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**Newsletter #1** **September 2015**

**PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING**

**Welcome Back!**

I am beginning my 4th year as Principal at Glenayre. It is the longest I have been at a school as an Administrator and I am looking forward to it. For the first time I will be able to build on the experience and the relationships I have had at Glenayre and I look forward to what we can accomplish this year.

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There are many developments occurring this year that you will be hearing more about including changes to the K-5 BC Curriculum and our school focus on Reading.

I am excited to continue working with our dedicated Glenayre Staff and would like to welcome our new staff to our Glenayre Family!

Please read through this newsletter thoroughly as it contains important information about the opening days of school and will help you and your child/ren get off to what I expect to be a great year.

**Perry Muxworthy**

**Principal**

**Opening Day Plan**

On Tuesday Sept. 8th all students return to school from 8:50 am – 9:30 am. During this time we will be taking attendance and handing out important information that will help your child transition into the new year smoothly. Below is a list of where students should report on the first day at 8:50 am. Simply have your child report to the room assigned to their grade and program for this year.

We encourage you to remain on site for the 40 minutes and pick up your child promptly at 9:30 am. The PAC will be hosting a Coffee Bar in the gym. For safety purposes all student in grades K – 3 will be released to an adult only from their classroom.

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| **Grade / Location** | **Staff** |
| FRIM K / Room 18 | Pesa / Pednault |
| FRIM 1 / Room 12 | Bower / Sigismund |
| FRIM 2 / Room 10 | Dube / Wong |
| FRIM 3 / Room 9 | Barnes / Owen |
| FRIM 4 / Room 5 | Beaucage / Kang |
| FRIM 5 / Room 2 | Arduini / DiFruscia |
| **Grade / Location** | **Staff** |
| Eng K / Room 17 | Allner / Lawson |
| Eng 1 / Room 15 | Chupik |
| Eng 2 / Room 11 | Owens / Silvester |
| Eng 3 / Room 7 | Preshaw |
| Eng 4 / Room 20 (Music) | Steele / Low |
| Eng 5 / Room 3 | Colbourne |

**Wed.Sept. 9 – Fri. Sept. 11**

All students grades 1-5 report back to the same room that they were dismissed from and have a full day from 8:50am - 3:00 pm. They will need a snack and a full lunch.

**Kindergarten Gradual Entry**

This week all kindergarten students will have a gradual entry process. Also the gradual entry allows time for our K teachers to have a welcoming conversation with each parent in order to insure a smooth start up. The Gradual Entry Schedule is:

Wed. Sept. 9th 10:30 am dismissal Mon. Sept. 14th 1:00 pm dismissal

Thurs. Sept. 10th 10:30 am dismissal Tues. Sept. 16th 1:00 pm dismissal

Fri. Sept. 11th 12:00 pm dismissal

**CLASS PLACEMENTS**

Many parents and students are anxious and excited to find out who their classroom teacher will be. Our staff have tentatively placed students into classes with a great deal of thought given to class size, composition and individual student needs. These class lists however may need to be adjusted depending on new registrations and non-returning students that we are unaware of as of yet. Our plan is to organize students into classes by Friday, Sept 11th unless there are changes to our registration numbers. This may happen sooner if our attendance and organization turn out as predicted. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s classroom placement please direct them to Mr. Muxworthy. ([pmuxworthy@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:pmuxworthy@sd43.bc.ca))

**SCHOOL STAFF**

We are very proud of our Glenayre staff. They have worked hard to prepare their classes and the school for the year ahead. Below is a complete list of our school staff. A special welcome to our new staff. **(Names are in bold)**

**Teaching Staff**

Mme. Astrid Pedneault K (FI)

Mme. Angela Pesa K (FI)

**Mrs. Jennifer Lawson K**

Ms. Brandi Allner K

Mme. Gabrielle Bower 1 (FI)

Mme. Michelle Sigismund 1 (FI)

**Mme. Sylvia Wong 1/2 (FI)**

Ms. Carmen Chupik 1

Mr. Mike Barnes 2 / 3 (FI)

Mme. Lauraine Dube 2 / 3 (FI)

**Mme. Lindsay Owen 2 / 3 (FI)**

Mr. Jens Preshaw 2 / 3

**Mrs. Kelly Owens 2 / 3**

Mme. Roxanne Beaucage 3 / 4 (FI)

Mme. Rosita Di Fruscia 4 / 5 (FI)

