



École Glen School Newsletter

Thursday, December 1st, 2016

Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Each Other & Take Care of this Place

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At the start of December we will be adding a little fun at Glen by introducing, "Elf on the Shelf" to all classes. Mme. Petiot has shared the story with all of our classes. The book comes with a special elf, which the students have named Jingle. Each morning our magical elf appears in a new spot in the school after visiting Santa. Elf Jingle watches over the children each day to see if they are taking care of themselves and others and then visits Santa each evening before returning to Glen. This has added a little excitement and fun in December, each year.

The arrival of December and the upcoming excitement of many special celebrations makes this a stressful time for many families. All schools see an increase in dysregulated children (mad, crying, silly etc..). As a school we continue to maintain our focus on self regulated learning through talking about our feelings, the zones of regulation and keeping as much routine as possible. To help your child succeed at school, please make every effort to get your children to bed early and ensure they eat breakfast before coming to school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. Husband
Principal

Mr. R. Appel
Vice-Principal

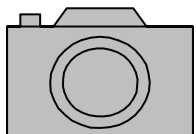
WINTER PERFORMANCES

We are fortunate to have all classes participate in a Winter Performance thanks to the leadership and musical expertise of Mrs. Linda Franz. Glen is a very large school. To allow all children to participate we divide the school into two groups of 10 divisions and create two separate performances of the same concert.

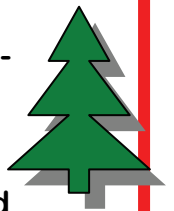
All children perform during our Winter Performances during the day on December 14th and 15th. [Click here](#) for a detailed list of times and a list of classes. Due to limited space parents are invited to watch their child(ren) perform once.

Our gym will be very full (at capacity) during the concerts. When taking a photo of your child please consider the audience behind you. Parents are asked to not hold up large devices such as iPads that may block the view of others.

Many of the grade 5 students have speaking parts that introduces each of the classes and ties the songs together. Younger children are very welcome to attend. To help our young actors have their moment we ask that parents take any young children/ babies that are upset outside until they are quiet/ calm.



A reminder that the performances are for parents. Please do not post the performances on social media that is not secured or public websites that include images of other children.



Important Information for the 2017-2018 school year; Cross Boundary Applications Registration for Kindergarten Registration for Programs of Choice

- The Cross Boundary application process

Every family lives in an area called a school catchment. Your child's school is based on your home address. The school catchment area is different for French Immersion and English programs as not all schools offer French Immersion. Parents who want their child to attend a different school must apply by the deadline. Some schools are closed to applications for cross boundary as the school is already full.

- Registering for Programs of Choice—including Grade 6 Late French Immersion and Montessori
- Registering for English Kindergarten
- Registering for French Kindergarten

Parents are reminded that EVERY child has to be formally registered for Kindergarten. Parents who already have a child attending École Glen Elementary will get priority for registration in French, if your child has applied for French Immersion and is registered.

Registration in French Immersion Kindergarten is changed for all FI schools in the Coquitlam School District. Following an online application process spaces will be allocated based on available space in each school for children who live in the catchment area.

1. Older Siblings **at** Glen in 2017/18
2. Lottery system

[CLICK HERE](#) TO ACCESS THE DISTRICT SCHOOL LOCATOR WHICH WILL TELL YOU WHAT SCHOOL IS YOUR CATCHMENT SCHOOL FOR BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH IMMERSION.

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR INFORMATION & DATES FOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION OR PROGRAMS OF CHOICE AS LISTED ON THE DISTRICT CALENDAR. INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR FRENCH KINDERGARTEN Jan 4th– Jan 8th.

In Person Kindergarten Registration:

- Jan 31 Returning Families to Glen
- Feb 1 New Families to Glen
- Feb 2 New Families to Glen

Continue to visit the [Glen Website](#) for updated information.



REPORT CARDS

The first formal report card will be sent home on Friday December 16th, 2016.



Please take some time to read the report card with your child. Ask them to think about their learning this term. Here are some questions to guide your conversation:

What are they proud of or happy about? What makes them feel good about that one thing? What is one thing they would like to get better at? How could they get better at it? What are one or two specific things they are going to do to reach their goal?

Work to set one or two goals that are within your child's reach. We are all able to make small changes but rarely do we successfully make big ones that last. Many small successful changes can add up over time to a very significant change.

Parent Teacher Interviews

On Tuesday, January 10th there is an early dismissal at 1:38pm to provide you time to meet with your child's teacher if you wish.

Parent teacher interviews are scheduled appointments and can be requested by parent(s)/guardians or the teacher. Children attend if the teacher or the parent asks for the child to attend.

