

# ÉCOLE GLENAYRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter # 11 November 17, 2023

# **Upcoming Calendar Events**

Mon, Nov 20 - PAC Meeting 7:15pm

Tues, Nov 21 - Div 1 & 4 Skating Field Trip

Wed, Nov 22 - Scholastic Book Fair

Fri, Nov 24 – Glenayre Wear Day

Wed, Nov 29 – Theatrix Afterschool Performance 2:45pm

Thurs, Nov 30 - Hot Lunch Subway

Mon, Dec 4 - Staff Meeting

Fri, Dec 8 - Glenayre Christmas Craft Fair

Thurs, Dec 14 - Hot Lunch A & W

Mon, Dec 18 - Holiday Wear Day

Tues, Dec 19 – Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal

Wed, Dec 20 - Winter Concert

Thurs, Dec 21 – Winter Concert

Fri, Dec 22 – Pajama Day
Pancake Breakfast/Lunch
Report Cards on MyEd
Last Day of School

# **Principally Speaking**

# **Looking Back**

Before we move onto the month of December, I wanted to capture our Remembrance Day Assembly in pictures.





Thursday's Remembrance Day Assembly was a masterpiece. From the hours spent readying our Grade 4/5 Choir, to the rehearsal on the final morning and the finale, it was a wonderful moment of school wide collaboration and pride - for students and staff. Some thank yous are in order...

Thank you to Ms. Low and the amazing way she has of getting students to not only show up but show out for their choir performances. Amazing voices. Loved the individual performances. Thank you to Mme. Rader for putting the final touches on the program and the additions of having the MCs explain some of the key features of the assembly. Thank you Grade 4/5 teachers for supporting Ms. Low and the Choir students during their preparation. And finally, thanks to

everyone for the wonderful wreaths the divisional classes created and to Ms. Reich for cutting out the wreath templates.

## **Looking Forward**

As we approach the month of December, we are working on the following holiday season activities. For some of the items, I will send more details in December as we finalize the timeline at our December Staff Meeting. Lastly, I've included some early information about <u>Early French Immersion registration</u> and the process for <u>cross catchment</u> applications as we get closer to the month of January.

#### SHARE Food Drive.

Beginning the Week of November 27<sup>th</sup>, students can bring non-perishable food items on Tuesdays and Thursdays for three weeks. Obviously, if donations come in on other days, this is great. Each classroom division will have a hamper box in which the food is placed. Unlike last year, the hamper boxes will remain in the classrooms and when these boxes are at capacity, their contents will be placed under our Christmas tree. SHARE Society will pick up the food on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Holiday Concert Information**

Here are the details for our holiday concert. I will confirm all of this in the month of December; however, the afternoon dates will not change.

- When: Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Families will attend only one of these two days. Ticket sales will reflect whether you are attending on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Time: 1:30 2:30pm
- Doors Open: TBD.
- Tickets available via Schools Cash Online beginning Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Ticket sales close on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. This allows us to monitor the number of people attending and stay within the gym capacity limits.
- 2 tickets per family. We have capacity limits on the number of people allowed in the gym.
- Tickets will be distributed the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have more than one child who attends Glenayre, the oldest sibling will be given the tickets to bring home.

## **Final Week Celebratory Events**

Holiday Wear Day - Monday, December 18th

Wearing an Ugly Christmas sweater or some sort of bedazzled holiday hat, shirt, etc.

Secret Santa Mission from the North Pole Top Secret – Wednesday, December 20th

Jolly Saint Nick will once again visit Glenayre. I will update everyone with details after our December Staff Meeting. Please keep this in the top-secret file.

Pancake Breakfast for Lunch – Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

The PAC has resurrected the traditional firefighter pancake breakfast. The event will be held in our gym. Stay tuned for more details closer to the date.

## The Months of January and February.

A couple of items. This first message is specific to current Grade K-4 families who have a child in the Early French Immersion Program at École Glenayre Elementary and who have an incoming Kindergarten child (for the 2024.25 school year) that's a sibling of a current French Immersion child. There is nothing to do right now; however, I wanted to remind these families that they *must apply* for the Early French Immersion Program of Choice if they wish for their incoming Kindergarten child to get into the same program. More information about Programs of Choice will be sent in December.

The second message concerns the cross-catchment process. I hyperlinked this information in the initial section of the Principally Speaking piece. Families withing to attend Glenayre Elementary but who are not in catchment, have a process for being able to potentially join the Glenayre community.

Have a great weekend, Andrew



Welcome to Counsellor's Corner, your place for resources, upcoming events/workshops, and weekly mindful moments (short activities to do at home to foster better mental health).

