



ÉCOLE GLENAYRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Upcoming Calendar Events

Monday, Sept 11 – Staff Meeting

Monday, Sept 18 – School Photo Day

Thursday, Sept 21 – Hot Lunch

Friday, Sept 22 – Pro D Day

Saturday, Sept 24 – Glenayre Wear
Deadline

Monday, Sept 25 – PAC Meeting

Thursday, Sept 28 – Terry Fox Run
Open House 6:00pm

Friday, Sept 29 – Orange Shirt Day

Monday, Oct 2 – Truth & Reconciliation Day

Principally Speaking

Purpose of the Principally Speaking Section

Most Fridays, I will send something home to be included in our newsletter. The purpose of the *Principally Speaking* section is to highlight the week that was and a look forward to events happening down the road. Periodically, I will throw in some educational items to watch or read. As a parent myself, I realize lots of information comes at you from schools, but I try and keep things short and to the point, so the reading of the information is not burdensome. Happy reading!

The Week That Was

We had an energetic and enthusiastic beginning to the 2023.24 school year. As usual, it was fantastic to see all of the children fill the playgrounds and classrooms this week. During our initial staff meeting on Tuesday, September 5th, we spoke about the power of connection. Staff were asked to observe a picture of two children on summer

vacation and write one word they thought each child was feeling on Day 1 of school. With that same lens of empathy, each staff member wrote down one word to describe how they were feeling on Day 1 of school. We ended the Welcome Back Staff Meeting with watching this [Brené Brown video](#), comparing the notion of empathy and sympathy. During our Staff Meeting on Monday, September 11th, we will unpack some of these words with the intention of walking in another's shoes.

Looking Forward

On Monday, September 11th students entering Grades 1 – 5 will meet their 2023.24 classroom teacher. As I outlined in my email yesterday, parents will receive an email on Friday evening or early Saturday morning identifying their child's teacher. Upon receiving this email, please check Table 1 of the start-up document (that was sent to parents last week) for pick-up and drop-off location information based on your child's assigned teacher. With students assigned to classes, please be mindful of the work that your children's teachers put into placing students. Each year, an entire day in May is dedicated to the placement process that considers the academic and social needs of your children, as well as the review I do during the summer of all class placements. Every adult that taught your child had an opportunity to provide feedback.

Have a great weekend Glenayrians,

Mr. Andrew Lloyd

Attention Grade 5's

The Grade 5 Get Active Letter will be coming home next week! Take the letter to your nearest recreation center to get your Grade 5 Get Active Pass. Pass provides free admissions throughout the school year to all drop-in activities and the Grade 6 Stay Active! Pass provides 12 free admissions to either drop-in swimming, skating and gymnasium-based activities in the cities of Coquitlam, Port Moody and Port Coquitlam. These passes are valid Sept. 5, 2023 – Sept. 2, 2024 for the 2023/24 school year.



For Coquitlam residents, read more: <https://www.coquitlam.ca/324/Grade-5-6-Active-Passes>

Apply for Grade 5 & 6 Passes online here (for Coquitlam residents only): <https://www.coquitlam.ca/FormCenter/Parks-Recreation-Culture-Services-5/Grade-5-GetGrade-6-Stay-Active-Card-Appl-145>

For Port Moody residents, read more: <https://www.portmoody.ca/en/recreation-parks-and-environment/children-s-recreation.aspx#:~:text=To%20activate%20your%20get%20active,card%20that%20shows%20your%20age>



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).

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone. I can't believe that it's already September. I am excited to be back at Glenayre. I will be here three days a week this year- Monday, Thursday, and Friday. I look forward to working with your students and the Glenayre community. Please check this section of the newsletter weekly for updates.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me.

Till next time

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WELCOME

On behalf of the GLENAYRE PAC (Parent Advisory Council), we would like to welcome all families and students to another new and exciting year at École Glenayre Elementary School.

We would also like to introduce our PAC Executives:

Erica Eghtesad - PAC President (Centre)

Erin Michie - Secretary (Left)

Bethany Pettigrew- Co Treasurer (Right)

Trish Mousey- Co Treasurer (not pictured)



PAC MEETING

Monday, September 25th, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the library

A great way to stay informed is to attend our monthly PAC meetings where our Principal, Mr. Lloyd, also joins the meeting. Here we discuss events coming up, volunteer opportunities, amount of funds we have raised, and how we plan to use the funds. You will also learn what is going on in the school and have the opportunity to give input on ideas or concerns you may have.

