

# Glenmore Grizzly Gazette



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## IMPORTANT DATES

Early Dismissal (11:00).....Sept. 3  
First Full Day Classes .....Sept. 4  
Meet and Greet Open House...Sept 18  
PAC Meeting.....Sept 23  
Student Fee deadline.....Sept. 27  
National Day for  
Truth and Reconciliation.....Sept 30  
Photo Day .....Oct. 9  
Implementation Day.....Oct. 11  
Professional Dev Day..... Oct. 25  
Conferences.....Nov. 7-8



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## Welcome Back, Bienvenue GME!

We are ready to welcome all Grizzlies back for an exciting 2024-25 school year. We have a number of new staff, over 660 students and 29 classrooms. We are excited to continue our learning journey this year; building leadership and life skills, creating a high-trust school culture, and laying a foundation for sustained academic success, while also exploring our School District's theme of inspiring a sense of "Togetherness"!

Please join us at monthly [PAC](#) meetings to find out more about what is happening at GME.

**TOGETHER  
We LEARN**

*Brady Ibbetson and Brett Beaudry*

## School Startup: Sept 3rd and 4th

**TUESDAY:** Students in Gr. 1-6 who are returning to GME are to meet in their last year's classroom. Students in Gr. 1-6 who are **new** to GME will meet in the gym at 8:30am. We will do a quick orientation/welcome and then assign new students to a peer group for the day. Dismissal is at **11:00 am**.

**WEDNESDAY:** A welcome letter from your child's new teacher will be emailed to you Tuesday evening, with a map showing where to go on Wednesday morning. Students are to go to their new classrooms as it is a regular school day from 8:30 am — 2:30 pm.

**NOTE REGARDING PLACEMENTS:** During the Spring, we received a number of placement requests. I want to remind parents (and students) that even though you may have put in a request, especially when you have requested a specific teacher and/or a large group of friends, that not all requests may be accommodated. Please note that we have also some new teachers, and some teachers have switched grades. Our draft placements, which we started in June, have been carefully reviewed and adjusted to accommodate all of our new students. We are confident we have placed the students in such a way that everyone will be successful. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**New Staff**

We are happy to welcome many new teachers and staff to our school:

Teachers: Ms. Coss (Eng K), Mme. Latendresse in FI K, Ms. Bekar in Eng Gr. 4/5, Mme. Richardson in FI Gr. 5, and Mme. Ms. McLeod (Counsellor)  
CEA: Ms. Mikayla Maione

**Meet and Greet with PAC and Teachers on September 18**

Classroom will be open from **4:00—5:00 pm** for an informal meet and greet and a chance for you to see your child’s classroom. The PAC Exec will also have a tent set up outside the gym to answer any questions.



**Parking/ Kiss and Drop:**

In order to ensure the safe arrival and exit of our students, please follow our kiss and drop guidelines. It is quite busy along the kiss and drop alley off of Mountain and Corner Rd, as well as on Tronson Rd. Please do NOT park and leave your vehicle in any of the parking stalls (reserved for staff) or along the fence in the alley of the Kiss and Drop. This is meant as a kiss and drop area where students get out of the vehicles and enter the school grounds on their own. For those families that require to park and walk their child to the front door (Kindergarten families and some Gr. 1 students), please park on one of the neighbouring streets and/or walk to school. When parking on a the street, remember to be mindful of our neighbours' driveways. Also please do not pull into the main parking lot area near the gym at the end of the day to pick up your child as it is a very busy parking lot with after school daycare buses and staff vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping to create a safe environment for students coming and going from school.

**Criminal Record Checks**

We greatly value our volunteers in the classrooms, on field trips and at a variety of other events throughout the school year.

A Criminal Record Check (CRC) is required for all volunteers. They are valid for 5 years.

**CRC Process:**

1. **Obtain CRC paperwork** from the **office**.
2. Complete and **submit paperwork** and supporting documents **to the office** (not RCMP).
3. The RCMP will process the CRC and return it to YOU via Canada Post mail.
4. You **must** bring the completed CRC to the GME office in order to be authorized to volunteer.

\*\* This process can take up to 6 weeks. (Grade 6 parents who plan on driving for the Grade 6 fall volleyball league, please do this asap!)



**Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

<http://glenmorepac.ca/>

**Absences & Lateness**

To report an absence or late, please use the:

[School Messenger App.](#)

Alternately, you can call the school office number 250-870-5136 and press 1.

You can leave a message on the system any day, any time, but we ask that you leave the message before 8:45 a.m. on the affected date.



**SCHOOL FEES ON-LINE! (not available until Sept. 8)**

Our on-line payment system for student supplies and cultural fees is typically up and running by the first week of school. We will notify you when it is ready. At that time, please go to our school website, and select the link to register & pay for fees on-line, or visit the following website and register to pay for student fees on-line. <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com>

Register by selecting "Get Started Now" and follow the steps. After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

We ask that you register as soon as possible. Along with the option to electronically pay from your bank account, there is also the option to pay by **credit card**. Student fees are \$45 per child (\$35 supplies + \$10 cultural).

Note: If you opt to purchase your own supplies, advise the office. The \$10 cultural fee must still be paid.

**Fee deadline September 29th, 2023.**

**Accident Insurance**

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, click [here](#).

**The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause**

Within School District Policy 425 – Student Fees (see [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca)), the Board of Education has indicated "that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship". This clause in the policy provides for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families, while preserving the dignity of families who may be unable to pay.