#### **Mindful Moment**

Create a Reminder Stone

Find a rock that can fit into your palm. Choose a few of your favourite colours of paint colours and decorate your stone. While you are painting take the time to talk about something you can tell yourself when you are feeling worried. Carry your stone with you and when you are feeling worried, squeeze it and tell yourself the mantra you decided on.

#### Workshops

Emotion Regulation- Various Dates and Times in November Click Here to Register for Above Sessions Questions? Comments? Concerns? Observations? Do not hesitate to contact me. Natalia Kubiak, M. Ed, RCC nkubiak@sd43.bc.ca



## QUICK LOOK

Don't miss out on the many exciting upcoming PAC events!

For details, please continue reading below or visit: <a href="https://glenayrepac.wordpress.com/">https://glenayrepac.wordpress.com/</a>

\*\*Reminder- Please direct all hot lunch and PAC related emails to glenayrepac@gmail.com and do not reply directly to Mrs. Gormann.\*\*

TODAY Holiday Fundraisers: Purdy's & Gift Cards- Sales Open until Nov 27!!

NEXT Nov 20: PAC Meeting

Nov 22: Book Fair - Volunteers still needed for 4:30pm shifts!

Nov 24: Subway hot lunch order deadline

UPCOMING Dec 1-15 Baby Go Round winter drive

#### **PAC MEETING**

This month's PAC meeting is on Monday, Nov 20th at 7:30pm in the school library. We are also pleased to offer a hybrid meeting option. If you have difficulties attending in-person, please join us on Zoom.

We appreciate all parents who share their time and input to build our school PAC. A minimum of one parent/grandparent/caregiver per family is requested to attend. We will be reviewing our budget for this school year, discussing planned events and outlining the positions to be filled and looking for volunteers. Our PAC is 100% volunteer run and we rely on all parents to contribute during the season. There are various opportunities for those with and without experience.

November's Agenda and our October meeting Minutes are attached for your review.

Attending by zoom: Time will be limited to 40 minutes. You're welcome to re-join using the same link, although there may be a 9 min re-entry delay.

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79489217140?pwd=i4210FQUeHgRhA8zYqsa78PdtfWmdZ.1

Meeting ID: 794 8921 7140

Passcode: 9S8eau

### PURDY'S HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support us? Order Purdys chocolates from our fundraiser! Ordering is as easy as eating chocolate. Just click the link below and go to SHOP ONLINE from now until November 27th.

- 1) Go to https://fundraising.purdys.com/1226438-108586. Our campaign number:#57284
- 2) Click "Shop online"
- 3) Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbors AND yourself
- 4) After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies. (Week of December 11th)

**Check out the Online Catalogue here:** 

https://www.purdys.com/media/wysiwyg/GnF/xmas2023/SF-Xmas-Catalogue-2023-v7.pdf

#### **FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS**

Gift cards make great gifts for anyone on your list! Or, purchase gift cards for your daily expenses (gas, groceries) for an additional way to support the school PAC. You buy gift cards at face-value and a percentage will be donated to the PAC - it's a win-win! \*This is a great way for business owners to buy employee or client gifts!

- 1) Go to: <a href="https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group">https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group</a> and enter <a href="mailto:invitation code:">invitation code:</a> RQMHLH
- 2) Shop gift cards for gifting or for your own, personal use.
- 3) Pay via EFT or online Bill Pay to save on fees (takes 2-3 days processing).
- 4) All orders will be sent to Glenayre and distributed with Purdy's the week of Dec 11th.

Questions? Email the <a href="mailto:glenayrepac@gmail.com">glenayrepac@gmail.com</a>

#### **BOOK FAIR**

We are excited to announce that the Scholastic Book fair is coming back to Glenayre on November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023. Teachers are busy making "Classroom wishlists" to post at the Book fair. Families can purchase a book from the wishlist to be added to their children classroom for enjoyment of students this year and beyond. Please consider making a wish or two come true for our amazing teachers.

\*\* We are still in need of volunteers for the 2:30pm and 4:30pm time slots. Positions and sign up opportunities can be found at <a href="https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/630280/">https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/630280/</a>.

If you have any questions please email the Book Fair team at glenayrepac@gmail.com

#### **HOT LUNCH**

November 30th is Subway hot lunch!(First add a sandwich to the cart, then customize condiments and veggies as one of the last steps.) Order and payment Deadline is Nov 24th.

All hot lunch dates and ordering information can be found on our PAC website at <a href="https://glenayrepac.wordpress.com/2023/09/21/hot-lunch-munchalunch-online-ordering/">https://glenayrepac.wordpress.com/2023/09/21/hot-lunch-munchalunch-online-ordering/</a> and ordered through our Munch-a-lunch system.

#### **OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE UPDATE**

The sports court is under way and the new slide has been installed. Hip Hip Horray!

