



## Glamorgan TLC School

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## Newsletter | December 2016-January 2017

### Principal's Message:

The fall months have moved by us quickly, students are enjoying their learning, which is evident on many attractive and artistic displays around the school. Clearly, it is consistent routines and high expectations which allow the children of Glamorgan School to be engaged and motivated learners. As teachers, we are proud our students are indeed developing to be respectful caring citizens, who are making independent learning goals to strive to reach their personal best. Our display of student recognition in the front hallway demonstrates how proud we are of your children.

It was wonderful to have parents in the school and classrooms during Parent Teacher Conferences last week. Our purpose as teachers is to provide feedback prior to report cards. Feedback is to be ongoing, student specific, strength based and growth orientated. Conversation should include discussion of which areas students will benefit from extra practice, specific-targeted goals they are working towards, and how they are receiving support with their learning. Ideally, in partnership with you, we should be directing Personalized Learning for your child to achieve success. The purpose of rubric displays around the school and in classrooms was to provide information of expectations for parents; for in the classrooms assessment is ongoing to demonstrate what students know, and to provide the necessary evidence of student learning, for teachers to make adjustments from the feedback.

School Council members provided dinner for teachers prior to the conferences on Thursday evening. Your gratitude and appreciation for us continually shines through and we, as teachers and staff, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support.

Your child(ren) will be provided with their Report Card on January 31. The Report Card will provide achievement on specific outcomes listed with the system wide K – 9 report card. Anecdotal comments will also be provided directly related to the RESULTS 3, 4, and 5 where the personalization of student learning is interconnected with the relationship between Academic Success, Citizenship and Personal Development. This school year a code will also be placed into the box for each descriptor including the RESULTS. The assessment and reporting of Citizenship, Personal Development and Character *in and through learning* requires us to assess, act and reassess in a constant cycle of adjustment and learning.

Thank you in advance to have your child(ren) to school on time so that they can enter through their regular doors when school begins at 9:05. Any students arriving at school and requiring access through the main east doors, will be considered late, and will require a late slip to enter their classroom.

For your awareness, by policy, we must practice fire drills 6 times a year, as well as practice lockdowns. On October 20<sup>th</sup> Glamorgan School practiced a lockdown which went well. It has been suggested that we set another date this school year where a day will be set as a practice day and the actual lock down could occur at any time during the operational day of school. This element of surprise and being caught somewhat unaware is considered critical practice to prepare for an actual lockdown. I will keep everyone informed when our next practice opportunity will be set. Thank you in advance for assisting us to ensure that Glamorgan School is a safe and secure environment.

**Routines and High  
Expectations**

**Parent-Teacher  
Conferences**

**Thanks to School  
Council**

**Report Cards**

**Be On Time For  
School**

**Emergency  
Response Planning**

## Sign In and Out & School Security

Based upon our lockdown practice, discussion with Calgary Police Service representatives and review of our annual Emergency Response Plan, school wide security is constantly under review. Parents and any school visitors are to only enter the school through the East door by the main office. For your convenience, please review the Glamorgan School Volunteer Handbook regarding CBE and school policies.

<http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b121/pdfs/Volunteer-Handbook.pdf>

Volunteers must have a specific purpose and be sponsored by a teacher, the Principal or CBE to be in the school. In the main office sign in and out procedures are in place, with the intent to ensure a safe school environment for students, staff and parents. For this reason visitor and volunteer tags must be worn at all times during regular school days, when parents have been included to assist with activities, and on field trips.

If you need to complete the Calgary Police Service Security Clearance please see Ms. Kennedy in the main office for her to assist you and begin the process required. Volunteers assisting in our school are always welcome and are booked through classroom teachers.

## Dismissal of Students

To increase the safety of all students, parents are requested to wait outside for their grade one to six child to be dismissed. Please only wait for your child by the main office to the school if it is extremely cold. It is best if meeting places are arranged outside of the school, knowing that all children enter and exit the school with their class. All students are reminded that by 3:30 they should be on their way home, or they are expected to come back into the main office at the school for safety, while they are waiting for pickup.

## Student Lighthouse

We are pleased to announce that the Student Lighthouse Team is up and running under the direction of the Teacher Lighthouse Committee and the chairmanship of Mr. McDougall and Mr. Martin. The Student Lighthouse Team held its first meeting on November 10 to share ideas on how to make Glamorgan School even better! Suffice to say, we were very impressed with the range of thoughtful, creative and innovative ideas that were generated. We are excited to work with the student team as they demonstrate and build their leadership skills for the betterment of the school community. Stay tuned for further announcements and developments.

