



GLENEAGLES CH'AXAY ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN





October 26, 2023

Individual Student Photos

Photo packages have arrived and were sent home with students today. Please take a moment to check your child's backpack if you ordered photos.

Photo <u>retakes</u> will be held tomorrow, **October 27**th **beginning at 9:00 am.** If your child requires a retake photo, please make sure they know so that we can ensure that they visit the photographer.

Fall Fair this Friday!

Only one more sleep until our Fall Fair! We are excited for this fun after-school PAC event; it's scheduled to begin at 2:35pm and will be held in the school gym. Come and enjoy the 'Whittall Pumpkin Patch', carnival games, yummy treats and more!

Tickets purchased in advance will be distributed to students in their classrooms tomorrow afternoon. A reminder that children should be accompanied by an adult to attend this event. If you missed the ticket purchase deadline, a limited number of tickets are still available for \$20 per child and include a pumpkin, hot dog, popcorn, and cotton candy. Please email gecpacchair@gmail.com. Additional food will be available for purchase at the event, so please bring some toonies and loonies.

The PAC is still looking for some volunteers to help with the Fall Fair! If you can spare some time and want to have fun, please follow this link to help out: Fall Fair Volunteers

We need help with face painting, food stands, our cake walk and much more! Thank you.



GEC Scares Hunger in support of the Harvest Project

Please help us collect non-perishable food items for those in need. Currently, our collection bins are sparse, please consider sending in a donation before October 31st! Thank you.

Did you know that about 811 million people worldwide suffer chronic hunger? Approximately 50 million of these people are facing emergency levels of hunger.

We can do our part to help by collecting non-perishable food products to donate to our annual **GEC Scares Hunger** campaign. This event will run from October 23rd to 31st. All non-perishable food items we collect will be donated to the Harvest Project.

- Our goal: To collect 500 nonperishable food items!
- Most Needed Items include: Peanut Butter & Spreads, Canned Fruit & Fruit Cups, Granola Bars, Cookies & Crackers, Coffee 1 lb. pack ground, Flour, Sugar, Salt,

Pepper (all 1 to 2 lbs. packs max.), Oil & Vinegar- 500 ml bottle, Pasta & Rice - 1 lb. pack, Canned Tuna & Salmon



Halloween Costumes

All students at Gleneagles are welcome to come to school in costume on Tuesday, October 31st.

Please adhere to the following guidelines around costumes:

- Students should arrive at school in costume; no changing should be required
- Students should be comfortable in their costume choice and not restricted by their clothing. Clothing should not interfere with student learning.
- NO accessories of any kind are permitted (no wands, swords, weapons or other handheld items)
- Makeup must be kept to a minimum; consider a 'paired down' version of your child's costume
- NO costume masks are permitted, children's faces should be visible
- Costumes should be school appropriate for K to 7; and should be culturally respectful

Classrooms will be hosting a variety of activities related to Halloween. Our primary classes will be hosting "Halloween LIVE", which will consist of a performance of the 'Monster Song', a special number they have been working on in choir with Ms. Fulton, followed by the traditional parade to the Community Centre. Many intermediate classrooms will be carving pumkpins. Please check the communications from your classroom teacher if you are unsure of the scheduled activities for your child's class. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day!

Following Halloween, we ask families to use discretion in sending candy to school. We encourage students to bring a healthy snack and nutritious lunch each day. Candy should be enjoyed at home. However, should your child wish to bring a treat, we ask they follow our 2 treat maximum for 2 school days rule; no sharing of treats or food is permitted amongst students. Thank you for following this effort to enjoy our Halloween treats in moderation and prepare our students in the best way possible for learning at school.



UPDATE: Gleneagles School Grounds

Over the past week, temporary measures have been taken to remedy the damage to the retaining wall and school play area near the preschool portable. A long-term solution is currently being developed.

Our JumpStart Preschool has been operating out of our school music room this past week, but given the uncertain timeline of the repairs, we are pleased to be able to provide a temporary location at Chartwell Elementary School, effective Monday, October 30th, as the safety and continued operation of the preschool program is our utmost priority.

