



École Glenmore Elementary School

# Grizzly Gazette

October 2nd, 2017

School Website: <http://www.gme.sd23.bc.ca>

## Fall is Here!

If you would prefer a paper copy of the **Grizzly Gazette** newsletter we will have a few copies available on the clipboard hanging on the "Community News" bulletin board. Or you may ask Mrs. Calvert or Mrs. MacArthur to print a copy for you.



## October Special Events

Families are encouraged to check the school website's calendar for the most up-to-date list of what's happening @ GME. Here are a few October activities for your info:

- ★ **Open House (Oct 4th) & Parent-Teacher Conferences (Oct 5th)**  
GME students will be dismissed early @ 12:30 pm on both days. Please send a healthy and hearty morning snack for your children—we will not have a lunch break, but we will have a morning recess @ 10 am.
- ★ **Teacher Professional Learning (Oct 6th, Oct 20th, Nov 3rd)**  
Regular classes will not happen on the dates listed above. GME staff will be involved in a variety of learning activities both at school and off site on these dates.
- ★ **Gr. 3-6 Wrestling– Tuesdays @ 11-11:30 in the GME Gym**  
Thanks to Mr. Boersma for organizing this opportunity for GME students. A community coach, Mr. McAvena, will be co-sponsoring this activity with Mr. Boersma on Tuesdays at lunch break (Oct 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th. The wrap-up mini-tournament will happen on October 28th!
- ★ **Student Photo Retakes– October 12th**  
Our students will have individual photos taken — remember to wear your smile!
- ★ **PAC Fun Lunches– Preordered (Oct 11th, 13th, 18th, 25th, 27th)**  
Thanks to the PAC for organizing these special lunch days—if you are a parent or family member and you're able to help, please email [glenmorefunlunch@gmail.com](mailto:glenmorefunlunch@gmail.com)
- ★ **Lunch Leaders**  
Thanks to the Grade 5 & 6 students in Mr. MacPherson's & Mme Marques' Grade 5/6 classes and the Gr. 5's in Mme Legree's class for volunteering to help out at lunch break in our Kindergarten, Gr. 1, 2 & 3 classes. October Lunch Leaders begin their jobs on Monday, October 2nd.
- ★ **Hallowe'en @ GME**  
In keeping with our GME tradition, K—Grade 3 students are invited to dress in orange & red on October 31st. Intermediate students in Gr. 4, 5 & 6 may wear a costume (but, remember to take all the parts of your costume home at the end of the day).

## Attendance

Thank you for keeping the office advised of your child's attendance. In the event that your child will be late or absent please be sure to contact the office at 250-870-5136 or email [gme@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:gme@sd23.bc.ca) by 8:30 AM.

If you are signing in your child after 8:30 AM please be sure to come to the office (or have your child come down) to check in and have them pick up a late slip. The same process should be followed if you are picking up your child during the school day. It is very important that students are signed in/out at the office to be sure we can account for every student. Your child's safety is important! Thank you for your cooperation!



## Storybook Character Pumpkin Decorating

**See the special notice on the school website from Mr. Obst, our terrific Teacher-Librarian. Student participation is optional.**

Pumpkins may be turned in to Mr. Obst from Wed. Oct. 18th to Mon. Oct. 23rd.

- ★ Pumpkins must be picked up and taken home by Oct. 27th
- ★ All pumpkins will be displayed in and around the Library



**Use your creativity!**



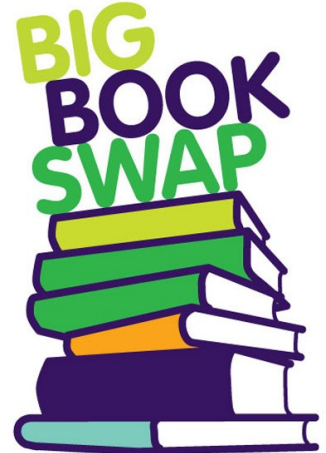
## Orange Shirt Day

Thanks to our Aboriginal Student Advocate and the Aboriginal Education Department of SD23 and parent volunteer, Sandra Young, for leading our Orange Shirt Day event on Friday. All GME classes participated in the spirit of reconciliation to honour survivors of residential schools. We started with the Okanagan song, students' intentions for a kinder world were read aloud, we observed a smudge ceremony & ate bannock!

## PAC Book Swap

Our Fall Book Swap will be Friday, Oct 27th. This is an opportunity for students to bring in gently used books that they are ready to pass along and swap them for book(s) that are "new" to them. Each class will have a 15 minute time slot to visit the swap and find some great reads. Book collection will begin on Monday October 23rd. Books should be in good condition (no board books or adult books please). This is a great time to go through your kids' bookshelves at home & make some space!

There are many parent volunteer opportunities available to help out for this great event. Check out the PAC website to sign up, or call Robyn 778.214.6060 for details.



## Parking Troubles Continue...

We continue to get complaints from parents/neighbours about parking. We have a very large student population & limited space for families to stop/drop off students—we are unable to make more space for these activities. Parents/guardians are again reminded to:

- ★ stay in your vehicles if you stop along the fence to drop-off your children—this is not a PARKING area—note that this area is also an "idle free" zone... make sure it's a quick stop. Thanks!
- ★ keep out of the Staff Parking areas (these are marked with bright yellow entrance signs)

We also ask that you avoid parking or stopping your vehicles blocking our neighbours' driveways on Tronson and Mountain. We would very much appreciate your support with this. We hope to avoid further calls from neighbours to complain to the school. Again, thanks!



## PAC News ~ Next meeting on **Monday, October 30th @ 6:30 pm** in **Glenmore's Music Room**

Our Parent Advisory Council executive is now complete for the 2017/2018 school year.

Congratulations to:

- ★ **President: Sarah Bendall**
- ★ **Vice-President: Angela Mastracci**
- ★ **Secretary: Tristaca Curley**
- ★ **Treasurer: Klaus Minck**
- ★ **Members @ Large: Shaundra Ihas, Tara Godwin, Candice Henriques, Jeneah Lightfoot, Deb Lawless, Esther Moore, Genevieve Bowman, Shalyn Syranen-Ross, Johanna Cann, Heather O'Connor, Rhonda Jarvis, Amanda Newton, Haley Gershony**



Check the PAC website for more info: <http://www.glenmore.skoolbuzz.com>  
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