## Cold Weather Awareness

It is important for all students to dress according to the needs of the ever changing Calgary weather. Warm winter coats, snow pants, a toque, a scarf, gloves and mitts are critical pieces of winter clothing. Many children may be even more comfortable to have a sweater or sweat shirt to leave in the classroom to wear while at school. At Glamorgan School every attempt will be made to be outdoors during morning recess, and supervised play time at lunch. All children must have indoor shoes to wear at school and if required another pair while in Day Care. If required to exit the school in an emergent situation all students will be expected to walk directly outdoors. St. Andrews School is our evacuation site if it is required.

When the weather conditions are at all questionable, administration will carefully monitor the air temperature and wind chill conditions to ensure student safety. Parents please ensure that your child, whether walking to school, being dropped off, riding in a taxi or on a school bus, be dressed appropriately for the outdoors. When it is considered very cold, students will always be invited into the school prior to school beginning or be supervised indoors at recess, and over the lunch hour.

## Student Patrols

School Safety Patrol, due to the nature of their work, will not be expected to be out on duty when the temperature is lower than -20 Celsius, always taking into account the possible wind chill.

Students in Grade 5 and 6 have taken on the leadership challenge of helping younger students to cross the south of the school cross walk on Grafton Drive. With colder weather, it is important that patrollers and all students dress for the weather and remember to pay attention to road safety.

It is evident that many more children are being driven to school. This causes a great deal of traffic congestion, and at times unsafe driving practices. Parents might wish to consider some of the following options and see if they can become a routine:

- ✓ Walk to school or ride a bike.
- ✓ Drop older children off a block away and have them walk to school.
- ✓ Car-pool, if necessary, with neighbors.
- ✓ Park and wait where it is safe to do so; the Kiss and Drop at the Community Centre is highly recommended!
- ✓ Accompany your child(ren) from or to the vehicle.
- ✓ Pick your child(ren) up five minutes after the dismissal bell.

If everyone practices SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE there will be fewer chances of traffic related injuries.

Patrollers have been reporting a high number of complaints about drivers not observing the rules of the road. Violation tickets may be issued by the Calgary Police Service or Calgary Parking Authority. School administrators are not responsible for tickets and will not respond to complaints of tickets issued by the Calgary Police Service. Included is a letter from the Calgary Police Service Traffic Division.

**Letter from Calgary  
Police Services**

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The safety of the students and other drivers in this area is a priority for the Calgary Police Service. I have received concerns from the school and local community members about some troubling driving behaviours around the school. I am hoping you can assist by making this area as safe as possible for everyone.

School start and end times can make the roads very congested. To keep children safe, it is very important everyone obeys the law as defined in Alberta's Traffic Safety Act.

Below you will find a list of the common infractions observed and fines relating to these offences.

- **Illegal U-turn - \$155** - U-turns are illegal between intersections, alley junctions, when prohibited by sign, at traffic signals and when unsafe. The only place to legally do a U-turn is at an intersection not controlled by lights as long as it can be done safely and there is no sign indicating that you can't.
- **Pedestrian J-walk - \$78**- If there is a marked crosswalk on the block, you **MUST** use it to cross. Please help to teach your children the proper way to cross the street and lead by example.
- **Seatbelts! - \$155** - It is an offense to operate a vehicle without wearing a seatbelt or to have children not wearing a seatbelt. Please ensure your child seats are properly secured.
- **Impede/block traffic** (double parking) **\$155** - Double parking is stopping alongside another vehicle in the middle of a street to drop off your child. This adds to congestion because you are backing up traffic behind you while you let your child out of the vehicle. This also puts your child in a dangerous position as they will be walking between two cars parked after being let out. These vehicles are not expecting little ones to walk behind them and may back up into your child.
- **Distracted driving** (use handheld cell phone, etc.) - **\$287 + 3 demerits!**
- **Disobey posted signs** (includes no stopping zones) - **\$233**
- **Fail to yield for pedestrian in crosswalk** - **\$776**
- **Failing to stop for a stop sign** - **\$388**
- **Stopping or parking in a bus zone** - **\$75**

➤ **Parking in front of or within 1.5 meters of driveway/garage - \$75**

We ask that you please adjust your driving behaviour accordingly to assist keeping everyone safe and avoid being issued a ticket. **“Running late” is not an excuse to break the law.** As I cannot be at the school every day, I have asked for license plates to be sent to me. If the situation deems it necessary I will request witness statements of violations they observe. In some circumstances, I may issue tickets to the registered owner of the vehicle. Please help safeguard your children and community at large by just slowing down, being aware of others and obeying the laws.

As any parent would know, your children are watching everything you do. **It is not ok to teach your children to break the law!**

**Please remember to choose safety over convenience.**

Open House

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invite

Glamorgan TLC Open House  
Thursday, January 12, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

50 Grafton Drive S.W.  
Calgary, Alberta  
t | 403-777-8310



Questions about the Information Evening?  
  
Please contact Glamorgan School at 403-777-8310.

