



Principal's Message:

Each school year presents students, families and staff with new challenges. This year is no exception. Gleneagle has had a very successful start with only a few bumps along the way. Our school was sad to lose our Culinary Arts Assistant Monte Derkson, who passed away on September 8th. His family was very appreciative of our school community's care and concern for his family. School start up went smoothly and we thank our students for their flexibility in the different delivery model we used this year for locker distribution, school fee collection and Go Card distribution. We introduced an online school fee payment service this year and have received great feedback about the service. We plan to continue with this payment option next year and it is still available for this year's fees. This year's teacher contract negotiations have presented some challenges for all, but we know that our teachers are still providing great care and teaching excellence for your children. Teachers are still available for contact should you have any questions and concerns. As the year unfolds, we will inform you of any changes to our scheduled events.

Gerald Shong, Principal

Report Cards

At this time, we will not be sending home interim report cards due to the current teacher contract negotiation situation. Parents may contact their child's teacher to find out how their child is doing in their studies. At this time we do not know if we will be sending formal report cards home in November.

Terry Fox Run

On September 29th our leadership class organized a Terry Fox assembly and run. Former assistant superintendent and coach of Terry Fox, Mr. Bob McGill gave a heartfelt speech about Terry's life and personal qualities which makes him one of Canada's truly great heroes. The students participated in a run and collected money for the Terry Fox Foundation. Thanks to everyone who helped support the run and participated in the event.



Math Contests

This year Gleneagle has had almost two hundred registrations for Mathematics contests. Students challenge their Math abilities through contests against other students in Canada and the US. Students who enter Math contests can use their scores for some university applications (University of Waterloo Mathematics and Computing Sciences Department for example). Students wanting to write contests in the future should see the Careers page of our school website for information or keep listening to school announcements.

Ryan Leech Assembly

On October 12th, motivational speaker Ryan Leech came to Gleneagle to demonstrate his world class biking skills and talk to the students about accomplishing goals. Ryan dazzled the students with his abilities and gave them a very good message about following your heart, focusing on what you are good at, being creative, and thinking independently. Gleneagle students were incredibly engaged by Ryan's speech and were equally impressed by his skills. Some of the highlights of the presentation were his video showing extraordinary feats on his bike and jumping over several teachers! Thanks again to the leadership class for another great event.



Athletics

Fall is a busy time for athletics at Gleneagle. We are currently running grade 9, junior and senior girls volleyball teams, junior and senior boys volleyball, junior and senior boys soccer, girls field hockey, cross country running and a swim team. All of our programs are doing extremely well with the following results to date:

Junior Swim Team district champions.
Senior Swim Team district champions.
Overall district swimming champions.
Senior Girls Field Hockey finished 1st in their league and are heading to the playoffs.



Grade 9 – Take Your Kids to Work Day

Wednesday, November 2 is 17th annual “Take our Kids to Work Day”. This initiative takes place during National Career Week whereby several events will be taking place around the school in support of the theme.

We, at Gleneagle, are asking all parents to accept your Grade 9 sons and daughters into your workplace for the day on Wednesday. If a placement is not possible at your own work site, please check with **another family member or family friend**. **All students should be at a workplace for the day** so that they can report their experiences when they return to school. Parents need to be aware that these students are not considered part of a formal work experience program **so they are not covered by the Workers’ Compensation Board**. They are no different than any young person visiting the workplace. **Regular Grade 9 classes are NOT in session that day to allow all Grade 9 students to be at work sites.**

An information package, including a consent form and short assignment, will be given out during period 4 on Wednesday, October 26 for parents to go over with their son/daughter.

Ideally a workplace site, at either a parent's company or a family relative/friend can be arranged between this eNewsletter email (October 14) and the actual day of November 2. **The school does not provide a worksite for students to go to – it is the responsibility of the students and parent(s) to make appropriate arrangements.**

This will be an exciting experience for yourself and your child, and we look forward to having "Take our Kids to Work" next **Wednesday, November 2** be a wonderful learning opportunity. There is more information available at the national website: thelearningpartnership.ca and click on the "Take our Kids to Work Day" link.

Senior Sail

The graduating class of 2012 participated in the annual Senior Sail graduation event. Almost two hundred grads enjoyed beautiful weather on the evening of September 28th while cruising through Vancouver harbor up to Deep Cove. The grads elegantly dressed and displayed exceptional behaviour on the cruise. We would like to thank the students for their respectful behaviour and hope that they continue to display Grad 2012 class throughout the school year. This year's Grad Dinner Dance has been confirmed for Friday June 22nd at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre.



Grad Photos

Grade 12 students should start booking their appointments for Grad photos. Artona has a mobile studio for grad photos that will be on site at Gleneagle from November 15-21st. Please see the Artona page at the end of the newsletter for information.

Dates to Remember

- October 21st – Provincial Professional Development Day, no school
- October 26th – Fall Music Concert at 7pm
- November 2nd – Grade 9 Take Your Kids to Work Day
- November 11th – Remembrance Day, no school
- November 14th – Non-instructional day, no school
- November 15-21st – Grad Photos
- November 22nd – PAC meeting at 7pm
- November 25th – School base professional development day, no school
- November 30th – Grade 9 Immunizations



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November 15 - 21, 2011



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second photographic experience.



TRADITIONAL COMPOSITE

Celebrating graduation means connecting with your
family, friends, and classmates. It also means
connecting your Artona portrait with the school
yearbook and graduation composite.



GRAND LIBRARY

Celebrating your academic achievement.
Formal cap and gown presentation in our elegant
library setting. Gentlemen are required to wear a
white or light coloured dress shirt and tie. Ladies,
we suggested a plain white blouse with a simple neckline
or wear a top that fits under the gown neckline.

Your portrait session is free.

Artona requires a \$60 refundable deposit in order for you to receive
your Portrait Session Preview Booklet. A unique username and
password is provided with the booklet so you can also view and
order your session online. The deposit may be applied directly to
your order or refunded if no purchase is made within 30 days.

Your portrait session also includes:

- A Diploma Folder, Graduation Certificate,
and copy of the Composite at the school leaving ceremonies.
- 5x7 Commencement Photograph of you receiving your diploma.



STUDIO AT YOUR SCHOOL



REMEMBER, you must be photographed to
appear in the yearbook and Graduation
Composite.

Please plan on a 1/2 hour session.

Arrive at least 10 minutes prior to your
appointment time.



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