PAC meetings are open to parents who are encouraged to attend whether you want to be more involved in the school, have some great ideas to share or would like to just listen in on what will be happening at Glenayre!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Best way to stay up-to-date with PAC information is to follow us on either Facebook or Instagram.

Please "LIKE" our [FACEBOOK](https://www.facebook.com/glenayrepac) page at <https://www.facebook.com/glenayrepac> in order to receive all the latest event notifications.

On *INSTAGRAM* follow us at: [@glenayrepac](https://www.instagram.com/glenayrepac)

If you have any questions on how you can get involved or questions/concerns related to PAC News, please reach out to us by email at glenayrepac@gmail.com

GLENAYRE CLOTHING

Our very popular Glenayre Clothing is BACK!

ORDER DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 24TH

Please go to the Passion Sports website to order:

<https://store.passionsports.ca/Glenayre/shop/home>

Our Glenayre Clothing is a great way to create an environment where everyone can feel connected. At Glenayre, we celebrate Glenayre Spirit Days which happens during the last week of every month. On this day we ask you to wear your Glenayre clothing and/or any blue colours to create a common bond between fellow students and staff.



GRADE 5 GRAD SWEATERS

Grade 5 Grad Sweaters are in the starting process! They have always been a hit with our grads and we wanted to get them ready as soon as possible for our grads to wear them all year long! More information will be sent out directly to our grade 5 families on how to order.

HOT LUNCH

We are working with vendors and the MunchaLunch system to get Hot Lunch up and running. Hot Lunch will be offered every other Thursday, with an anticipated start date of September 21, 2023. More to come!

THEATRIX

Many families are looking forward to Theatrix again this year! We're pleased to offer twice as many opportunities to participate:

Lunchbox Program-Frozen: Tuesdays & Thursdays during lunch

Enrollment open to Grade 2-5 students between September 18-21st. Please see the attached flier for more details.

NEW Spotlight Program: Wednesdays after school

Stay tuned for registration info

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS NEEDED

Carnival Committee – We are looking to create a carnival committee of 6-10 people to support this community favorite. Please consider if you might be interested in brainstorming at the beginning of this year and then joining forces to take on some of the tasks. A smaller committee is absolutely possible as well, and with a smaller committee we would be looking at scaling back to lighten the load. It's a very fun event both to organize, as well as take part in, and the goal should always be that organizers and volunteers also get to enjoy the day!

Halloween Dance – We are hoping to host Glenayre’s beloved halloween dance this fall! To make this event possible, we need 2-4 organizers for this event. PLEASE come forward soon if you are interested in seeing this event happen.

Pub Night – We are looking for 2-3 parent Volunteers to help organize this event. We haven’t had a Pub night now for a few years and it is a wonderful way to bring the parent community together and meet new faces.

Christmas kids shop- The PAC is looking to bring together a few volunteers to help organize a mini shop for the children to independently purchase Christmas gifts to surprise family members. Organizers would collect donated new/gently used items to be resold for \$1 or \$2. Volunteers would help wrap the gifts for the children to give to their family members for the holidays.

Trivia Night - A crowd favorite and a night for parents to let loose. This night never disappoints and is one of Glenayre’s major fundraising events. We are looking for 2-4 coordinators to tag team this event. Lots of support and step by step instructions will be provided. Coordinators will be responsible for coming up with Trivia questions, organizing the bar as well as ticket sales and prizes. This is an event that is as much fun to plan as it is to participate in.

Without volunteers secured to run these events, they cannot take place. If you have any questions or have suggestions please contact: Erica at glenayrepac@gmail.com

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS FOR GLENAYRE ELEMENTARY

Glenayre Elementary is looking for a *PERMANENT* Noon Hour Assistant to supervise students for one hour per day during their lunch break.

(Previous experience working with children is an asset!)

Please submit your resume (by email) to **Kristy Kozak, Human Resources Advisor @ kkozak@sd43.bc.ca** if you would be interested in becoming a Noon Hour Assistant for our school.

Attachments

- 1.1 Theatrix Lunch Box
- 1.2 City of Port Moody Pro D Day
- 1.3 City of Port Moody After School Programs
- 1.4 Can Skate
- 1.5 United Rugby