

# ÉCOLE GLENAYRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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#### Newsletter # 12

### Upcoming Calendar Events

Wed, Nov 29 – Theatrix Afterschool Performance 3:30

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 Holiday Concert
- Thurs, Dec 21 Holiday Concert

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

# Principally Speaking

# **Looking Back**

Two years ago, a member of our teaching staff presented a thinking activity to Glenayre educators entitled **What's Going on in This Picture?** that was the brainchild of the New York Times (NYT). The NYT started this feature with the simple idea of taking interesting photos from The Times and asking students to look closely and describe what they see. The NYT partnered with the arts education organization <u>Visual Thinking Strategies</u> to provide live moderation on Mondays and to use their powerful three-question protocol:

- What is going on in this picture?
- What do you see that makes you say that?
- What more can you find?

With that foundation, the NYT invited classrooms and students to join the conversation. And thousands upon thousands have, from all over the country and around the world. The weekly feature is one of the most commented-on sections of the entire New York Times. Several pictures can be found <u>here</u>. What I

appreciate is that the pictures can be used for all ages and what changes is the dialogue around the pictures.

See how you could engage your child with what they wonder about as they view the picture(s)! Might be a great way to revisit your child's learning and commentary over the next year or two by reviewing the same picture. And ultimately such an activity is directly relevant to the core competency of **Critical Thinking** as outlined in the <u>BC Ministry of Education's Curriculum</u> <u>document</u>.

## **Looking Forward**

A restating of what was shared last week...

As we approach the month of December, we are working on the following holiday season activities. 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>.

November 24, 2023

#### Holiday Concert Information.

Here are the details for our holiday concert.

- 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.
- Two 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 18<sup>th</sup>

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 resurrected the traditional firefighter pancake breakfast in 2022 and it is back again this year. 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 is 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

What Does Fall Feel Like?

Practice being in the present moment. On a nice day go outside and notice autumn using as many senses as you can. Ask yourself: What does it look like? What are the colours you see?

What does it feel like? Can you feel the leaves underneath your feet? What does it sound like? Can you hear the crunchy leaves? What does it smell like? Can you smell the crisp air?

#### 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.

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

The Annual Children's Christmas Craft Sale is back! December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 up8 volunteers9:30 to 10:30 wrapping10 volunteers10:30 to 11:30 wrapping10 volunteers11:30 to 12:30 wrapping10 volunteers12:30 to 1:30 final purchases and clean up10 volunteers

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



#### **QUICK LOOK**

Don't miss out on the many exciting upcoming PAC events! For details, please continue reading below or visit: <u>https://glenayrepac.wordpress.com/</u>

\*\*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!! Subway hot lunch order deadline
NEXT	Nov 27: Purdy's Chocolate & Gift Card Order deadline Nov 30: Subway hot lunch

UPCOMING Dec 1-15 Baby Go Round winter drive Dec 22: Holiday Pancake Breakfast for students- Parent volunteers needed

#### **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: https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group and enter invitation code: 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**

The Scholastic Book fair was a huge success!! We sold over \$8,000 in books, stationary and posters which equates to about \$2600 raised for our school's library. We are also so grateful to announce that lots of wishes were granted on the "Classroom wish lists" and will have so many new, wonderful literary resources in many of our classrooms. A huge shout out to our amazing organizers, Tiffany Cibelli and Tina Millard, as well as our fantastic librarian Mrs. Silvester for all the hard work and planning for this event. Also a huge thank you to the fleet of parent volunteers who helped out on November 21st and 22nd. This book fair went off without a hitch thanks to each and every one of you and we are truly grateful for everyone's time and efforts. Also, a big thank you to all the Glenayre families for an overwhelming amount of support for this event that not only raises money for our little readers but that also brings our community together in such a meaningful way.

Thank you, thank you!

\*\*If you placed an order from "last copy" it will arrive in a couple of weeks and will be delivered to your child's

classroom. \*\*

#### HOT LUNCH

November 30th is Subway hot lunch!

December 14th is A&W Hot lunch! Order payment and deadline is December 8th.

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

#### 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.

#### PAC MEETING

There will be no PAC meeting in December. See you all back in the new year. Dates to come!

#### 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 https://mabelslabels.ca/en\_CA/fundraising/support/ 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. <u>https://firstaidhero.com/</u> **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 https://www.facebook.com/glenayrepac

- 2) On *INSTAGRAM* follow us at: <u>@glenayrepac</u>
- 3) Or bookmark & subscribe to the Glenayre PAC website: https://glenayrepac.wordpress.com/

# **Attachments:**

12.1 – Glenayre Craft Fair