



Gleneagle Secondary

NEWS

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Principal's Message:

As we near the end of the first month of school, students have settled into their studies. Counselors have been busy ensuring students have full schedules and many of our fall routines are back in place. Athletics have begun with our fall season sports. Next Friday we will be running our Club Day Orientation at lunch. Students will be able to check out and sign up for the various clubs at Gleneagle. Our grads kicked off their final year with our annual Senior Sail grad event. Thanks to Ms. Anderson and all the volunteers who took care of our grads.

With the late start to the school year, our semesters have been altered to balance out the amount of instructional days between them. Semester one will end on Friday, January 30th. Provincial exams will run from Monday, February 2nd to Thursday, February 5th. Semester two will begin on Tuesday, February 10th following our school based Pro D day, the weekend and Family Day on Monday, February 9th. All scheduled school holidays; stat holidays and Pro D days have remained unchanged.

Each school year, we say goodbye to some teachers and welcome others. Last June, we said goodbye to Mr. Art Abram who retired after thirty-seven years of teaching in our school district. We also say goodbye to Mr. Kevin Comeau, Mr. Curt DeWolff, Mr. Mason Foulkes, Ms. Anne Lim, Mr. Adam Miller, Mr. Clayton Richardson, Ms. Melissa Jackson, Mr. Edward Roberts and Mr. Jeff Smith who have moved to other schools this fall. This year we welcome Mr. Jamie Clayton, Mr. Dustin Corpuz, Ms. Candice Davidson, Mr. Bill Morphet, Mr. Simon Quinto and Ms. Helen Xue to Gleneagle.

Parents are encouraged to read the message from school board trustee and Executive Director of Children of the Street Society, Ms. Diane Sowden about Halloween costumes. At Gleneagle, we follow the society's guidelines as our school dress code for Halloween costumes at school.

Gerald Shong
Principal

Wednesday, November 5th is Take Our Kids to Work Day. Grade 9's will be not be attending school that day. Instead they spend the day at workplaces as part of this national initiative. Students will return a permission form and they will be given an assignment to complete on the day. They will hand it in to their block 2 teachers by Wednesday, November 12th. Information and extra copies of the assignment are available on the school site under "News and Announcements". Email Ms. Horvath (jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

Anyone graduating in January must first complete their Grad Transitions. The assignments should be completed by mid/end of November and the Exit Interview should be done before Christmas break. Email Ms. Horvath (jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca) if you have any questions, or if you think you're done your assignments. To begin working on GT – go to gleneagle.org. → programs & services → grad transitions and follow the instructions. Or find an information sheet with instructions under "News and Announcements" on gleneagle.org.

What is DPA? All students in grade 9-12 are expected to get 150 minutes of physical activity per week. They must report out on their Daily Physical Activity using the school GT site. Go to gleneagle.org. → programs & services → grad transitions and follow the instructions. Or find an information sheet with instructions under "News and Announcements" on gleneagle.org. Email Ms. Horvath (jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

Math Department

Registrations for the COMC, CSMC, CIMC, Pascal, Cayley, Fermat, AMC 10, and AMC12 Math contests are now closed. At the start of the second semester, there will be another chance to sign up for Fryer, Galois, Hypatia, or Euclid for those students who have not signed up yet. Mrs. Savovic will announce the time for these registrations in February next year.

Math Contest Club lunch sessions are already under way. Attendance is optional, but recommended to all students who signed up to write any of this year's Math contests. Talk to Mr. Tootian in Room 208 if you have any questions about these sessions.

Multicultural Club

Gleneagle's Multicultural Club meets once per week to plan fun activities and field trips. Last year we made dumplings for Chinese New Year, went to Fly Over Canada and held a multicultural fair in the school, just to mention a few things. All students are welcome to attend. Ms. LeBlond and Ms. Gregory are the sponsor teachers to contact if students would like to make new friends and get involved!

