



## ***Spreading the Gleneagle e-News***

**November 26, 2009**

Dear Gleneagle Community:

*An intro message with a difference...* Most often, the principal's message at the start of the newsletter involves me sharing information about our school so that the parents can become more informed. But for this introductory message, I would like to turn it around by asking parents to reflect on what topics you would like to see discussed in the newsletter. By doing this, two key functions can be achieved:

1. The topics you might raise could be covered in future newsletters or, if they are of a personal nature, they would be answered directly by phone. Either way, it would help parents gain a better understanding of our school.
2. The topics and comments coming from parents to the school would help school staff gain a better understanding of what the parents are curious about.



Thanks, in advance, for taking the time to share your wishes with us. You can email your ideas to me. [dmatheson@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dmatheson@sd43.bc.ca)

We would like to hear from you!



Dave Matheson,  
Principal

The next e-News home will be Dec 17 .

The e-News archive is on the school web <http://public.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/Gleneagle/default.aspx>  
Banner Credits: Here are four happy grade 9 students who were working the reception desk at the recent "Night of the Notables" event. They are from left to right: Veronica Wu, Jonathan Toews, Donya Pourtaghi and Raiya Suleman.

Dates to Remember
November 27—School-Based Pro D day
December 10 – Talent Show in Multi Purpose Room 7:00 PM
December 16 – Christmas Band and Choir Concert
December 18 – Last Day of classes
January 4 – School re-opens

### Alumni Updates

You may have seen the article in the *Tri-City News* (Wed, Nov 18, 2009) explaining how Ramsey Malange ('06 – top left) had recently won a Premier's One World Scholarship worth \$20,000. Ramsey is presently studying psychology at SFU but is planning to use the money to attend Monash University in Melbourne, Australia for a year. For the whole newspaper story: <http://tinyurl.com/yads9fx>



...Sadia Badia ('09-top right) is attending UBC where she is enjoying the whole university experience or in her words: "With respect to high school, I think I honestly couldn't have made it here without the environment of students and teachers supporting me to do well." ....It was also great to hear from Manjima Salim ('09-bottom right) and Sarena Virani ('09-middle right) who are enrolled at McGill University in Montreal. Both of them are enjoying



the experience. Manjima shares the following: "So far I love this city and it is such an amazing place to live. Serena reminisces: "*I do really miss Gleneagle (I know I'll always be a Talon). I was lucky enough to have an amazing high*



*school experience, and now at a university with kids from thousands of high schools all over the world, I see how much Gleneagle actually gave me."*....

Alex Robson ('09—bottom left) is going to school at Cornell University in upstate New York on a scholarship for field hockey.



### Art Update

Ms. Stokes' art students have donated over \$400 for World Vision this month. Students from 'Drawing & Painting 11/12', 'Art 12' and 'Art 11' raised the money and have chosen a variety of ways to help children in developing countries this Christmas. These include buying rabbits, hens and a rooster, piglets, mosquito nets, nutritional lunches for 50 children, soccer balls and clothing for 25 children, antibiotics, literacy materials, and money to restore a child soldier.

World Vision is an emergency relief, community development, and advocacy organization helping families and children in over 45 countries. 82.1% of all revenues go to their programs, 11.9% to fundraising, and 6.0% to administration. Thank you to all those generous Gleneagle students for their generosity.



## FROM THE CAREER CENTRE

Post Secondary Applications now being accepted!

For BC institutions, go to PASBC [www.pas.bc.ca](http://www.pas.bc.ca) to apply.

Check institution website for application deadlines!

For Alberta institutions, go to *ApplyAlberta* <https://www.applyalberta.ca/pub/>

For Ontario Universities, go to the Ontario Application Centre [www.ouac.ca](http://www.ouac.ca) to apply.

Deadline to apply to Ontario Universities is Jan. 13, 2010!

For the Royal Military College of Canada ([www.rmc.ca](http://www.rmc.ca)) – students should apply NOW!

Contact the recruiting centre: 1-800-856-8488

For all other Canadian institutions, go directly to the post secondary website.

