



GLENEAGLES CH'AXAY ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

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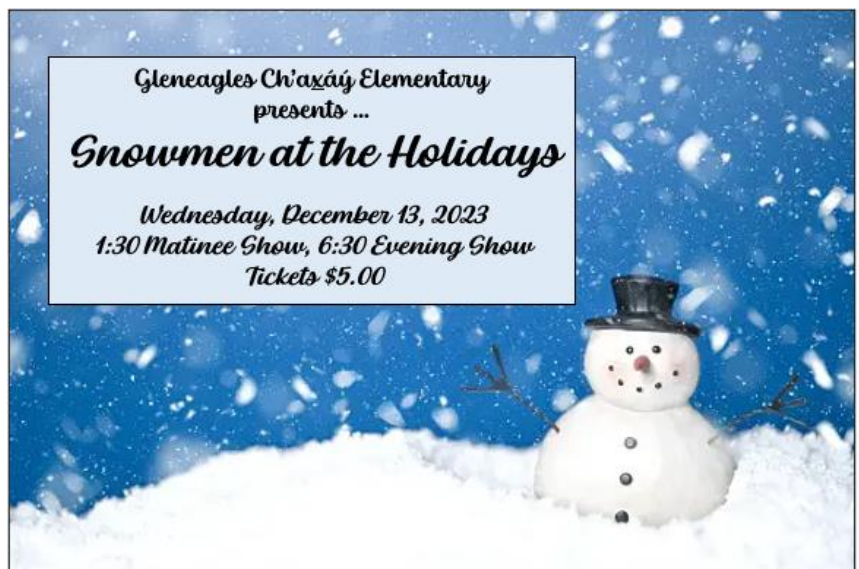
November 23, 2023

Winter Concert – Mark Your Calendars!

Gleneagles is pleased to announce that we will be holding a winter concert on **Wednesday, December 13th**. There will be two performances on this day – a matinee show at 1:30 pm followed by an evening show at 6:30 pm. The concert will feature students from Divisions 7 to 11, along with our Primary Choir, Senior Choir and GEC Band.

What do snowmen DO during the Holidays?! This performance will unfold the mischief and shenanigans that snowmen get into during the Holiday Season! Mark your calendars and plan on watching this light-hearted holiday story on December 13th.

Please note that tickets will be limited due to gym capacity regulations. Tickets will be available through School Cash Online next week.



December Activities

We have some fun activities planned for the month of December to help spread some Holiday Cheer and we are encouraging staff and students to join in.

Friday, December 1 st	Red & Green Day! Show your Holiday Spirit and come to school wearing any combination of Red & Green
Friday, December 8 th	Festive Holiday Hat Day
Friday, December 15 th	“Ugly” Holiday Sweater Day
Friday, December 22 nd	Holiday PJ Day! – wear your comfiest pair of holiday PJ’s to school <i>*Remember we have an early dismissal at 12:05pm on this day</i>

Volleyball Champions

The volleyball season has come to an end for this school year with our Boys teams winning the District Tournament on Tuesday afternoon at Rockridge. They had an incredible record, going undefeated in the first nine games of the jamboree. We are excited to once again have the trophy at Gleneagles Ch’axáy!

Our Girls team is playing in their District Tournament at Rockridge this afternoon, and we can’t wait to share out their results!

A special thank you to our team coaches – Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Staples, and Mrs. Hood for their hard work and leadership. And thanks are extended as well to all of our parent spectators for their cheering and support.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair this past week; students enjoyed browsing the sale and finding some updated reading materials to add to their collections. A big thank you to our Book Fair organizers – Lauren Gilchrist and Kirstie Simpson for all of their efforts and to all of the parent volunteers who helped out during the fair. This event would not be possible without your help and support. Thank you!

