



Spreading the Gleneagle e-News

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Dear Gleneagle Community:

Finding the right balance for students with jobs? Since the potential always exists where excessive amounts of time spent in part-time jobs can adversely affect students' achievement levels, prior to allowing your young adolescents to take a job you should always ask: How much work is the right amount?

Some will argue that the high school years are so important that work can and should wait for vacation periods or for after graduation. Most parents and students, however, see the obvious financial and career education benefits of holding a part-time job. I have seen many students develop immeasurably as a result of job-related experiences, however, I have also seen substantive numbers of 'working students' come to school sleep-deprived or leave early to get a couple of extra hours of pay.

So what is the correct balance between school and part-time work? It depends on the student and the circumstance but, I firmly believe that it is a question that parents of working students should be posing regularly.



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The next e-News home will be March 24.

The e-News archive is on the school web:

<http://public.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/Gleneagle/default.aspx>

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Mar 3	Course Selection Parent Meeting for present grade 9, 10 and 11 students. (7 p.m. in MPR)
March 11	Interim Reports will go home with all students.
March 17	Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7 p.m.
March 25	Last day of classes before spring vacation
April 6	First day back from spring vacation.

Graduation Dates to Remember

June 5 - Graduation Dinner and Dance followed by the parent-sponsored After Grad

June 20 - Commencement at the Orpheum at 1:00 p.m.

Daily Physical Activity (DPA) for grades 9 to 12

The Ministry of Education has set the requirement of 30 minutes/day for grade 9's and 150 minutes/week for grades 10 to 12 of DPA that students must document. DPA will show up on the report card for grades 9, 10 and 11 (and as part of Grad Transitions for grade 12s). At Gleneagle, we have tried to simplify the recording/reflecting of DPA, by offering an online process at the school website. Students go to:

Gleneagle.org > press on the red "gt-dpa" hyperlink > follow steps #1 and #2 to record your DPA

Students are asked to record/reflect on their DPA four times a year. Most students will have already created an account last year and simply need to update their DPA information. If you have any questions, contact Mr. MacLean (604-464-5793, loc 327 or dmaclean@sd43.bc.ca).

Grade 12s need "Graduation Transitions" (GT) to Graduate

A Ministry of Education requirement for graduation is the completion of GT. The three aspects of this course (Personal Health, Community Connections and Graduation Plan) are available online at Gleneagle.org (then follow the red "gt-dpa" hyperlink and follow steps #1 and #2).

All aspects of this course must be completed by April 15th. GT should take no longer than a few hours to do, so there is no reason for not completing it on time. Grad Dinner/Dance ticket will only be sold to those students who have completed GT. If you need assistance, contact Mr. MacLean in the counseling area or around room 222.

Olympic Spirit Sweeps Into Gleneagle

Well over 700 students, parents and staff came to the school on Friday, February 11 at 7:11 a.m. as the Olympic Torch travelled along Guildford Drive. With Eagle Ridge Elementary and Scott Creek Middle students lining the roadway to the west, the Torch Runner was flanked by well over 2000 people bordered from Falcon Drive to Johnson Street. It was a once in a lifetime experience. We followed the torch relay by kicking off Red and White Day with a pancake breakfast for 700 afterwards in our cafeteria. Many of our students and staff member have had some



first-hand involvement in the Olympics. Congratulations to the following staff and students: Neha Chhatre, Amber Shantz, Steven Black, Brittany Howley, Azra Fazal, Chantelle Sadowski, Sara Cross, Robin Goodman, Todd Picknell, Emily Huang, Emily Black, Joyce Jackman and Doug Mancell.



(Banner Photo: Alex Matovic, Alyssa Binns, Charles Derewianko, Sidney Fletcher, John Lim, Hodson Harding, Shayan Noruzi, Rachel Lui and Bryce Wong.)

Odyssey of the Mind

Gleneagle is fielding its first ever Odyssey of the Mind team and we have set our sights on the World Championships in Michigan this May. Odyssey of the Mind encourages creative problem solving through hands-on learning and experimentation. Odyssey is, first and foremost, fun but it also focuses on 21st century skills: communication, teamwork, innovation and lateral thinking. Gleneagle's team will compete at Provincials April 17 where they hope to qualify for the Worlds.

We have chosen to tackle the *Food Court* long-term problem this year. The problem is to create and present a humorous performance where a food item is accused of being unhealthy and must defend itself among its food peers. All characters are food items and will include "the accused," "the accuser," a jury that is not portrayed by team members, and additional team-created characters. We will be selling 50/50 tickets to help cover our travel expenses. Thanks in advance for your support.



Haiti Fundraiser

Recently, as most of us are aware, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake almost destroyed Haiti. As many of us here felt helpless and unable to make a difference, Ms Jung's Textiles Studies 11 class feels differently. Beautiful sundresses are being sewn for young girls in Haiti. (You should see some of the fabrics we've bought or found!) With the help of Dorothy Larkin, retired teacher from Parkland Elementary, who will ship the dresses to Haiti, and her daughter, Rebecca Larkin, for distributing the dresses to those in need, our hard work will be heartfelt. Special thanks to secretary, Mrs. Page, for her generous donation of floral cottons. Any other donations of at least 1 m of floral cotton fabrics are welcome. (Note: We realize that boys also need clothing however, their outfits are just a little more complex!) For more information about the Textiles Studies 11 course or to comment, e-mail Ms Jung at kjung@sd43.bc.ca.



