks very similar to this box. If you plan to attend, please return the tear-off section at the bottom so that we can plan appropriately.

I am including the information here for your convenience.

You are cordially invited to our very first ***French Immersion Parent Information Night***. Come and join our amazing French Immersion Team of teachers at Ecole Glen Elementary to learn about your child's French Immersion Programme. The evening will go from 6:30-7:30pm on Thursday, October 15th in the gymnasium.

We will begin with a short introduction of the French Immersion Team, the future of the French Immersion programme and the Teamwork behind the scenes at the school. Then you are free to roam around where you will find tables with information on French reading, writing and math covering Grades K-5 and a table providing you with information regarding French Resources. French Immersion staff will be available at each table to answer any questions you may have regarding what is presented at the tables. Also, keep your eyes open for the posters of French events and activities at Glen and in the community. We will all come back together to conclude the evening with some important areas that we would like to highlight within the program.

The French Immersion Team has been hard at work preparing this information evening to help provide more communication between parents and the French Programme, so please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about your child's second language education.

First Term Interim Week

Wed Oct 14 - Wed Oct 21, 2009

Last June, the staff decided, that interims this school year would be left to the professional discretion of the individual teacher.

We are calling this, '**First Interim Week**'. It runs from Wed Oct 14, 2009 up to and including Wed Oct 21, 2009.

Our designated **Early Dismissal Day** is Wed Oct 21, 2009 at 1:30 pm for our Afternoon Kindergarten classes and all of our Grade 1 - 5 classes. Early Dismissal for our Morning Kindergarten classes is at 10:10 am.

Your child's first term interim report can take the shape of either...

- A phone call home
- A hardcopy first term interim report sent home
- Parent-Teacher Conference
- Student Led Conference
- A combination of the above

Glen After School Club

Begins Tuesday, October 13, 2009

I am extremely excited that our Glen After-School Club begins today, Tuesday, October 13, 2009 after five months of hard work, planning and organizing. This wonderful opportunity for forty of our students will be under the care of our Program Leader, Mason Foulkes.

I also want to thank all the families who put their family name forward for our draw of ten openings in the program. This draw was held last Friday, October 02 in our gym at 3:00 pm. We had approximately 25 families attend the draw.

The program is now full with 40 students and their families very excited to begin. In addition, we do have a wait-list of approximately 80 families.

Mason, Mrs. Denton and I hosted a special and memorable 'Parent Information Evening' last Wednesday, October 07, 2009 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in our Portable #2, where the program will be housed until we move into our new school. All families, Parents and their children, attended. Mason did an outstanding job sharing his goals and vision for the program. Parents also has an opportunity to ask questions. The evening ended with everyone very excited and eager for the program to begin.

Just to remind you all...

Last Spring our school applied for a \$40,000 provincial grant created for developing after school programs through the Royal Bank of Canada, Public Affairs Department. Out of forty-eight grant applications submitted throughout British Columbia, only two were awarded. Our grant application was one of the two successful applications. We are very excited to announce that we are using this grant in the creation of a *Glen After School Club* for this 2009/2010 school year. This program is new to our school and absolutely new to our district. Depending on how successful this program is, we may be awarded with additional funding to continue the program in subsequent years.

Here are the facts about this program:

- Begins Tuesday, October 13, 2009
- Runs Monday – Friday (2:30 – 5:30 pm, October to June; this entire school year)
- This program **WILL NOT RUN** on Pro-D days, Statutory Holidays, Winter Break and Spring Break
- On 'early dismissal' days the program will run from 1:30 – 5:30 am
- Program will be housed in our eastern most portable while we are in our current school
- In our new school, this program will be housed in the Multi-Purpose Room
- Daily, the program will have...
 - A healthy snack/nutrition time (approx 15 – 20 min)
 - A time to work of any assignments/homework (approx 20 – 30 min)
 - A reading component (approx 15 minutes)
 - A physical activity component (inside in gym or outside, weather dependent)
 - Weekly/Monthly, the program will include Community Field Trip opportunities such as...
 - Evergreen Cultural Centre, Coquitlam City Aquatic Centre, Coquitlam Library, LaFarge Lake, Coquitlam Centre, community walks, Pinetree Community Centre and others
 - Opportunities involving the Fine Arts (Visual, Drama, Music, Dance); Technology; Science; Leadership and Social Responsibility
 - Every Tuesday and Thursday, the program will have one of our wonderful SD43 Youth Workers, Jude Maddalozzo, join the program.
 - In addition, the Program will be supported by secondary and university students, all of whom will have completed our volunteer forms as well as a Criminal Record Check

Some parents have asked Mrs. Denton and I about the 'criteria'. I share them here for your convenience...