Gleneagle Outdoor Club



All students are encouraged to join our first trip on October 24-26, 2014 to Manning Park. Explore one of BC Park's gems from a base camp on Lightning Lake. From our camp, we will enjoy canoeing, hiking, and games during the day. At night we will play music and tell stories around the campfire. The students assume leadership practice by taking responsibility for specific tasks during the preparation and participation stages of the trip. Trip forms are available in Room 104 from Ms Bogen – permission form, medical form, itinerary, and equipment list. Students will be supplied all of the camping gear, bus transportation, canoe lessons and canoe equipment. Students will be required to bring their own clothes and food. The cost is \$90.00.

Important Message to Parents regarding Halloween Costumes

Halloween is fast approaching and once again Children of the Street Society is raising awareness about inappropriate Halloween costumes which sexualize children and youth, and glamorize sexual exploitation, pimping, and gang lifestyles. Costumes geared towards children and youth have become increasingly sexualized. Costumes such as “prisoner of love”, and “pimp and ho”, create false perceptions of the perpetrators and victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

Sexual exploitation of children and youth is a devastating form of human trafficking. The average age of entry into the sex trade in Canada is 12-14 years old. Sexual exploitation involves the exchange of a sexual act for any consideration such as drugs and alcohol, a place to stay, popularity, or acceptance. This is illegal and child abuse and it is not the youth’s fault.

Young people are recruited into exploitive situations for a variety of reasons, from false promises, gifts, addiction, coercion or control. Recruitment happens everywhere, including school grounds, shopping malls, transit, and particularly online through social networking sites and chat rooms. Sexual exploitation also includes the issue of child sexual abuse images. Due to the prevalence of online activity, image sharing and online facilitated sexual exploitation has significantly increased. In fact, Cybertip.ca recently issued a warning about sextortion: a crime where the perpetrator threatens to distribute images that the victim provided them unless more photos are sent or money is paid.

Victims of sexual exploitation face significant barriers and long term effects including homelessness, violence, mental illness, drug and/or alcohol addiction, sexually transmitted infections, HIV and AIDS, drug affected babies, post-traumatic stress syndrome from physical, emotional and sexual abuse, social stigma, barriers to future employment and premature death. Dressing up in costumes that glamorize sexual exploitation or sexualizes young people only creates social acceptability and desensitization of this disturbing issue.

Dressing up as a “pimp” or a “gangster” also glamorizes the perpetrators of sexual exploitation, further normalizing this issue in the public eye. Many young men are lured into a gang or pimping lifestyle through false promises of money, power, respect, a sense of family, and protection – promises which lead to violence, criminal activity, and the risk of death. Earning a profit off of the buying and selling of children and youth, is sexual exploitation, and is illegal.

As a society, we have the unique opportunity to recognize that these costumes are not socially responsible, and instead encourage youth to emulate positive role models through what costumes they choose to wear. This year, we are asking the community to be socially responsible by choosing Halloween costumes that do not glamorize either the perpetrators or the victims of child and youth sexual exploitation. We are also encouraging the community to avoid costumes that glamourize gang or pimping lifestyles. Instead, please encourage children and youth to choose appropriate costumes that represent their own individuality and creativity.

Children of the Street Society is a provincial non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of sexual exploitation of children and youth since 1995. The Society’s mission is to take a proactive approach through public awareness, education and early intervention strategies to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and youth while offering support to families.. For more information visit childrenofthestreet.com. Please also Like us on Facebook and Twitter @ChildrenoftheSt. We wish your students a safe and fun Halloween. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at 604-777-7510 or at info@childrenofthestreet.com.

On Behalf of Children of the Street Society,
Diane Sowden

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 13, 2014
October 24, 2014
November 3, 2014
November 4, 2014
November 4, 2014
November 5, 2014

Thanksgiving Day – Schools Closed
Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
PAC Meeting at 7:00 pm
Photo Retakes
Interim Report Cards
Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00pm-7:00pm



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