



# Gleneagle Secondary

# NEWS

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## Principal's Message:

*Gleneagle students are well on their way to completing the first semester. On behalf of the staff, we are very proud of the success of our students. In the classroom, students are demonstrating academic success. Outside of the classroom, Gleneagle students display tremendous passion and excellence. Students have been successful in sports, visual and performing arts, leadership and community mindedness.*

*Parents are asked to keep reminding their sons or daughter to keep pushing for excellence in the classroom. With only seven weeks left in the first semester, students can make a big push for improving their marks. Parents and students are reminded to frequently check the school website for Provincial Exam information. Provincial Exams are required for selected grade 10, 11 and 12 courses. Grads are reminded to "take care of business" to ensure that graduation is completed successfully.*

*One last reminder, if your family will be going on vacation over the break and will be missing school time, please contact the office and classroom teachers to inform us about extended absences. Students should get the work they will miss ahead of time and complete it before returning to school.*

**Gerald Shong, Principal**

## REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

*On Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>, Gleneagle Leadership students organized our Remembrance Day Assembly. The students worked with the Music and Drama departments to produce a solemn assembly that paid a positive tribute to Canadian soldiers who have served and currently serve our nation. Gleneagle would like to thank retired Corporal Hans Andersen and his wife Marie Andersen for attending our ceremony. Corporal Andersen served with the Canadian regiment Seaforth Highlanders in the Italian theatre during World War II. Corporal Andersen was taken prisoner during the Battle of Artona and was a prisoner of war (POW) for ten months before being liberated by American forces.*



## **GLENEAGLE ON TWITTER!**

Gleneagle is proud to announce that we are going to try and improve our communication with parents and students by announcing daily events on Twitter. You will be informed about altered bell schedules, athletic events, performances and special events through daily tweets. You can follow us on Twitter @gleneagleSD43. Click on [www.twitter.com/gleneagleSD43](http://www.twitter.com/gleneagleSD43) to follow us now.

## **PAC NEWS**

### **After Grad**

The next After Grad Meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room at Gleneagle. We are still needing to fill positions for the After Grad Committee. This will be a short meeting to organize the committee and regular meetings will continue to be once a month in the New Year. We are in need of volunteers for the following positions:

Chair or Co Chairs

Entertainment/Activities Coordinator

Site Installation Coordinator

Fundraiser Coordinator (already have 2 fundraisers lined up)

Volunteer Coordinator

Decorating Coordinator

Raffle Table & Prize Coordinator

These positions can be done alone or shared. The more people the less work for everyone! If these positions are not filled there is a chance that the After Grad will be cancelled. Remember, After Grad is put on by parents. No parents = no After Grad. It would be a shame for the graduating class of 2013 to miss out on such a fun experience. If you are interested but cannot attend the meeting please email Susan at [gerstend@telus.net](mailto:gerstend@telus.net).

### **Gleneagle Emergency Preparedness**

Gleneagle Secondary like all BC schools does have in place plans to deal with emergency situations. Throughout the school year we are mandated to practice for different emergency situations. For example we have at least three earthquake drills every school year and at least one code yellow drill. (Procedures to keep students in class away from a dangerous situation such as a bear on the property)

In all of our classrooms we do have a basic emergency kit for teachers to bring with them in an evacuation of the building. This kit has a small first aid kit, dust masks (30), garbage bags (30), flashlight, and toilet paper. We also as a school have four large first aid kits at different locations in the school, one large principal's emergency kit with a more extensive earthquake /rescue equipment and one bin of emergency tools to be brought out in the case of an emergency. As a school we have a designated trained general first aid attendants and nine staff members trained to operate the semi-automatic external defibrillator kits in the school.

As a school we also have stored a small supply of bottled water and the food in our teaching cafeteria in case of an extended emergency. The school and PAC continue to work towards increasing the capacity of the school's emergency supplies. If you have any questions about emergency preparedness at Gleneagle, please contact Mr. Clarke vice principal at [jclarke@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:jclarke@sd43.bc.ca) or PAC Health and safety representative at [glen-pac@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:glen-pac@sd43.bc.ca).

## **GRAD NEWS**

### **AFTER GRAD**

Parents of grade 12 students are reminded that grade 12 students have to be responsible for more than just their enrolled classes. Graduation requires students to follow important deadlines and take care of any loose ends that affect their graduation. This past week, grade 12 students have had presentations in block 2 covering the following important topics for graduation:

#### **1. Reminders by counselors about:**

- checking their credits, graduation requirements, applying to post-secondary, and scholarships .
- completing their (PSI) post-secondary institution forms so that final transcripts can be sent directly to the institutions.

#### **2. Graduation Transitions:**

- Mandatory for graduation. Worth 4 credits
- Assignment due date is April 12, 2013 and Exit Interview date for all grade 12s is May 13, 2013. Go to [www.gleneagle.org](http://www.gleneagle.org) → programs & services → grad transitions

Grade 12 students who are not sure about specific grad deadlines and responsibilities should see their counselor for assistance.

## **GLENEAGLE ATHLETICS**

Gleneagle Talons have just completed the fall sports season and have finished in style. Our Girls' Field Hockey Team competed in the BC Championships and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the province. The girls entered the tournament seeded 7<sup>th</sup> in the province and went on a terrific run during the championship. Gleneagle hosted this year's provincial tournament and earned kudos from all the other teams and the sports commissioner for an excellent BC Championship.