The slide was purchased last spring and is intended to be an interim fix to an aged playground. Last spring, PAC executives began the process of investigating a new playground structure for Glenayre. Nearly 70% of the parents who participated in this years PAC survey said that they were most interested in supporting a new playground structure at our school. We couldn't agree more! Here's what we have been up to:

- Call out for a playground mini committee Ongoing
- Price out costs of new structure- Completed (Range between \$100,000-\$200,000).
- Research grant opportunities- On going
- Work with school administration to connect with school board in regards to BC Government Playground Equipment Program shortlist- ongoing

The school board has a certain set of criteria which they use to prioritize funding school playground structures. Mr. Lloyd is currently in the process of working with the school board to see if Glenayre can be prioritized. If we do not make the short list, our PAC playground committee will need to look at fundraising the full amount through grants and financial support from the school community.

### **BABY GO ROUND WINTER DRIVE**

We are partnering with BabyGoRound, a non-profit organization that helps the Lower Mainland's most vulnerable families care for their infants and toddlers, and collecting winter outerwear for sizes 0-24 months as well as baby blankets to provide to local families in need. These items make a big difference to the comfort and health of babies this

winter, and provide their parents with increased flexibility and mobility to get outside during Vancouver's coldest months.

We want to make sure that no baby goes without having what they need to stay warm this winter. You can help achieve this by donating clean, gently used winter outerwear or blankest between Dec 1-15! A donation box can be found in our schools lobby for these dates.

#### YEAR LONG OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THE GLENAYRE PAC

#### PORT MOODY LIQUOR STORE FUNDRAISING REBATE

Year round fundraising opportunity available through Port Moody Liquor Store on St. John's Street. Simply mention "Glenayre Elementary" at checkout, and 5% of your purchases will go toward the Glenayre PAC. Please share this with your friends and family as a way to continue supporting Glenayre throughout the summer and beyond.

#### MABEL'S LABELS

A quick and easy way to support the PAC is by ordering Mabel's Labels online. Our PAC receives 20% back on all orders. These labels are durable, laundry safe, dishwasher safe and a great way to avoid your child losing items. There are lots of fun holiday themed labels and return address labels online now. Go to <a href="https://mabelslabels.ca/en\_CA/fundraising/support/">https://mabelslabels.ca/en\_CA/fundraising/support/</a> and search **Glenayre** as your school to support.



#### FIRST AID HERO BABYSITTING, STAY SAFE & MY SAFE LIFE COURSES

First Aid Hero is a Canadian Red Cross Training Partner and all instructors are certified youth leaders. Their courses help kids learn the skills necessary to keep them safe. Courses offered are My safe life (ages 7-10), Home alone Stay safe (ages 9-13) and Babysitting Course (ages 11-15). Be sure to use our promo code at check out for both in-person or online courses and our PAC will receive \$5 per registration. <a href="https://firstaidhero.com/">https://firstaidhero.com/</a> PROMOCODE: glenayre.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Best way to stay up-to-date with PAC information is to follow us on social media:

- 1) Like and follow on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/glenayrepac">https://www.facebook.com/glenayrepac</a>
- 2) On *INSTAGRAM* follow us at: @glenayrepac
- 3) Or bookmark & subscribe to the Glenayre PAC website: https://glenayrepac.wordpress.com/

# **Community News**

# Glenayre Children's Christmas Craft Sale – see the attached flyer

The Annual Children's Christmas Craft Sale is back! December 8th, 2023.

To all you crafty people out there it's time to start making those beautiful and simple crafts for students to purchase and give to the special people in their lives. If you're not feeling crafty we are also happy to accept donations of store bought crafts. Donations can be dropped off at the office by December 7th.

Students will the opportunity to come down to the gym with their classes during the morning of December 8<sup>th</sup> and purchase craft items for **\$2.00 each.** All proceeds will be donated to Cross Roads Hospice in Port Moody.

Parent volunteers will be needed on the day of the event. If you are available and can spare an hour of your time it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Kelli Staples at kstaples@shaw.ca or at 604-939-8363.

Volunteers are need for the following:

8:30 to 9:30 set up	8 volunteers
9:30 to 10:30 wrapping	10 volunteers
10:30 to 11:30 wrapping	10 volunteers
11:30 to 12:30 wrapping	10 volunteers
12:30 to 1:30 final purchases and clean up	10 volunteers

The Glenayre Community Association appreciates your help and support of this event.

# **Attachments:**

- 11.1 Kindergarten Registration
- 11.2 PAC Agenda
- 11.3 PAC October Minutes
- 11.4 Glenayre Craft Fair
- **11.5** Baby Go Round
- 11.6 Seaview Craft Market