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Upcoming Calendar Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25	26	27 Kindergarten Registration (English) Online	28 Kindergarten Registration (English) Online	29 Kindergarten Registration (English) Online
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Principally Speaking

The Week That Was

In the December 4th edition of Principally Speaking, I spoke about a book entitled *kids these days* and pointed to the following quote “[S]omebody’s got to be crazy about that kid. That’s number one. First, last, and always.” As I continue to re-read through sections of the book, I was reminded of a quote a Glenayre colleague recently shared with me and that I’ve subsequently shared with staff.

Beneath every behaviour there is a feeling. And beneath every feeling there is a need. And when we meet that need rather than focus on the behaviour, we begin to deal with the cause not the symptom.

There is much to unpack in these words, and I got to experience student needs firsthand as I chose to teach four (4) classes last Friday, January 15th. The learning intention for each of the primary classes was around empathy and for the intermediate classes, the focus was democracy. Will the students remember the nuances of each lesson? Maybe. Will the students remember the card game used to reinforce certain concepts? Maybe. Will the intermediate students remember the voice they had in class to support their opinions and views during the lesson? Hopefully.

As parents, please continue to unpack what your children are learning in class. They are inquisitive now and reinforcing that wonder helps support their desire to critically think as they reach higher grades.

Looking Forward

Unpacking the Griffin

During our January Staff Meeting, we discussed our plan for building student knowledge about what is a Griffin? It's symbolism? And making this an intentional discussion with our students so they better appreciate the history of the school and community. At our February staff meeting, staff will share some of their students' views on the Griffin and beginning after Spring Break, we will tackle a schoolwide initiative to bring the Griffin alive beyond the mural and other areas where we see it.

Sensory Pathways

We are currently reviewing our plans for sensory pathways both inside and outside. Learn more about sensory pathways [here](#).

Winter Weather

The weather is calling for snow at some point this weekend. Families were sent our Winter Weather document as a reference for checking our website for updates about potential school closures. This same information can be found on our website [here](#).

Home-to-School Communication

As we move into the thick of Term 2, please continue to check-in with your child's teacher about their academic progress if ever you have questions.

Lost and Found

I've reached out to your child's teacher about taking their class through the Lost and Found area to recover any items that you're wondering "Where's Waldo?" It would be helpful to make sure your child knows exactly what they are looking to recover in the Lost and Found.

Valentine's Day

As was the case with Halloween candy, School District #43 is following the recommendations of the Provincial Health Office (PHO) when it comes to treats and the exchange of cards on Valentine's Day. Students are asked not to bring items from home whether that's baked goods for the whole class, individual candies for students or Valentine's cards. These protocols maximize the health and safety of everyone in the building.

Supportive Resources

Recently, a Glenayre family shared some valuable webinar information with me. You may find these webinars to be of interest. They are entitled **School Anxiety & Attendance Challenges Webinars: Practical Strategies for School Professionals**. You can find the webinars here: <https://keltymentalhealth.ca/SchoolAttendance1>. All webinars are recorded and can be found here <https://keltymentalhealth.ca>.

Enjoy your weekend,

Andrew



Glenayre's 1st Read-A-Thon

Read-A-Thon Fundraiser packages will be coming home Monday or Tuesday!

Our **read-a-thon** is a fundraiser during which students **read** in exchange for pledges or donations from family and friends for their school. The money raised during this **read-a-thon** will add many books to our library, more books to our classrooms and add funds to the PAC (virtual workshops/ gym equipment/I pads/tech support/extra-curricular activities, etc.).

More importantly, it's really good for our kids! This school-wide fundraising event is unique in that the children take ownership of and pride in it. Please help your child set and achieve their goals. They'll benefit greatly from the fulfillment of participating, contributing and succeeding.

Glenayre's Water Bottles FOR SALE

A couple years ago the PAC had a "Glenayre Goes Greener" committee which sourced water bottles with our "old" Glenayre Logo on it. We still have about 50 water bottles left.

The water bottles are 500 ml stainless steel, BPA Free, wide mouth opening and a leak-proof screw-down lid with a mini metal carabineer attached.

We have slashed the price on these water bottles as we would like to see them go to good homes.

Cost - \$4.00 each

If you would like to purchase, PLEASE GO TO SCHOOL CASH ONLINE for details.

<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>



NEXT PAC MEETING is:

WEDNESDAY February 17, 2021 at 7:15 PM virtually on zoom

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please "LIKE" our [FACEBOOK](https://www.facebook.com/glenayrepac) page at <https://www.facebook.com/glenayrepac> in order to receive all the latest event notifications.

We are also on *INSTAGRAM* so please follow us at: [@glenayrepac](https://www.instagram.com/glenayrepac)

If you have any questions on how you can get involved or questions/concerns related to PAC News, please reach out to us by email at glenayrepac@gmail.com

Attachments

22.1 Winter Weather Information

22.2 Fraser Health School Update – winter 2021