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Welcome Back – Principal's Message

Welcome back to a new school year at Gleneagles! We are looking forward to seeing our returning GEC students next week and also want to extend a warm welcome to our new families attending Gleneagles Ch'axáy for the first time.

I can't believe how quickly the summer has flown by! Whether you stayed close to home or your travels took you further away, I hope you had a restful, rejuvenating summer. I look forward to connecting with each of you to catch up on your adventures!

Thank you to all of the families who emailed in "You Read it Where?!" photos over the summer. If you haven't submitted yours

yet, it's not too late. Take a photo of your child reading and send it in. Photos will be on display in the front hallway, and we have a special prize for all students who participate.

Over the summer, our custodians Mr. Torres and Mr. Damian have been working hard and our school building (inside and out) is looking great. A new mural leading down our music hallway was installed by parent and resident artist, Tracey Hayes. Thanks to a generous donation from Buchanan Programme & Chris Kerr, as well as the GEC PAC, our outdoor basketball court was resurfaced at the beginning of July; including our school logo at centre court, which was a legacy gift



from the 2023 Grade 7 class. It is an incredible addition to our Outdoor Enhancements and has been a hub of activity all summer long! Despite the dry conditions this summer, our school grounds and garden are flourishing. Thank you to all the families who volunteered to water over the summer. We can't wait for you to come check it all out.

Welcome Back! It's going to be a great year ahead!

Robyn Evans
Principal

First Day of School

The staff at Gleneagles Ch'axá'y are looking forward to welcoming students in **Grades 1-7** on **Tuesday, September 5th** from **8:35 – 10:00am**. Returning students should report to their last year's classroom for attendance at the welcome bell. All students NEW TO GEC are asked to meet in the basketball court at the back of the school. We look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students on Wednesday, September 6th (as per the gradual entry instructions emailed in July).

Students do not need to bring anything with them on this first day, except maybe a water bottle and a smile!

Beginning **Wednesday, September 6th**, students will be engaging in fun, collaborative activities based on our POWER values. Students will be given instructions and shown where to meet on Wednesday as part of their learning on Tuesday. Please check with your child before you leave Tuesday to ensure they know their check-in location for the following morning. At this time, we anticipate that students will be placed in their classes for the 2023-24 school year at the beginning of the second week of school. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we prepare class placements.

Just a reminder, in order to secure a place for the 2023-24 school year, students are expected to be in attendance by Thursday, September 7th. If your child will not be in attendance before this time, please email mapistilli@wvschools.ca or leave a message on the Call Back line at 604-981-1360 with your child's name, grade, reason for absence, and expected date of return. For more information, please refer to [AP 300](#).

PAC Welcome Back Tea

All GEC parents are invited to join the Gleneagles PAC Executive, along with our Principal Mrs. Evans, for coffee, tea, and some treats, in the gym at 8:35am on Tuesday, September 5th. Kindergarteners and younger siblings are welcome to join with their parents if needed. It's a great way to hear about upcoming events at the school and mingle with other parents in our community. Hope to see you there!

Lions Bay Bus

Please note that the Lions Bay bus service will begin on Tuesday, September 5th with **only drop off service available on this day (no return trip to Lions Bay will be available)**. Please arrange to have your child picked up from school on Tuesday if you are using the bus service. **Full AM/PM service will begin on Wednesday, September 6th**. All students living in the Lions Bay corridor who wish to use the LB bus service must register through our district site [here](#).

Bell Schedule

Beginning **Wednesday, September 6th** and for the remainder of the school year, students will follow the bell schedule below. **Parents and students are asked to make every effort to arrive on time, if your child is late, please report to the school office to sign-in.**

GLENEAGLES CH'AXÁY BELL SCHEDULE	
2023-24	
8:30	Entry Bell
8:35	Classes begin
10:15–10:35 Recess	
12:05-12:28	Outside lunch recess
12:28-12:48	Lunch eating time
2:35	Dismissal

Grade 4 & 5 Outdoor School – September 25th to 27th

We are excited to have students in Grades 4 and 5 attend Outdoor School at Camp Elphinstone from Monday, September 25th through Wednesday, September 27th. **There will be a Parent Information session on Thursday, September 14th at 6:30pm in the Gleneagles School Gym.** Please mark your calendar as it will be important to have at least one parent/guardian attend per family. More information, including forms and fee deadlines will be shared with families next week. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please feel free to email Mrs. Evans, GEC Principal, at revans@wvschools.ca.

Freezie Friday

The Grade 7 students will be holding a freezie sale on **Friday September 8th at 2:35 pm in the basketball court**. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a cool treat – please bring a toonie

to school on this day. All proceeds from this sale will be used to help pay for the grade 7 graduation event.

School Supplies

Supplies have been delivered and will be distributed to students once they have settled into their classrooms. If you have not yet purchased supplies, please contact Creative Packs directly by following the instructions located on our school website:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/gleneagles-elementary/parents/forms/>

GEC Spirit Wear

We've got spirit, yes we do... we've got spirit, how about you? Show your school spirit and consider making a purchase; the **deadline for orders is September 24th**! Spirit wear helps us build our school spirit, especially on Friday 'Spirit Days' and can be used for everyday wear or for game days for sports.

We have a number of new items for sale this year including, youth long sleeve shirts, fleece jackets for everyone, reversible basketball jerseys and a sherpa lined toque. We also have the return of baseball tees, shorts and sweatpants and ladies' v-neck t-shirts.

Don't miss out. Get your order in today!

<https://www.getbold.com/stores/gleneagles-spiritwear-store/#all-products>

Gr 6 & 7 Band Registration

We are pleased to share that Ms. Inkster will once again be leading our band program for students in Grades 6 & 7. This year, band will be offered twice per week on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Students will learn to play a symphonic instrument such as the flute, trumpet, clarinet, etc. gaining musical skills and knowledge. They will also have opportunities to perform for both school and community audiences throughout the year.

Scientific research has proven that musical training builds intellectual skills, improves memory and develops creativity. If your child would like to join Band for the 2023-24 school year, please register through this link: [Elementary Band Program](#).

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, September 5 th	First day of school for Gr 1 to 7
Wednesday, September 6 th	First day of school for K students (gradual entry schedule) Full day of class for students in Gr 1 to 7
Friday, September 8 th	Gr 7 Freezie Friday fundraiser
Thursday, September 14 th	Outdoor School Mtg. (Gr 4 + 5 families), 6:30 pm
Monday, September 18 th	Full Day Kindergarten begins

Wednesday, September 20 th	Photo Day for all students Welcome Back Open House, 5:00pm
Thursday, September 21 st	Terry Fox Run, 1:00 pm
Friday, September 22nd	Pro-D Day – school not in session
September 25 th – 27 th	Outdoor School – Gr 4 + 5 students
Monday, October 2nd	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – school not in session
Wednesday, October 4 th	GEC PAC Mtg., 6:30 pm