All interested parents and students are invited to join us on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to learn about the Traditional Learning Centre for Area IV, located at Glamorgan School.

The evening will include a program overview and guided tours for parents who are considering registering their children for the 2017-2018 school year.

All parents who chose to register for the lottery, which will be the deciding factor as to which students will be offered a place at the school, must be in attendance at the Open House. If parents are unable to attend the Open House then they must demonstrate a solid awareness of the TLC Program by reviewing the PowerPoint slides of important information prior to registering.

Registrations will be accepted following the presentation. Please ensure you bring your child's birth certificate, if you are new to the CBE and proof of residence (a current utility bill or bank statement with parent name and address).



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## Traditional Learning Centre Program

### Is the Traditional Learning Centre (TLC) the Right Choice for My Child?

A successful student demonstrates:

- self-management and organizational skills and a commitment to daily homework
- a willingness to participate in positive social interactions and take a leadership role when engaging in problem solving, acts of citizenship, and service
- a willingness to accept the challenge of a rigorous academic curriculum and an eagerness for knowledge and service



### Characteristics of the TLC Program

- Character Education intentionally taught and reinforced daily and demonstrated through service to the school, local and global community
- Whole group direct instruction that is sequential and enriched as the primary teaching approach
- Students are provided with a structured, orderly setting appropriate to the learning activity
- Elementary students are in straight grades. Students are grouped by skill ability for language arts and mathematics. Early literacy includes explicit instruction in phonics, spelling, and grammar. Horizontal enrichment opportunities are available to challenge students based on their achievement
- Middle School students are in straight grades in Language Arts and Math and in electives, as needed. Students may be grouped by skill ability for core. Opportunities are provided for horizontal and vertical enrichment in preparation for high school programming
- French as a second language begins in Grade 1 and is mandatory until the end of Grade 9
- Music is mandatory until the end of Grade 9 with Band beginning in the middle school setting
- School uniform

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[cbe.ab.ca/programs/program-options](http://cbe.ab.ca/programs/program-options)

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As of January 2016

### Grades K-4 Concert

Please plan to attend our Concert for Grades Kindergarten to 4 which will take place Thursday, December 15 beginning at 6:30. The doors to the school will be unlocked at 6:15 and we would like all students to be in their classrooms by 6:25 to be performance ready. Please bring a food bank donation to provide for those who are less fortunate at this time of year.

#### Oh the places we will go! - Kindergarten to grade two concert schedule:

Time	Activity
6:15 pm	Students arrive at Glamorgan school, and immediately report to homerooms. Parents leave students at the main doors and proceed to the gym to be seated.
6:30 pm	Concert begins!
7:15 pm	Concert finishes. Parents are to pick up their students from their homerooms.

**'Canada 150' - Grades three and four concert schedule:**

Time	Activity
7:45 pm	Students arrive at Glamorgan school, and immediately report to homerooms. Parents leave students at the main doors and proceed to the gym to be seated.
8:00 pm	Concert begins!
8:45 pm	Concert finishes. Parents are to pick up their students from their homerooms.

Parents are welcome to attend the Dress Rehearsal at 1:45 in the afternoon. Remember to check the K – 4 music website to keep up to date on news from the music room <http://glamorganmusicelcm.weebly.com/>

**Gift Card Donations**

The School Council has sponsored a Gift Card Donation Drive. Thank you for the donations to provide for families at our school – it is greatly appreciated by all at Glamorgan School.

**Early Dismissal**

Friday December 16 is an Early Dismissal day grades 1 – 9. There is no school for Kindergarten students on this day due to bussing issues and the other days throughout the year when they have full day field trips.

**PAT Scores**

Please note our Provincial Achievement Test results and analysis included with this newsletter. We are proud of the results of our Grade 6 and 9 students.

<b>Grade 6</b>	2015-16
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	
Acceptable Writing	100
Acceptable Reading	98.6
Excellence Writing	30.1
Excellence Reading	57.5
Below Acceptable Writing	0
Below Acceptable Reading	0
MATHEMATICS	2015-16
Acceptable Math	91.7
Excellence Math	27.8
Below Math	8.3
SOCIAL STUDIES	
Acceptable	93.2
Excellence	48.6
Below	4.1
SCIENCE	
Acceptable	95.9
Excellence	55.4
Below	1.4

<b>Grade 9</b>	2015-16
<b>ENGLISH LANGUAGE</b>	
Acceptable Writing	100
Acceptable Reading	94.1
Excellence Writing	52.9
Excellence Reading	47.1
Below Acceptable Writing	0
Below Acceptable Reading	5.9
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	
Acceptable Math	100
Excellence Math	47.1
Below Acceptable Math	0
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	
Acceptable	100
Excellence	52.9
Below Acceptable	0
<b>SCIENCE</b>	
Acceptable	100
Excellence	47.1
Below Acceptable	0