Gleneagle swimmers also ended the fall season in style with Hayley Knowles winning a silver medal in the Girls' 50 Meters Breaststroke and David Lou placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the Boys' 50 Meters Breaststroke. In the relay events, Danaka Brown, Jonathan Zhang, Jeremy Au, Jacob Christensen and Austin Brimm all contributed to the team's 9<sup>th</sup> place finish in both the 200 Meter Mixed Medley and 200 Meter Freestyle relays.

Our winter sports season has begun and Gleneagle is running teams in Basketball, Wrestling, Gymnastics and Curling. On Wednesday night, our Senior Boys' Basketball team beat provincial preseason number one ranked Walnut Grove 59-56! Our Senior Girls' Basketball team will be competing this weekend at the Byrne Creek Tournament in Burnaby. Best wishes to all our teams.

## **SPOKEN WORD FESTIVAL**

On Friday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, several students in SD43 participated in the district Spoken Word Festival at the Terry Fox Theatre. Students presented recitations, rants, "this I believe", poetry slams and forma speeches to the audience. Congratulations to Hannah Kim for winning a gold medal for her speech called "Welcome to the Dungeon of Studying". Well done Hannah!

## **PERFORMING ARTS**

### **METFEST!**

Coquitlam's annual district one act theatre festival, Met Fest, begins next week. The festival runs from Tuesday Dec 4- Thursday Dec 6 at Heritage Woods. Shows start at 7pm promptly and tickets are \$5 at the door. Gleneagle is performing at 7pm on Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>. This year Gleneagle is offering something new and challenging, entitled "Boxed." This student written coming of age play addresses the key question looming in the minds of the young "What does it mean to be me, to walk in my shoes, to linger in my skin?" Through poetry, narrative, and earnest



and thought provoking dialogue, this cast explores the various pressures they face from friends, teachers, parents, and even themselves as they sludge through their teenage years and struggle with concepts of self and identity. This ensemble piece is comedic and dramatic, serious and lighthearted, aptly paralleling the ebb and flow of teenage life. You don't want to miss out! See you on the 5<sup>th</sup>!

### **HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS**

Gleneagle's Theatre Performance 11 is bringing this classic and energetic show to Gleneagle's stage. You don't want to miss out. With Nicholas Smulja playing the Grinch and Jennifer Gillis playing Cindy Lou Who, you can't help but be entertained by this heart-warming and hilarious tale. We will even have a real life dog playing 'Max.' Come and bring the whole family to see the show. It will be running Thursday Dec 20 and Friday Dec 21 at 6:30pm. Tickets will be \$4 at the door. The perfect way to get into the Holiday spirit!!

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Gleneagle Music Department will be holding their yearly Christmas Concert on Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the MPR. Tickets cost \$5/adult and \$2/Seniors and Students. Tickets can be purchased through Gleneagle Music students or at the door.

### **TALONS-NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES**

Last week, the TALONS classes presented the culmination of their Eminent Person Study with the annual Night of the Notables. A tradition reaching back to the opening of Gleneagle, and into the 1980's at Charles Best Junior High, the Night of the Notables offers the TALONS SD43 high school gifted program participants the opportunity to present their research and syntheses of learning about a notable, or eminent, person. While the grade nines serve as hosts of the evening, sending invitations and collecting RSVPs, planning food and drinks for the evening's guests and managing the arrangement and procurement of the various



presentation spaces around the entire upper floor of the school, the program's grade tens spend the evening walking in the shoes – and wigs, and accents – of their chosen eminent people, fielding questions about their lives and achievements, serving their favourite dishes, and delivering a dramatic monologue in their person's



character. Even after thirty years in School District 43, the Night of the Notables remains a unique and magnificent showcase of student passion, inspiration and learning that Gleneagle is proud to host. The two hundred-some parents, siblings, program alumni, teachers and administrators that came out to bask in the glow of the current program notables join us in congratulating them on their work!

## **VISUAL ARTS**

### **POST SECONDARY NIGHT**

On the evening of Wednesday, November 28th, Gleneagle hosted the 1st ever district wide Post-Secondary Night for Visual Arts, Photography, Digital Media, Film and Animation. Approximately 150 students and parents from across the district came out to listen to presenters representing 13 Post Secondary Institutions. The evening was put together by Mr. McElgunn and Mr. Udell as an alternative to the regular Post-Secondary Night, which is geared towards those students looking to enter standard university or college programs. The variety of programs addressed ranged from 1 year Diplomas all the way to 4 year Degrees. Areas of study spoken to included Studio Art, Textiles, Website Design, all aspects of Film Making, Industrial Design, Photography, Interior Design, Fashion Design, Sculpture and Ceramics, Commercial Animation, 3D Animation and Game Design, Publishing, Cinema Studies, Broadcasting for Radio and TV, Concept Art, Sound Design, and much, much more!



The success of this inaugural event means that it will most definitely run again next year. We look forward to an even bigger and better showing in the fall of 2013.

### **SNOWFLAKE WALK TO END BULLYING**

Gleneagle students will show their support for the Snowflake Walk by selling pink bracelets. As well, students will be volunteering on the day of this event. The walk will take place on Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>. The Snowflake Walk is an attempt to bring the community together for the purpose to end bullying. For more information about the walk, go to [www.snowflakewalk.com](http://www.snowflakewalk.com). Please check the site and help make a difference.

### **YEARBOOKS ARE STILL ON SALE**

If you missed out on purchasing a Gleneagle school yearbook for June, you can still purchase one in the main office. The cost is \$52 before the Christmas break. The price is \$55 after the break.

### **Dates to Remember**

December 10 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting, 7pm in the Library
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Concert in the MPR at 7pm
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of classes before Winter Break, shortened day
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens, classes in session
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of formal classes for semester 1
January 28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	Provincial exams
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Semester 2 begins
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Second Formal Report goes home