Go to [www.uwaterloo.ca/canu](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/canu) for all Canadian and International post secondary links.

### New Teacher Happy with New Books

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, Gleneagle Secondary School Library was presented with over 100 books on the history, culture, government, and language of China through the auspices of International Education, the Confucius Classroom and our District's educational and cultural partners in China. Our new Mandarin teacher, Helen Xue as well as the library staff were delighted to receive these resources, which will enable them to continue to effectively support the teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms and school libraries every day.



### Spoken Word Festival

School District 43's Spoken Word Festival today had a contingent of 35 students from Fox, Heritage, Riverside and Gleneagle – and we rocked the competition with 10 participants, who collectively brought home 6 medals.

Congratulations go out to all participants: Chelsea Forster, Kathleen Chu, Jong Lee, Liam Krider and outstanding recognition to: Paolo Mercado – who won a GOLD Kayla Philips, Evangeline Shih, Ronald Sz and Sumbul Vallani - who tied and all received SILVER

Jaime McLaughlin – who won a BRONZE  
We have manipulated words and meaning and brought voice to our school population. These students make us proud!



# ELSA

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## Unclear on School Expectations:

One of the best ways for a parent to find out about the expectations that the school holds for our students is to read the information stashed in the front of the Student Agenda Book. Peeking in the SAB is also a good way to see if your son/daughter is using the daily calendar section of the SAB to organize due dates for homework assignments and upcoming test dates.



## Career Transition Programs:

For those of you who would like to have direct access to the career education programs, you can now follow them directly via Twitter.

<http://twitter.com/SD43CareerEd>

## The Night of Notables

Last week the TALONS class played host to Gleneagle and its extended community for their annual Night of the Notables celebration. For the last two months, students have undertaken the study of a person whom they believe to be Eminent. In the course of research (which saw students extending their personal learning networks across countries and oceans (see links below) students prepared learning centers and speeches to represent the lives of their selected Notables. The grade nines delivered eight-to-ten minute speeches in class from the perspective of someone who would/could have known their eminent person, introducing us to Isaac Newton from the perspective of The Apple, Annie Liebovitz by her camera's lens, and Niccolo Machiavelli in the venomous words of two quarrelling Italian dukes (as portrayed by one person).



TALONS grade ten students prepared three-to-four minute addresses to be delivered in the character of their studied notable, but would save their words to serve as conclusion to the class' Big Night. Both grades presented learning centers at Night of the Notables, which featured the traditional Who's Who? wherein guests attempt to guess the identities of the costumed grade tens, and a gallery walk around the students' centers before the fitting culmination of the evening in the form of the grade ten speeches. All thirteen of our seniors presented stirring, evocative and illuminating turns such as luminaries as Margret Rey, Ferdinand Porsche, Zahra Kazemi, Corrie ten Boom, Frida Kahlo, Captain Vancouver, Madeleine L'Engle Eddie Vedder, Miguel Hidalgo, Clara Shumann, the Unknown Rebel of Tiannemen Square, and Margaret Cho.

Flickr set of speakers: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/bryanjack/sets/72157622754029287/show/>

Saskia's interview process: <http://talonssaskia.edublogs.org/2009/11/22/interview-summary/>

Katie's blog & Twitter research:

<http://talonskatie.edublogs.org/2009/11/11/word-of-blog-another-way-to-interview/>

<http://talonskatie.edublogs.org/2009/11/05/project-regarding-wwii-and-margret-rey-need-help/>

Donya's Learning Center: <http://talonsdonya.edublogs.org/2009/11/20/my-surprisingly-effective-learning-center/>



## FIELD HOCKEY

# 2010 SPRING JUNIOR FIELD HOCKEY PROGRAM

The TRI-CITY EAGLES FIELD HOCKEY CLUB has offered a field hockey program to younger players since 1991. The spring program runs for approximately 10 weeks from April through until the end of June. There is a mini program for those with 2000 to 2003 birth dates, and a junior program for those with 1992 to 1999 birth dates.

U-11 to U-18 teams compete in the Greater Vancouver Junior Field Hockey League and the program cost is \$115. The Club's Mini program is designed to introduce younger players to the sport and the rules and field size are modified. Season fee is \$100 per participant for the Mini program and space is limited.