Proceeds from this book sale will help purchase new reading materials and learning items for our classroom teachers.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Our GEC PAC is organizing a Staff Appreciation Lunch on **Wednesday, December 6th** to show their appreciation to the amazing GEC staff and a successful end to Term 1. They are looking for parent volunteers to help with setup and cleanup of the luncheon and also to supply food dishes and other items. If you can help out, please sign up here: [Term 1 Staff Appreciation Lunch](#)
Thank you in advance for your support!



Student Learning Updates

Student Learning Updates (report cards) for all students will be published on **December 8th**. In preparation for this, **parents are asked to log into their MyEd BC Family Portal account.**

The Family Portal is where all parents will go to access their child's Learning Update as well as Individual Student Plans (IEP's), ELL grades (AIP's) and other student data which is part of our school database, MyEd BC. This is an important component of how our school delivers student information to parents and families and will be used all the way through high school. **It is important that parents set up this account and save a pdf copy of your child's reports as hard copies will not be sent home and will not be provided from the school office.**

New this year: all reports will remain in your Family Portal account until July 31st, 2024. This allows parents plenty of time to download and save a copy of their child(ren)'s report.

If you are a **new** family to our school District, you will have received an email from the MyEd BC server on November 15th inviting you to initialize your Family Portal account - you may need to check your junk folder if you do not see an email in your inbox. Please follow the instructions in that email carefully to initialize the account by replacing the temporary password. **This must be done on a COMPUTER and will not work on a phone or tablet.**

Parents are asked to familiarize themselves with the Family Portal site: [MyEd BC Login](#)

Many helpful resources which can assist you with this process are located here: [WVS MyEd BC Family Portal Guides](#)

Please contact Ms. Pistilli in the school office if you need assistance mapistilli@wvschools.ca.

Grade 7 Fundraisers

In preparation to say goodbye to Gleneagles Ch'axáy's grade 7 class of 2024, the grade 7 parent committee is launching a fundraiser to support their year-end celebratory activities which will be held in June. We have partnered with **Growing Smiles** to offer you Christmas seasonal arrangements. Please purchase items directly through the link provided below **prior to November 24th**.

Thank you to everyone who put in an order for a Christmas seasonal arrangement to support the Gleneagles Ch'axáy's grade 7 class of 2024. Pick-up for the **Growing Smiles Plant Fundraiser** is scheduled for **Wednesday November 29th from 2-4pm in the school gym** at Gleneagles Elementary School via the outside door. For those that are unable to pick up during this time frame, home delivery can be arranged at \$5/delivery. Delivery fees will be donated back to the fundraising campaign. To arrange delivery please contact Jill Fujibayashi at jillfuji@hotmail.com.



The second fundraiser in support of our Grade 7 Farewell is **Two Rivers Meats**. Stock up for winter with fine local meats that are free from antibiotics, hormones, and chemical feed additives. Please purchase items directly through the link provided below by **November 26th**.

[Two Rivers Meat Fundraiser](#)

Delivery is scheduled for December 7th from the exterior door located at the Learning Commons, in the front parking lot, or email Shevaun Brown at shevaun@thebrownswestvan.ca to request home delivery (\$5/delivery). Delivery fees will be donated back to the fundraising campaign.



Thank you for your support and please share these links with your family and friends if they would like to make a purchase.

Movie Fundraiser hosted by our GEC PAC

Celebrate the start of Winter Holidays and join your GEC friends and families on **December 22nd** to watch “Trolls Band Together” at Cineplex Park Royal! ***Note: there is an early dismissal at school at 12:05pm on this day.***

The cost is \$20 per student or sibling, and \$30 per adult. Tickets must be purchased in advance through the [Munch-A-Lunch website](#).

*****Please note that kids in Grades K to 3 must be accompanied by an adult.*** Parents have the discretion of letting children in Grades 4 and above attend unaccompanied.

