



Glenwood Elementary School

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December 2019 ❖ Newsletter #4



R.O.A.R. with Respect, an Open Mind, an Awesome Attitude, and Responsibility

Message from Principal

Welcome to December 2019!

- We have welcomed new staff members to our Glenwood family: Ms. Hansen, who is in for Ms. Grant, and Mr. Martin, who has taken a co-teaching/support position. Reminder: once a Grizzly, always a Grizzly!

Highlights of this short stretch to our winter break include(d):

- our Student Led Conferences where our students, teachers and parent(s)/guardian(s) have had opportunity to celebrate learning. Learning is an exercise in changing the self, and it is a good reminder that the only way to never reach your goals is to never start. Some flexibility in learning is necessary but keep focus on your goals. You're always going to encounter a learning curve when you learn something new — it's one of the requirements to actually learning!
- We are also looking forward to our Winter Concert(s). Thank you in advance for everybody's hard work to get this off the ground. I love seeing our students perform!

We plan to continue to focus during December on these "Bright Spots". We want to ensure we empower our students, and we believe in a strength-based approach. Our teachers consistently involve students to find their voice, they make the curriculum relevant and interesting, and incorporate technology in a thoughtful manner.

Throughout the year we keep our eye on our school goal of teaching skills to students to help them with self-regulation. As Ross Greene so eloquently states: "[a] challenging behavior is just a signal, the fever, the means by which the kid is communicating that he or she is having difficulty meeting an expectation." It is our collective job as adults – staff and parents - to teach the skills to meet expectations.

You will see articles on our website in this regard too. We do hope you find these useful.

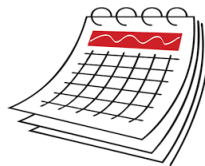
Reminder – all events are on our online calendar on our website and that important, in the moment events, will be tweeted out. You do not have to have a Twitter account to see these, as they appear on our [website](#).

Have a wonderful break and festive season.

Anelma Brown

Upcoming Calendar Events

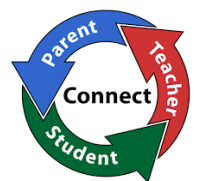
- December 3 – Assembly @ 11:15 am
- December 5 – Pizza by the slice \$2 (no pre-order)
- December 5 – Global Play Day
- December 5 – PAC Meeting @ 6 pm
- December 11 – Primary Craft Day
- December 13 – PAC Subway Lunch (orders due December 3)
- December 16-18 – PAC Santa's Workshop Market
- December 18 – Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Concert @ 1 pm
- December 19 – Christmas Concert @ 1 pm & 6 pm
- December 20 – last day of classes before Winter Break
- December 23 to January 5 – Winter Break
- January 6 – Classes resume



Please refer to [Glenwood's website calendar](#), and/or [SD42's calendar](#) for other important dates.

Student-Led Conferences

Students will be dismissed early on Thursday, November 28 at 11:30 am to allow for conferences. Conferences will be held during the afternoon of November 28 (pm) and all-day November 29. Please ensure your child attends the conference with you at your appointment time. Sign-up information will be posted in classrooms closer to the date.



Reporting a Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school, **please inform the school office**. You can do this by one of three ways:

- Call: 604-463-6512
- Email: gl_reception@sd42.ca
- Via Parent Portal: [Report Absence](#)



Christmas Concert There will be two identical Christmas Concert performances on **Thursday, December 19**. The afternoon performance will be from **1:00-2:00 pm** and the evening performance from **6:00-7:00 pm**. Doors will open 45 minutes before the performances for seating. For the evening performance the front doors will open at 5:15 pm. **You can drop your child(ren) at their classrooms at 5:30 pm**. Parents, please have students attend the evening performance even if the parent is not coming to the evening performance. **Please remember that children need to be supervised by parents until they are dropped off in classrooms at 5:30 pm**. Note: parking will be limited.

2020-21 Kindergarten Registration

Children who turn 5 years old in 2020 (born in 2015) are eligible to register for the 2020-21 school year.