**Mr. Darren Steele 4 / 5**

Mme. Kathy Arduini 4 / 5 (FI)

Mr. John Colbourne 4 / 5

Mrs. Naomi Lane Student Services

Mme/ Stephanie Kang Student Services

Ms. Lesley Gregorash Counsellor

Mrs. Marla Silvester Library

Mrs. Kristy Low Music

**Support Staff**

**Ms. Chris Anderson Education Assistant**

Mr. Sean Stevenson Caretaker (AM)

Mr. Eric Halstead Caretaker (PM)

Mrs. Gina Porco Noon Hour Supervisor

Mrs. Christine Mulligan Noon Hour Supervisor

Mrs. Cathie Myers Noon Hour Supervisor

Mrs. Karen Soutar Noon Hour Supervisor

**Office Staff**

Perry Muxworthy Principal

Ms. Lisa Schoenhals Secretary

**Mandatory School Forms**

Along with this newsletter your child should bring home the following forms today:

* Emergency Release Form (white)
* Student Permissions Form (pink)

**PLEASE NOTE: the quick and accurate completion of these forms is important for us to be able to organize the office and provide a safer environment for your child. Please complete the form and return ASAP once they have been sent home. THANK YOU.**

**Parent Driver Volunteer Forms**

Parent volunteer drivers are essential for us to provide a richer learning environment for students including drivers for field trips and class activities. If you would like to volunteer for driving please print and complete the Parent Driver Volunteer form located on our website or at the office.

**Medical Alert Forms**

It is common for students to have specific medical concerns that require school staff to be aware of in order to provide the safest environment possible for students. If your child has a medical concern such as a serious allergy please complete the Medical Alert form located on our website or at the office and bring top the school office. School staff will meet with you to discuss the concern and establish a support plan.

#### STUDENT PLANNERS & SUPPLIES

This year, students in Grades 1-5 will be using a Student Planner. The planners will be distributed by their classroom teacher. The cost of the planner is **$10.00.** Please send cash or a cheque payable to Glenayre Elementary in an envelope/bag labelled with your child’s name and teacher’s name. On a further note, any money sent to the school should be sent in this manner. If you have any questions or concerns about the purchase of the planner, please contact Mr. Muxworthy.

Most students have already ordered their school supplies. Supplies will not be distributed to students until they are placed into their class as each teacher may have different wishes regarding organization of supplies. Please await instructions from your child’s teacher regarding how to label and bring supplies to school. If you have not yet purchased your school supplies the supply lists are posted on our website under the parent tab or they are available at the office.

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

Our first bell rings at **8:50am**. This alerts students and caregivers that the school day is starting. As parents you can help to ensure a smooth start to the school day for your child by getting them to school safely and on time.

If your child will not be coming to school for illness or other reasons, call the school office or email Ms. Schoenhals at [lschoenhals@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:lschoenhals@sd43.bc.ca). Also a note to the teacher and office informing us of upcoming absences is also helpful.

**PARKING LOT AND DRIVE-THRU**



Like at any school, drop off and pick up times are busy times at Glenayre. There are lots of students, parents, and vehicles all in a small area. Parents have two choices when dropping off/picking up their children: either use the drive-thru or park your vehicle off school grounds. Please **DO NOT PARK** in the staff parking lot.

Just a few reminders about dropping your children off in the school drive-thru. To ensure a smooth flow of traffic and safety of all children (and adults), we ask that you pay attention to the following:

* Please pull up in the drive-thru as **far as you can**, to allow cars behind you to have a spot.
* Please only drop off/pick up your children here. If you need to leave your vehicle to bring your child to their class, please park either on the street or in the parking lot across the street. **DO NOT** park in the drive-thru and leave your vehicle.
* Please use only the right lane of the drive-thru for drop off. **DO NOT** stop in the left lane to let your child out.
* Please have your children leave your vehicle on the right side of your vehicle and walk on the newly constructed sidewalks along the school.
* The left lane of the drive-thru is meant for leaving the pick-up/drop-off area, so please **DO NOT** stop here.

We thank you in advance for helping us have a safe community!

**IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH**

**September**

Fri. 22-23st Family Photos

Thurs. 24th Terry Fox Run

Fri. 25th Pro – D Day

Thurs. Oct. 1 School Open House

**The full school calendar is available on our website.**

**Check it out!!** [**www.sd43.bc.ca/glenayre**](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/glenayre)