Interviews are usually 15 minutes each as teachers meet with many parents. To help the interviews go smoothly;

1. Arrive a few minutes early
2. Wait outside the class until the interview before you is finished (even if it runs over a little).
3. Think of one or two questions that you would like to ask the teacher before the interview. Write your question down and bring it to the interview.
4. Be sure to keep your interview to 15 minutes.

*If you are learning English please do not worry.
Teachers welcome all parents.*

STUDENT SAFETY

- Our district has reminded all schools that every visitor (including parents) must **sign in and out** when they are in the school, even for a short time. Please only enter the school through the two main doors.



- **Thank you** to all parents for waiting outside the school at 8:30am & 2:30pm for safety and noise reasons. This makes a big difference for our entire school.
- **Westwood drop off loop.** Please continue to use this as a drop off area & park your car in the parking spaces. Many daycare buses use the loop to drop off /pick up. Parents who park in the loop cause delays. Please model consideration for others.

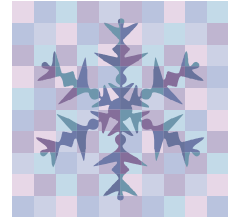


Dressing for the Weather



Students go outside at recess and lunch almost everyday even when it is raining or cold, this is west coast living.

Students need to bring umbrellas, water proof rain coats and rain boots to school on rainy days and a warm coat, gloves and a warm hat on very cold days. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the B.C. weather.



Kindergarten to gr. 3 children need to have extra clothes at school. Small children love to play in puddles and sometimes get very wet. We do not want children in wet clothes all

WINTER WEATHER AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

Schools are not usually closed because of snow or other poor weather. If possible all schools in the Coquitlam School District will remain open during winter weather, including snowfall.

There may be the need for **some** schools to be closed in the district while others remain open. If some schools close within the school district, each school will be named. Full or partial school closures do not happen often.

Coquitlam School District closures are decided by 6:30 a.m. and will be announced on:

1. School District 43 website
www.sd43.bc.ca
2. The Glen website
3. Radio
CKNW 980am radio



PARKING CHANGES DUE TO SKYTRAIN OPENING

We are expecting more traffic around Glen with the opening of the new Skytrain station near our school.

In our rush to get to school and work please make safety your priority. Everyday we see very dangerous acts that create serious safety concerns.

- ◆ Use the crosswalks
- ◆ Turn tight only when leaving the Westwood parking lot
- ◆ Never stop in traffic to let you child out always pull over next to the curb. This is called double parking.



GRADE 4-5 SPORTS REPORT



On Friday, November 25th we hosted 15 volleyball teams at the yearly Glen Volleyball Jambouree at Pinetree Secondary. This marks the end to a very successful volleyball season. We had over 30 grade 5 students participate in home games, 3 practices/week and a jambouree. Thanks to Ms. Stables, Ms. Young, Mrs. Husband, Mme. Gordon and Mrs. Henderson. Special thanks to our parent volunteer Carina and the grade 5 parents for organizing a very successful concession at the jambouree

Grade 4/5 floor hockey also finishes this week. Thank you Mr. Lazecki and Gleneagle gr. 12 student Jason Gee for running this very popular tournament.

We are looking for a parent or two to help with Gr 5. Basketball in January and February. Please email shusband@sd43.bc.ca if you are able to help even one day per week.

SCHOOL GATE LEADING TO PIPELINE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please keep the gate behind the school, leading onto Pipeline Road closed at all times. We have a very fast moving special needs child who needs the help of the entire community to be safe.



Keeping the gate closed is about this child's safety as well as the safety of our youngest students. Please take a moment when you are walking through the gate to explain this to your child. Last year the gate was left open and this student was able to get out onto Pipeline Road.

This information has been printed with permission of the parent.

SHARE **FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Glen Elementary will be supporting the food bank. Please bring non perishable food or money to donate to all school events in December.

Food items MOST needed in the Food Bank to fill food hampers in the city of Coquitlam.

Canned Fruit	Fish & Meat (canned)	Peanut Butter	Cereal	Rice
Canned Meals	Canned Vegetables	Tomato Sauce	Juice	Pasta

Special food items to think about: Stuffing Mix, Candy or Chocolates, Jam, Coffee or Tea. Condiments such as ketchup and mayonnaise or cooking oil

** Please note we can not use open, damaged or expired food*

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Page

The school PAC has been very busy. Here is a list of some of the events that PAC sponsors.

- Terry Fox Fundraising
- Application for Spirit of Coquitlam Grant
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Distribution of the Fruit and Veggie Program
- Updating & renewal Emergency Prep. Bags
- Hot lunches and Movie Night and Concession (2)
- Volleyball Jamboree Concession
- Pancake breakfast with Santa
- School recycling once per month with Pacific Mobile
- Food drive to support Share Food Bank with support from the school Spirit Committee
- Regular PAC meetings, election of PAC executive and decisions regarding the use of PAC monies (generated through fundraising)

Glen Elementary
Parent Advisory Council

Find us on
Facebook

We have a **Facebook Group!** Join us!