From the Math Department:

The door in the Room 211 is open every morning from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. for all students who want to work on their Math homework with the help from Ms. Savovic and/or available peer tutors. Ms. Savovic is also looking for more peer tutors who could come on any of the mornings to help out with the Homework Club.

English 9 Interdisciplinary Project 2010

Gleneagle was recently awarded a grant to invite an artist from the community to work with all English 9 classes to show how literature can be interpreted through art. The first three classes made accordion-style, multi-paneled booklets, where students compared and contrasted literary characters from various genres conveying literal, symbolic and metaphorical meaning through the layering of text and visuals.



Sports Update

The Gleneagle Gymnasts the district champs. Congratulations to the coaches Michele Morin and Kathryn Jung and to the following gymnasts: Stacey Bryant, Olga Belikov, Mandy Goodman, Nicole Stevens, Kristie Jamieson and Shelby Kitsch-Best. Good luck at the provincials! Check out the article in the *Coquitlam Now* (Feb 12) describing their exploits.

<http://tinyurl.com/ycags2x>

...Gleneagle's table tennis team exceeded expectations in the BC championship earlier this month. We were playing against schools who have been participating for more than 15 years in provincial competitions. The only team who defeated us was Burnaby North. We finished second. Officials and players were all impressed with our teamwork. Special thanks to the coach Ali Tootian and congratulations to the team members: Tyler Clements (Captain), Adrian Lee, Alex Lim and Travis Drolet.



Alumni Updates

Right out of high school, Katie Steele ('07) took two years of kinesiology at SFU prior to taking this year off which finds her in Kelowna where she has been busy skiing, cooking, cleaning and loving life. She has applied to UBC (Okanagan) for next year to study human kinetics. Katie has also branched off into a business venture which sees her in the second year running of a College Pro painting franchise. Last year her stellar sales earned her a spot on the President's Club which scored her trip to the Bahamas. She has set even loftier sales targets for the upcoming summer. In her words: *"Being my own boss is both difficult and freeing. I love the 'real world.'"*



Shireen Soofi ('08) is in her second year in McGill University in Montreal where she is taking an International Development major and Human Geography minor. She is on the women's varsity rugby team, an active member of Amnesty International McGill, acting in a play for the McGill Drama Festival, and playing intramural soccer and inner tube water polo. She is living with her friends in downtown Montreal, and has developed a greater independence and understanding of her interests/future. She has recently been accepted for an internship abroad for next year, and hopes to either work abroad or in Vancouver during the summer. What are some of her fondest memories of her time at Gleneagle? Travelling to Australia with rugby in 2005 and Eastern Europe with Mr. Unger's class in 2008 were her most memorable experiences. And conveniently, she learned some things in Euro history, Comparative studies, and Geography that have come in handy for background to her university classes.

Gleneagle Garden

The Gleneagle Green Team is building a vegetable garden, and we need your help! If you are willing to donate/ lend us any of the following, or support us in any other way, please contact Thea Ong (125-tong@sd43.bc.ca) Supplies needed:

- watering can
- soil (preferably loam, or something similar that is suitable for vegetable growing)
- fertilizer
- spare pieces of wood (for the planter)
- shovels, spades, and basic gardening tools



TRAVEL TO JAPAN THIS SUMMER!

Since 1994, students from Coquitlam secondary schools have been invited to our sister school in Hamamatsu, Japan in the summer. This year, the trip is tentatively planned for July 5 to 19, 2010. Students live in a homestay with a boy or girl of the same age and partake in all family activities in the evenings and on weekends. During the day, students participate in some school classes as well as in group activities which in the past have included a cycling excursion, tours through some of the factories (cars, pianos), shopping, a fireworks festival, a trip to an amusement park, a Japanese tea ceremony, and several sightseeing ventures in the local area. The tour includes a 3-day visit to the ancient capital city of Kyoto, famous for its history and tradition.

As this is a cultural exchange, students do not need to know Japanese language, but must be interested in learning about Japan, its history, traditions and culture. At the same time, students are expected to be exemplary ambassadors from Canada and be willing to share Canadian culture and experience with their Japanese classmates. The total cost of the trip is approximately \$2,200. Students will provide for their own airfare (approximately \$1600), land costs for Kyoto (\$250) and personal spending money in the range of \$200 to \$500 for souvenirs and gifts.

The trip is open to District 43 students in grades 10-12. If you would like to apply for this year's summer tour, please download an application from the Centennial homepage or at [Japan 2010](#). Any questions can be directed to the trip coordinators, Ms. Karen Klein (kklein@sd43.bc.ca) or Ms. Naoko Martin (nmartin@sd43.bc.ca). Applications must be submitted by February 28, 2010.

What is COAST? A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Grade 10 students?

COAST is about personal development as much as it is about academic development. From the mountains to the sea, students are challenged to extend their learning outside the classroom. By combining academic work with field studies, leadership training, and outdoor education, we aim develop enriched connections and broad understandings to the world around us. The curriculum supports the development of independent, inquiring, life-long learners with a focus on community service. Students can look forward to a semester of building enhanced self-confidence, stronger physical fitness, and a sense of accomplishment within a supportive learning environment.



INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN POLICING?

The **New Westminster Police** department is holding a **Student Police Academy from July 5 to 17, 2010**. This academy is **free** to grade 11 and 12 students and would look great on your resume if you are perusing a career in law enforcement.

An **application package is available Mr. MacLean** and must be submitted back to him **no later than Wed., March 5, 2010** - as it needs to be delivered to the New Westminster detachment by March 5.

For **more information see Mr. MacLean**, email (dmaclean@sd43.bc.ca) or phone: 604-464-5793, loc 327