Please contact the school principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

**Appeals Policy**

The School District Appeals Bylaw states that, "A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in School District No. 23 may appeal a decision of an employee of the school board which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student".

The appeals process in its entirety and the section of the School Act on which it is based is available upon request at the Main Office. At École Glenmore Elementary School, we encourage parents to openly discuss any concerns with the teacher as the first step in any problem solving process. Unresolved concerns may then involve the principal, vice-principal and/or other district personnel.

**Central Okanagan Public Schools****Updated Restrictions for Cell Phones and Personal Digital Devices.**

In accordance with the new [requirements from the Ministry of Education and Child Care](#), schools across our district have updated their Student Code of Conduct to include the restricted use of cell phones and personal digital devices during school hours effective July 1, 2024.

Our [School Code of Conduct](#) has been revised to reflect the new requirements regarding cell phone use in schools accordingly.

**SD#23 Central Okanagan Public Schools****ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT SECTION****Responsible Student Use of Personal Digital Devices, School Technology, and District Network Services**

Student use of personal digital devices (any device used to communicate and/or access the internet), school technology, and district networks at school is for educational purposes.

Students must abide by the school's Code of Conduct and procedures, as well as Central Okanagan Public Schools Policy 486: Student Use of Network Services and Digital Technologies.

Students will:

- Secure, power off and store personal digital devices during instructional (i.e. class time) and non-instructional time (i.e. breaks/lunch) at Elementary schools unless instructed by the Principal or school staff;
- Use personal digital devices during instructional time for instructional purposes and digital literacy skills as instructed by the Principal or school staff;
- Ensure personal digital devices are not used in areas where privacy is expected, such as restrooms and change rooms;
- Be permitted to use personal digital devices to support accessibility, accommodations, medical and health needs;
- Always take precautions to ensure online safety, privacy, and security;
- Treat others with respect and kindness when using digital devices and district network services;
- Always use digital devices and district network services responsibly and with academic integrity.

Schools will ensure that all students have equitable and developmentally appropriate access to technology to meet curricular requirements. Students are not required to have their own personal digital device or cellphone at school.

The use of personal digital devices, school technology, and district networks is a privilege. Staff may revoke a student's access to devices because of inappropriate student conduct.

Violations of the school code of conduct could result in appropriate restorative processes or disciplinary actions including suspension and police intervention.

As part of our commitment to help our students develop digital citizenship, our educators will continue teaching our students how to use their personal digital devices and technology in a responsible and respectful way. We ask that you support our staff and discuss these new restrictions with your child before the upcoming school year. If parents/caregivers need to contact their child during the school day, they should call the school office.

On a related note, the school is not responsible for lost, missing, or damaged personal digital devices that students choose to bring to school.

## 2024-2025 Year-At-A-Glance

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<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Tues. Sept. 3	School Opening 8:30-11:00 AM	
Wed. Sept. 4 & Thurs. Sept. 5	Kindergarten Interviews	<b>Professional Development Days (No School for Students)</b>
Fri. Sept. 6–Tues. Sept. 10	Kindy Mini Sessions	Friday, October 11, 2024
Wed. Sept. 11	First Full Day of Kindergarten	Friday, October 25, 2024
Wed. Sept. 18	Open House / Meet & Greet @ 4:00-5:00 PM	Friday, February 14, 2025
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Mon. Sept. 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	
Fri. Oct. 11	Administrative Implementation Day	<b>Early Dismissals @ 12:30 PM (Includes a Morning Nutrition Break)</b>
Mon. Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Day	
Fri. Oct. 25	Teacher Professional Day	Thursday, November 7, 2024
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Mon. Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Observed	Friday, November 8, 2024
Thurs. Nov. 7 & Fri. Nov. 8	Parent-Teacher Conferences (12:30 Dismissal)	Thursday, February 27, 2025
		Friday, February 28, 2025
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Fri. Dec. 15	Term 1 Report Cards Go Home	
Fri. Dec. 22	Last Day before Winter Vacation	<b>Absence Reporting</b>
Mon. Dec. 23–Fri. Jan. 3	Winter Vacation (School Closed)	School Messenger App <a href="http://go.schoolmessenger.ca">go.schoolmessenger.ca</a>
<b>JANUARY</b>		
Mon. Jan 6	Schools reopen after Winter Vacation	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Fri. Feb. 14	Professional Development Day	<b>Bell Schedule</b>
Mon. Feb. 17	Family Day	8:25 AM Warning Bell
Thurs. Feb. 27 & Fri. Feb. 28	Parent-Teacher Conferences (12:30 Dismissal)	8:30 AM Morning Classes Begin
		11:10-11:40 AM Lunch Recess Outside
<b>MARCH</b>		
Thurs. Mar. 13	Term 2 Report Cards Go Home	11:40-12:07 AM Eating Time
Mar. 17 – Mar. 28	Spring Break (School Closed)	1:30-1:45 PM Little Recess
Mon. Mar. 31	Schools Reopen after Spring Break	2:30 PM End of School Day
<b>APRIL</b>		
Fri. Apr. 18	Good Friday	
Mon. Apr. 21	Easter Monday	<b>PAC Website</b>
<b>MAY</b>		
Mon. May 19	Victoria Day	<a href="http://glenmorepac.ca">glenmorepac.ca</a>
<b>JUNE</b>		
Thurs. Jun. 26	Last Day of Classes	<b>Fun Lunch Website</b>
	Term 3 Report Cards Go Home	<a href="http://Munchalunch.com/schools/glenmore">Munchalunch.com/schools/glenmore</a>
Fri. Jun. 27	Administrative Day	