Registration deadline is February 5, 2010 (and February 26, 2010 for Mini's). Late registrants add \$10 late fee, if space is still available. More information on the spring program is available through the Club's web site at [www.tffieldhockey.com](http://www.tffieldhockey.com) or by contacting Brian Lewis at 604-619-4034.

Players must first register with Field Hockey BC to gain insurance coverage and a player membership number. Under-11 and 12 players pay \$15 while U-13 to U-18 players pay \$43. Without the player membership number, registration with our Club cannot be finalized.

Traditionally our spring program has only included girls. The Club is entertaining the idea of putting together a BOYS TEAM, depending on sufficient enrollment. Call 604-619-4034 to register your interest.

We hope to see your daughter/son on the field hockey pitch this spring!

## MET FEST PLAYS

### BROKEN STORY

Broken Story is a one-act play adapted from JD Salinger's short story "The Heart of a Broken Story." Broken Story is a light, non-linear play that sheds a whole new light on the typical boy-meets-girl story.

The cast includes: Josh Milad, Julia Siedlanowska, Joseph Potts, Kyle Jung, Nina Boosheri, Peter Nagy, Jordan Baratto, Myles St.John, Mike Hartley, Ashley Schaffer, Sharon Tan and Kyri Robbins. Charlyce Lavigne, Katherine Fegan, Chelsea Forster, Hammond Yau and Firoze Mansurpur.

### MIRRORS

By: John O'Brien

This is a student directed play that will be performed at the annual one-act festival, Met Fest. This play, which scored impressively in several major play contests, begins with a man spending an ordinary evening in his ordinary home with his ordinary family. Then a psychiatrist enters. The man, it seems, is not at home but in a hospital. His family, we learn, is dead... or are they?

The cast includes: Jong Lee, Edward Alan Ross, Darren Mulder, Katelyn Westfal, Delaney Harrison and Danielle Melvin.

### Tips for Student Success

I am sure that there are times when you wonder if your child's organizational strategies and studying styles are effective particularly if they are different from what you preferred to utilize when you were in school. Well, here's a resource that offers recommendation to learners as to how to study for tests, organize themselves and classroom prep based on their predominant learning style: visual, auditory or kinesthetic. This is an easy to read yet comprehensive resource which will help students tailor their approach to their learning style. Have a look—  
<http://tinyurl.com/oydhz3>

### Gleneagle Cultural Exchange Opportunity

Students with an interest in arts and culture or who plan to pursue studies in the arts have an exciting opportunity this year. Gleneagle has been selected as a recipient of the YMCA Heritage Canada Grant which covers student airfare and bus transportation for an exchange with a community in Ontario. Up to twenty students will benefit from this opportunity.

The participants will have the chance to make friends and to learn, first-hand, about our vast and diverse cultural landscape. Our exchange community is Stratford, Ontario, which is approximately 90 minutes from Toronto. Stratford is the proud home of the International Shakespeare Festival and prides itself as "Canada's premier arts town."



Stratford Central Secondary boasts a provincial fine-arts specialty designation. (Visit the school's web site at <http://www.amdsb.ca/StratfordCentralSS/> ) Stratford students will be visiting us between April 17th -24<sup>th</sup>, and we will be traveling to Stratford between May 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. As part of the cultural experience, students are required to stay with a host family in Stratford, as well as host a Stratford student in their home while the Ontario students visit Coquitlam.

A participation fee of \$500.00 per student will be used to offset the costs of excursions, cultural events and hosting activities.

There will be a parent information session on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> in room 106 starting at 6:30 pm. If you would like more information, students may pick up an information package from Mr. McElgunn (room 107 [mmcelgunn@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:mmcelgunn@sd43.bc.ca) ) or Ms Quach (room 106 [cquach@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:cquach@sd43.bc.ca) ).

For more information on the YMCA Heritage Canada Grant program, visit <http://www.ymcatoronto.org/en/who-we-work-with/educators/youth-exchanges/program-objectives.html>