Phase	Registration Starts (12:00 noon)	Registration Ends (11:59 pm)	Supporting Documents Deadline (12:00 noon)	Click here for more Kindergarten registration information Parents will be notified of their child's Placement via email shortly after the registration phase ends.
Sibling	Jan 8, 2020	Jan 14, 2020	Jan 21, 2020	
Choice	Jan 22, 2020	Jan 27, 2020	Feb 4, 2020	
General	Feb 5, 2020	Feb 12, 2020	Feb 25, 2020	
Late	Feb 26, 2020	June 21, 2020	June 28, 2020	
Open	Aug 21, 2020	June 22, 2021	June 25, 2021	

Photo Orders & Retakes

Photo packages for student photos arrived and were sent home with students on November 22. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 604.433.0551 or email: help@mountainwest.ca. Orders from Retake Day are expected to arrive before Christmas.

Join us for our next PAC Meeting on
Thursday, December 5th
@ 6 pm in the Library

Keep in touch @ [Glenwood PAC Facebook page](#)

Inclement Weather

From time to time it may be necessary to temporarily close the school when extreme weather conditions exist that may endanger the health and safety of students/staff. School closures due to inclement weather will be at the discretion of the Superintendent in consultation with the Secretary Treasurer and Director of Maintenance. Decisions for closure will be made by 6:00 a.m. Details will be posted on the School District website: (www.sd42.ca) immediately, and shared with the media outlets in the Lower Mainland. Monitor the following radio stations and district social media feeds for the most reliable reporting of school closure information.

News 1130 CKNW 980 CBC 690



SD42 Twitter feed ([@sd42news](#))

SD42 Facebook feed ([SD42Facebook](#))

If school is closed, please do not send your child to school.

Leaving for Holidays Early?

Please be sure to let the school office know if your child will be leaving school early for holidays, or coming back late from the winter break. Please call 604-463-6512 or send an email to: gl_reception@sd42.ca

Counselling Corner

When we give our time and attention to our children, they feel important and loved, they feel seen and heard.

Have a wonderful time together over the Christmas holidays.

Please click on the link below to watch a lovely little video.... <https://youtu.be/gKDGv5z4NQU>



From Sylvia Russell, Superintendent of Schools:



Supporting All Learners 2018/19

I am very pleased to present to you our *Supporting All Learners* annual learning report. As a school district, we rely upon the learning priorities of each school, as set out in school growth plans, to drive board-funded learning supports and structures. We now have several years of investment and focus on the four following areas identified in school growth plans: social and emotional learning, literacy, learning and assessment, and secondary innovation.

Our sustained focus on and work in these four key areas of learning have resulted in inclusionary teaching practices, new assessment tools and practices, workshops, professional development, the addition of helping teachers, new programs, and support from educational researchers. As you will see in your review of the report, the investment is beginning to reap significant and positive results for our students.

Read the *Supporting All Learners 2018/19* report online at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2018-2019-Supporting-All-Learners-web.pdf>

Be sure to take advantage of education savings opportunities



Education Savings Week is from Nov. 18 to 22, 2019.

Almost 80% of job openings in British Columbia over the next decade will require some form of post-secondary education.

Families can open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and the Government of British Columbia will deposit \$1,200 into the RESP for their children. No additional money is needed to receive the \$1,200 B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant. Families can ask their local financial institution if they are one of the 56 official promoters of the grant and are urged to not be part of the 40% who leave this grant unclaimed.

The grant allows parents and families who may not be able to currently afford to put money aside to start a RESP. Studies indicate that children with RESPs are more likely to pursue higher education. Students can use the money to pay for their education expenses (e.g., books, tools, rent or transportation) in an apprenticeship program, a trade school, college or university.

Applications are open to eligible children between six and nine years old. Eligibility deadlines:

- Children born in 2010 have until the day before their ninth birthday to apply.
- Children born in 2011 have until their ninth birthday in 2020 to apply.
- Children born in 2012 have until their ninth birthday in 2021 to apply.
- Children born in 2013 have until their ninth birthday in 2022 to apply.
- Children born in 2014 can start applying on their sixth birthday.

The Government of Canada also offers eligible families with modest incomes up to \$2,000 for each child's RESP from the Canada Learning Bond. As well, the Canada Education Savings Grant matches RESP contributions up to a maximum of \$7,200 per child. More information can be found at: www.Canada.ca/education-savings

Learn More:

B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant:
<https://www.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG>

Live 5-2-1-0



Choose vegetables and fruits for snacks most of the time.

Have washed and cut-up vegetables in the fridge so they are ready to eat.

supporting the
Live 5-2-1-0
campaign by **SCOPE**
www.scopebc.ca

We are looking for extra plastic shopping bags for collecting garbage on the school grounds. If you have some to donate, please drop them by the office. Thank you in advance!