As more information becomes available, we will continue to update our school community.

Student Admissions

Gleneagles is now accepting registrations for September 2024 – registration is currently open for <u>ALL Kindergarten students</u> as well as <u>in-catchment</u> students entering grades 1 through 7. Registration for out of catchment students will open in mid-January.

Please visit the <u>West Vancouver Schools Admissions Page</u> to submit your application and for details regarding documentation.

Current grade 7 students who will be attending Rockridge Secondary in September 2024 are not required to submit an online application. Transfer forms will be provided in the spring to our grade 7 students. However, if your first-choice school for grade 8 is NOT Rockridge, then you must complete an online application according to these <u>student registration timelines</u>.

Remembrance Day – photos needed

Do you have family members who have served in military service? If so, we are looking to honour and recognize them in our annual Remembrance Day assembly this year. We are asking families to send in a photo of their family member, including the name, rank, and/or country of service, the name of the related Gleneagles Ch'axáý student(s), and any other relevant facts or important information. Photos and descriptions can be sent directly to our Vice Principal, Ms. Philip at aphilip@wvschools.ca; please use the subject line REMEMBRANCE.

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on **Friday, November 10**th at **10:45am**. There will be a limited amount of space available for parents who wish to attend.

Feeding Futures: Universal Snack Program (K-3)

The province's <u>Feeding Futures</u> program is a new Ministry of Education & Child Care initiative focused on investing, building, and expanding local school food programs by developing universal, barrier free access to nutritional meals and snacks to students at no cost.

As part of West Vancouver Schools Feeding Futures Initiative, a K-3 Universal Snack Program (USP) launched this week in with our Kindergarten to grade 3 students, who were offered were an apple and cheese string. We are excited a healthy snack will be offered to our primary students every week. A letter with further details was sent home last week to all families of our K-3 students (Div. 7-11).

Daily Health Checks

Parents are asked to do daily health checks of children before sending them to school. As flu and cold season is upon us, we ask for your assistance to ensure that your child is healthy and well enough to participate in normal school activities. If your child is unwell, please report their absence through the school Call Back Line at 604-981-1360.

Parents are also reminded that communicable diseases should be reported to your classroom teacher or to the school office. This would include lice, chicken pox, measles, etc.

TAKE A PEEK ONCE A WEEK: We have had several cases of lice reported in our classrooms recently, and parents are reminded to continue doing daily health checks of your child's hair and scalp before sending your child to school. Your assistance goes a long way in helping us to keep everyone healthy at school! Thank you for your assistance.



Dates to Remember:

October 23 rd to 31 st	GEC Scares Hunger (food drive)
Friday, October 27 th	Spirit Day
	Photo Retakes, 9:00 am
	Roots of Empathy program in Div. 10, 11:30 am
	PAC Fall Fair, 2:35 – 4:30pm (Gym)
Tuesday, October 31st	Halloween!
	Gr 7 Volleyball game #3, 3:30 pm – Girls at GEC, Boys at PJ
Wednesday, November 1 st	OWL Presentation in the gym, Divs. 7 to 11
Friday, November 3 rd	Roots of Empathy program, Div. 10
Monday, November 6 th	Grade 6 Immunization Clinic (VCH), 9:00 am
Tuesday, November 7 th	High Tech High Touch workshops, Divs. 7 & 8

	Volleyball game #4, 3:30 pm – Girls at GEC, Boys at Chartwell
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Thursday, November 9 th	High Tech High Touch workshops, Divs. 5 & 6
Friday, November 10 th	Remembrance Day Assembly, 10:45am
Monday, November 13 th	Remembrance Day observed – School not in session
Tuesday, November 14 th	District Wide Reading Break – School not in session

Special Offer from Kay Meek

Kay Meek Theatre is offering discounted tickets to the following concerts

- Trio Fibonacci Apply code TRIOF5
- Serenades and Divertimenti apply code VETTA

Link to the website: https://kaymeek.com/events/triofibonacci-1022

Girl Guides Sale this Saturday