The Criteria:

- *Simply...we are trying to identify families who simply need 'a helping hand'*
- *This could include our collective knowledge around a family's financial situation, parent work schedule, the need for a child to get additional socialization opportunities.....to essentially, provide children with a place to do homework, have a nutritious snack, get some physical activity and connect with our community.....things we feel they might not otherwise get*

BEAR AWARE

We encourage our Glen families and neighbours to call the school if you see a bear. Once we are notified, school staff will contact the Conservation Office (Wildlife Sighting; 1-800-663-9453). In addition, teachers will continue to review the *do's and don't's* of what to do if they see a bear.

The following is an excellent website for the entire family to visit and read... <http://www.bearaware.bc.ca/>

If you see a bear...

- Remain calm; don't panic. Often the bear is simply looking for food and will move on if it finds nothing to eat
- Keep away from the bear and go inside
- Never approach the bear and do not run from the bear
- Do not act submissively by crouching down or whispering
- Warn others of the bear's presence, but don't do it by yelling
- If the bear climbs a tree, keep people and pets away; eventually, when things quiet down, the bear will come down and leave; this usually happens after dark when the bear feels safe; once the bear is safely out of the area, check the area to ensure there are no attractants available



This information is provided by the BC Conservation Foundation "Bear aware" information pamphlet.
For more details go to: www.bearaware.bc.ca

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Parents are reminded to please not use the staff parking lot as a pick-up/drop-off area for children. We also request that you refrain from parking or stopping in areas where the curb is painted yellow. Please proceed with caution when driving through the school area.

Please note that you may only turn right from the parking lot at the back of the school as per the new traffic sign from the City of Coquitlam.



The Coquitlam Fire Department, RCMP, and Bylaw Enforcement Team have been contacted and will be providing random parking enforcement patrols during both morning and afternoon peak traffic periods. Violation tickets will be issued to those not abiding by the bylaws.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION
IN KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE!**

Use your **WITS**

Walk away & ignore

I-message

Talk about it and

Seek help

BC DEAR DAY

**Monday, October 26, 2009
(1:00 pm)**

**BC 'DROP EVERYTHING AND
READ' DAY**

**All Glen students, staff and any
parents at Glen at 1:00 pm will drop
everything and read for 15 minutes!**

Principal

Mr. D. Passaglia
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2009/2010 GLEN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Positions

Name

Email

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	Dawn Boyco	millsdawn@shaw.ca

Event Coordinators:

Scholastic Book Fair	Cyndi Bauslaugh	(see above)
Walk to School Day	Becky Severy	(see above)

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO WASH YOUR HANDS
AND
COUGH/SNEEZE INTO YOUR ARM...THANK YOU!!**

School Calendar 2009-2010

Mon Oct 12, 2009	Thanksgiving Day
Tues Oct 13 - Fri Oct 16, 2009	First Interim Week
Wed Oct 21, 2009	Interims (1:30 PM Early Dismissal)
Fri Oct 23, 2009	District Pro-D Day
Wed Nov 04, 2009	ESL Parent Night
Wed Nov 11, 2009	Remembrance Day
Thurs Dec 03, 2009	First Formal Reports Home
Wed Dec 09, 2009	First Term Reporting (1:30 PM Early Dismissal)
Tues Dec 15 - Wed Dec 16, 2009	Winter Concert
Fri Dec 18, 2009	Last day before Winter Break
Sat Dec 19 - Sun Jan 03, 2010	Winter Break
Mon Jan 04, 2010	School Opens
Fri Jan 22, 2010	School Based Pro-D Day
Fri Feb 12, 2010	District Pro-D Day
Thurs Feb 18, 2010	Informal Reports (1:30 PM Early Dismissal)
Thurs March 18, 2010	2nd Formal report Home
Wed March 24, 2010	Second Term Reporting (1:30 PM Early Dismissal)
Thurs March 25, 2010	Last day before Spring Vacation
Fri March 26 - Mon Apr 05, 2010	Spring Vacation
Fri Apr 02, 2010	Good Friday
Mon Apr 05, 2010	Easter Monday
Tues Apr 06, 2010	School Reopens
Fri Apr 16, 2010	District Pro-D Day
Fri May 21, 2010	School Based Pro-D
Mon May 24, 2010	Victoria Day Holiday
Mon June 28, 2010	Leaving Ceremony
Tues June 29, 2010	Talent Show/Final Reports Home/Last day for students
Wed June 30, 2010	Administrative Day

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