When: Friday, December 22nd

Time: 2:30 to 4:05 pm (doors open at 2 pm)

Where: Cineplex Park Royal



Drop-off and Pick-up Reminders

A reminder for parents to follow the parking and traffic regulations in and around our school during drop-off and pick-up times, especially at the front of the school. Gleneagles is a busy place during these high-volume times and we appreciate your attention to the following:

- The speed limit for school zones is 30 km/hr
- Do not stop in the drive thru lane (1) at the front of the school, this is for thru traffic only
- Do not park in the pullover drop and go lane (2), this is for quick drop off only (ie. Kiss and Go)



- Please park in designated parking areas, do not block staff parking or neighbor parking
- Be alert and cautious; there are many children moving through these areas and it is quite dark during morning drop off
- Do not stop in pedestrian cross walks

District Food Security Plan

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect and confidentiality.

Winter Weather

Rain, Snow, Cold temperatures and Sun! This is a reminder as we head into fall/winter that at GEC we go outside for recess and lunch every day, RAIN or SHINE. Students are outside for at least 40 minutes each day and we want to make sure they are warm and dry.

Please ensure your child/ren come to school in appropriate waterproof clothing and footwear. It helps make our learning a lot more fun when we are dry, warm, and regulated! Thank you!



Winter Weather School Closures

Our school District endeavours to keep schools open on regular instructional days, including those with accumulating snowfall ([Weather Closures and Procedures](#)). Any decision to close schools will be made by the Superintendent and will be based on the safety of students and staff. **Please check the [school district website](#) for the most current information on school closures.**

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 continue to have several cases of lice reported in our classrooms, 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! If you need support with the treatment or prevention of lice, please reach out to Vancouver Coastal Health for support. Thank you for your assistance.



Dates to Remember:

Friday, November 24 th	Spirit Day – wear your GEC Spirit Wear or Black & Green
Wednesday, November 29 th	Plant Sale (fundraiser) pick up in the gym, 2:30 to 4:00 pm
Friday, December 1 st	Red & Green Day! Roots of Empathy program, Div. 10
Monday, December 4th	Pro-D Day (school not in session)
Tuesday, December 5 th	Hearing Screening for K students, 1:00 pm
Wednesday, December 6 th	Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Thursday, December 7 th	Meat Sale pick up in the Learning Commons, 2:30 pm
Friday, December 8 th	Festive Holiday Hat Day! Roots of Empathy program, Div. 10 Term 1 Learning Updates to be published (MyED)
Wednesday, December 13 th	Reading Link Challenge presentation for Divs. 5 & 6 “Snowmen at the Holidays” winter concert – 1:30 & 6:30 pm
Friday, December 15 th	“Ugly” Holiday Sweaters Day! Roots of Empathy program, Div. 10
Friday, December 22 nd	Holiday PJ Day! Last day of school before Winter Break with early dismissal at 12:05 pm
Monday, January 8 th	Classes resume after Winter Break

Hollyburn Family Services



Incredible Years™ Parenting Program (IY) for Children Aged 2-7 Years

IY is an evidence-based early intervention program focused on strengthening parenting competencies and fostering parent involvement with their children.

This 15-week program includes weekly online group educational sessions, and individual phone support sessions in which caregivers have the opportunity to discuss specific challenges they experience at home, and practice what they learn in sessions. We ask that caregivers plan to attend all 15 sessions.

Goals of the Program:

- Strengthen parenting skills
- Improve children's social skills
- Improve children's school readiness and cooperation with teachers
- Prevent and treat behaviour problems

Upcoming Session: Winter 2024

When: Wednesday evenings, January 10 to April 17, 2024 (Note: the program will run during Spring Break, March 18, 2024 to April 1, 2024)

Time: 6:15-8:15pm

Where: Online through Zoom

Cost: Free

Eligibility: Residents of the North Shore with children aged 2-7 years old.

Registration: for more info or to be added to the waitlist, please contact Marlae Vermeer (Family Counsellor, Hollyburn Family Services): mvermeer@hollyburn.ca

Bonfire at the Beach

CAROLING BONFIRE AT THE BEACH

LOCATION: EAST BEACH, BESIDE FERRY TERMINAL

DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 6:30-8:30PM



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