**Report to Parents on Provincial Achievement Exams**  
**2015 - 2016 Results**

Evaluation is an important and ongoing part of everything that happens in your child's classroom. Provincially, achievement test results provide part of the overall picture of how your child and the school are performing in comparison to other students in the province. If the total group appears to be encountering difficulty, teaching strategies are explored and modified to meet the group needs. Provincial Test Results are used to confirm information previously gathered by the teachers and to identify additional areas to be addressed. Your child's teacher refers to the Program of Studies that outlines expectations for each subject at each grade level. With this information in mind, the needs of the class and individual students are considered while planning, implementing and evaluating a program. Percentage numbers must be carefully understood when the group size is not very large. The grade 6 class had no more than 73 students who wrote the Provincial Achievement Tests. The grade 9 class had no more than 17 students who wrote the Provincial Achievement Tests.

The staff analyzed our PAT results and reviewed where particular gaps were noted between the Glamorgan School results and the provincial results. These particular areas became part of a GAP analyses to increase awareness and further staff discussion on particular concepts and knowledge areas of concern. Our School Development Plan which is posted on our School Website for the 2016-2017 school year is reflective of the needs and is focusing on priorities.

This work is supported with cohesive classroom collaboration between teachers and school support staff, including utilizing of Digital Learning Environments (DLE), with all teachers and students. As a school and a school system, we utilize a Response to Intervention (RTI), which is in place to ensure that all students learn. Our School Learning Team (SLT) supports our RTI by being:

- systematic (school-wide, not lone teacher dependent)
- occurring in a timely manner

- providing students increased time and support for learning
- increasingly directive (not invitational or optional)

It is also recognized that through our Professional Learning Community (PLC) educators work collaboratively in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research, using an adjustment cycle model, to achieve better results for the students they serve. This school year staff is beginning by working on Literacy development learning the program and structure of The Daily 5. The staff studies within four different grade groups to examine individual student performance and discuss strategies to consider making improvements. Within the school RTI system, when some students require additional time and support beyond the core programming, their needs may be met with supplemental instruction or intervention provided for individuals or small groups, by the classroom teacher or another staff member.

**Science Fair Judges Needed**

**Science Fair Judges Needed Feb 1, 2017**

Are you or anyone you know interested in being a science fair judge? If so, please contact Mrs. Kate Price at [klprice@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:klprice@cbe.ab.ca) **by January 5th, 2017**, with subject heading: Science Fair Judge, and your name and contact information in the message body.

**Requirements:**

- be at least 19 years old or attending a post-secondary institution
- have a love of science
- be available for the morning and first hour of the afternoon of the fair judging day, Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at Glamorgan School
- you do not have a child or family member (niece/nephew, etc.) presenting in the science fair

Feel free to pass this information on to anyone you know! Thank you! Yours in fun science, Mrs. K. Price

**LEGO Club**

During the month of November and December, Grade 4 students were invited to participate in a new venture with Lego Club. Students worked to create a scene made from Lego, take multiple pictures of some movements in that scene, and then create stop-motion mini clips for others to view. Students made some amazing creations!

In January and February, Lego Club will be available for any interested Grade 1, 2 and 3 students. There is a table for the times that Lego Club is offered to each grade. Each week, students will be given a challenge that they will create. Pictures will be taken of students projects, and these will be put into "Glamorgan's Lego Movie – 3". Students in Grades 1, 2 and 3 will be invited to view this movie at school in February. More details will be sent home about this event. Yours in Lego, Mr. Jason Rip and Mr. Mark Klaassen

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Jan. 9-13	NO SCHOOL	Grade 2	Grade 1	Grade 3
Jan. 16-20	Grade 3	Grade 2	Grade 1	
Jan. 23-27	Grade 3	Grade 2	Grade 1	
Jan. 30-Feb.3	Grade 3	Grade 2	Grade 1	

Sincerely,  
Kevin McDougall, Principal





## GLAMORGAN SCHOOL COUNCIL & FUNDRAISING SOCIETY

The success of our school depends on all community members - students, staff and families working together.

### STAY CONNECTED

Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of most months at 7pm in the Library of the school. All are welcome to come listen, get involved or volunteer.

Latest News: [www.GlamorganSchoolCouncil.com](http://www.GlamorganSchoolCouncil.com)  
email: [glamorganschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:glamorganschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

### OUR PROGRAMS

WELCOME BACK PANCAKE BREAKFAST - FUN LUNCHES -  
GRANDPARENT PROGRAM - FAMILY DANCE - SPELLING BEE  
- UNIFORM EXCHANGE - STAFF APPRECIATION - COMMUNITY  
SUPPORT - CASINO - OUTDOOR LIVING CLASSROOM