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Search: Glen Elementary PAC Group

NEXT PAC MEETING
Wednesday, January 18th
Staff Room 7-8:30pm
Everyone welcome

LOST AND FOUND

We have a school lost and found located near the entrance to the gym. If your child has lost something please take a look through the lost and found and take it back.



Over the winter break all unclaimed lost and found items will be given to a local charity.

Pacific Mobile Recycling Glen Parking Lot

December 17, 2016 9am -12pm

Visit <http://pmdrecycling.com/> for a list items they accept, some have a small fee

SANTA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

THURSDAY DEC 8th @ GLEN 7am

All children must be with an adult at all times.

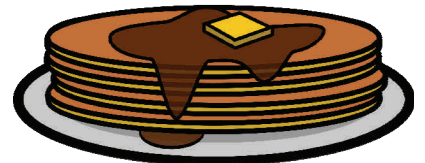
Tickets are \$2.00 per person

Includes 2 pancakes, drink and fresh orange.

Orders and payment due Thursday Dec. 1st to teachers

Extra order forms are available at the office

Come for a visit and photo with Santa, colouring and breakfast.



Glen School Calendar 2016-17

PAC Santa Breakfast	Thursday, December 8, 2016	
Winter Performance Dress Rehearsal	Wednesday, December 14, 2016	
Winter Performance	Thursday, December 15, 2016	
First Term Report Cards sent home	Friday, December 16, 2016	
Schools Close for Winter Vacation & Spirit Day (Red/ Green)	Friday, December 16, 2016	
Winter Vacation- Students do not attend	Sat, Dec 19, 2016 - Mon, Jan 2	Students do not attend
Schools Re-opens	Tuesday, January 3, 2017	
First Term Parent-Teacher Interviews	Tuesday, January 10, 2017	Early Dismissal 1:38 pm
School Based Professional Day -	Monday, Jan 30, 2017	Students do not attend/ office closed
Second Term Student Led Conference Early Dismissal	Thursday, February 2, 2017	Early Dismissal 1:38 pm
B.C. Family Day Holiday	Monday, February 13, 2017	Students do not attend
Real Acts of Care Week	Monday, Feb 13 to Friday, Feb 17	
Pink Shirt Day	Wednesday, February 22, 2017	
District Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Feb 24, 2017	Students do not attend/ office closed
Dance Festival & Schools Close for Spring Vacation	Friday, March 10, 2017	
Spring Vacation	Sat., March 11- 26, 2017	Students do not attend
Schools Open	Monday, March 27, 2017	
Second Term Report Cards sent home	Friday, March 31, 2017	
Second Term Parent-Teacher Conferences	Thursday, April 6, 2017	Early Dismissal 1:38 pm
Good Friday Holiday	Friday, April 14, 2017	Students do not attend
Easter Monday Holiday	Monday, April 17, 2017	Students do not attend
Maple Creek Grade 6 Parent Night	Thursday, April 20, 2017	7pm at Maple Creek
District Non-Instructional Day-	Friday, April 21, 2017	Students do not attend /office closed
Music Monday- (10:00 am outside parents welcome)	Monday, May 1, 2017	
What is Middle School? Gr. 5 Parents and Students	Wednesday, May 17, 2017	6:30pm at Maple Creek
Class and Team Photos	Thursday, May 18, 2017	
Victoria Day Holiday-	Monday, May 22, 2017	Students do not attend
School Based Professional Day	Tuesday, May 23, 2017	Students do not attend/ office closed
Grade 6 for a day at Maple Creek	Thursday, June 1, 2017	Grade 5 students attending Maple Creek
Welcome to Kindergarten Meetings	Thursday, June 1, 2017	
17/18 Kindergarten Students English Program 9am and French Immersion 1pm in the gym		
Current English Kindergarten students start school at 10:30am (attend 10:30 until 2:38pm)		
Current French Kindergarten students finish school at 12:00pm (attend 8:35 until 12:00)		
Parent Appreciation Tea	Tuesday, June 6, 2017 (1:00 pm)	
Sports Day– parents welcome to watch events	Friday, June 9, 2017	
Grade 5 leaving ceremony (time TBA)	Thursday, June 29, 2017	
Last day for students (dismissal at 2:37 pm)	Thursday, June 29, 2017	
Final Report Cards sent home	Thursday, June 29, 2017	

Glen Student Attendance

Please help our secretary, Mrs. Carswell by completing the online absence report every time your child is going to be away from school or late.

Each day Mrs. Carswell calls to check on every student when we do not know why they are absent. This process takes nearly 2 hours each and every day.

If you are not able to complete the online form please call the school.