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Back to School

It is important for me to state, that at Glamorgan School we have had a very smooth beginning to the school year. Children quickly settled into their classrooms, have included new students to the school, while teachers have moved ahead on their agenda of quality teaching and learning from the very first bell. We have already made adjustments to our plans for first day procedures next year and are confident that they will be smoother. I am very proud and pleased of the dedicated teachers who are working together to ensure that every moment of school counts to maximize our opportunity for learning with your children. Parents and guardians, I thank you for your overwhelming support and partnership for the school based staff.

Parent Involvement

Our recent Literacy Night for Kindergarten to Grade 2 parents and our parent teacher conferences were very well attended. Studies have shown that there is no single stronger correlation to school achievement than parent involvement and support in partnership with your child's teachers and the school. Review D2L or Webley communication from teachers with your child. Please use the student agenda to write a brief note if required, and continue to initial it daily to show that you are aware of the expectations for extended homework and its completion. As the month of October moves along please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's teacher when necessary to clarify expectations of homework or special assignments. Together, in partnership, we can encourage your child(ren) to do their best, while striving for excellence!

Pancake Breakfast

Pancake Breakfast Thank You! The School Council once again put together an amazing Annual Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast on Friday, September 30, 2016. Thank you very much to Charlotte and Clarissa and all of the parents who volunteered to support this special event.

Leader In Me

Glamorgan School is continuing to be a Leader in Me school. Staff members new to the school have been trained and all teachers continue to review and teach concepts as best suited for the students in their class. The Lighthouse Committee guides us to incorporate staff development and entire school direction to be most successful. The Student Lighthouse Committee is being formed by student application and will provide the voice of the students to Administration. The students will consult with their peers and bring ideas forward to scheduled meetings with administration.

Glamorgan's Student Lighthouse Team members must consistently demonstrate the following leadership characteristics:

- 1) Dependability, reliability, and respect
- 2) Strong work ethic and team player
- 3) Exemplary conduct and citizenship in and out of school
- 4) Good judgment and decision making skills
- 5) Comfortable with public speaking
- 6) Ability to teach and demonstrate the 7 Habits to other students

Students who meet these criteria and are interested in representing their grade group should pick up an application form from their teacher. Only 2 in each of Grades 1 – 4 and

one student in each of grades 5 – 9 will be selected. Applications are due back to Mr. Martin in the office by October 12. Late applications will not be considered.

Through the Leader in Me emphasis as a school, we are striving to have our students to be individually accountable and responsible to the point where, “being a Leader is doing the right thing even when no one is looking”.

Family Resources

Parents, please watch for our new Leader in Me family resources on display in the showcase by the main office. Items will soon be available from our school library for sign out. Special thanks to School Council for funding this project!

Technology Educational Supports

We are preparing a short list of selected online resources that parents might find helpful for providing extra practice, support or enrichment opportunities in core curriculum areas. Look for this list to be added to the Parents tab on our school website very soon!

Winter Concert K-4

This year, the annual winter concert will be held on Thursday, December 15 at Glamorgan School. There will be one concert featuring K-2, and another one featuring grades 3 and 4. The K – 2 concert will begin at 6:30 PM, and should last no more than 45 minutes in length and the grades 3 and 4 concert will begin at 8:00 and will last no more than 40 minutes. **All times are currently tentative and are subject to change.** A confirmation of times will be sent home with students prior to the performance. Here is the link which Mrs. Jessome had promised would be in the newsletter. Parents please check frequently for updates to stay connected. <http://glamorganmusicelam.weebly.com/>

Major Performance Grades 5-9

The first band concert of the 2016 2017 school year will be held at Glamorgan School in the first week of December for all music students from grades 5-9. To accommodate the size of the audience for the number of students in our program, the concert will be held over two nights. Please see the details below and mark your personal calendars.

The **Grade 5 Band** and the **Grade 7 Junior Concert Band** will perform on **Wednesday, December 7th** at 6:30pm and the concert will conclude by 7:30pm.

The **Grade 6 Band** and the **Grade 8/9 Senior Concert Band** will perform on **Thursday, December 8th** at 6:30pm and the concert will conclude by 8:00pm.

Please make arrangements to ensure that your child is able to participate in the concert. Performances are an essential component of the Instrumental Music program of studies and all students are expected to participate. Beyond the requirement, this concert is the opportunity for students to present all that they have been working hard on from the beginning of the school year and receive recognition for their efforts. Students will be proud of their work and eager to share it with you. Together, we look forward to this wonderful celebration of music and learning at Glamorgan School.

Volunteer Registration

I would like you to be aware that Glamorgan School has specific Security Measures in place. Staff can be identified with their visible identification cards. All volunteers must have completed and been approved with the Calgary Police Service Security Clearance PRIOR to filling out an annual CBE Volunteer Registration form, and volunteering at the school. Please note that all volunteers once approved are required to sign in at the office, and wear a volunteer badge while in the school, or on school field trips, and outside school endorsed activities. 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.

**Emergency
Response Planning**

For your awareness, by policy, we must practice fire drills 6 times a year, as well as practice lockdowns. The Calgary Police Service, if they are available, will be involved with this internal practice, and will assist us to consider other scenarios or situational possibilities. Teachers will talk to their classes prior to this date, to outline the basic procedure during the lockdown. Please talk to your child(ren) about this lockdown to reassure them that it is simply practice, similar to practicing for fire drills, to ensure a Safe and Secure learning environment for all at Glamorgan School. Thank you in advance for assisting us to ensure that Glamorgan School is a safe and secure environment.

Lockdown Practice

Glamorgan School will practice Lockdown Thursday, October 20 at approximately 11:00 AM. Parents, there will be no access to the school during the period of time required. With support of school administration the Calgary Police Service takes control of the Lockdown Practice, and is in control of the school operation for the period of time required. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

**Parent Teacher
Conferences**

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place November 24 and 25 which is a necessary component of the K – 9 Report Card. Please plan to attend and have your child(ren) with you. Teachers look forward to sharing results and sharing progress. It is from meetings such as these that students will demonstrate the independent ownership required to maximize learning. Please continue to support us to have your child practice individual goal setting as we strive for excellence together. Bookings for these appointments will be possible beginning Friday, November 18 at 4 pm.

Home and School

The evidence of student learning is uncovered with questions related to the task. What are you doing? How will you know? Why did you do that – what's next? As teachers, we know that the task, predicts performance. As we strive to have students engaged with their learning you can support us by asking them 'What did you do in school today?' You should hear of their interest and motivation while being at school.

**Engaged Learner
Conversations**

Beginning with the end in mind, Glamorgan School will practice Engaged Learner Conversations which will take place March 23. These meetings should be viewed as a 'Celebration of Learning'. By this point in time, many students will have been recognized for their Results, including Academic Success, Citizenship, Personal Development and Character, on our recognition wall in the main hallway of the school, as 'Grizzly Leaders'. We are extremely proud of our students. Booking a time block for Student Led Conferences will begin Friday, March 17 at 4 pm.

Think Win-Win

At Glamorgan School we welcome the opportunity to work with you and your child(ren). We strive to provide Personalization of Learning within a Traditional Learning structure, allowing for teaching and learning opportunities to be as unique as each and every student. Together we will continue to strive for excellence! Please directly connect with the classroom teachers as required at any time. If you wish to share kudos or to make us aware of particular feedback regarding the school, please send an email to the school at glamorgan@cbe.ab.ca.

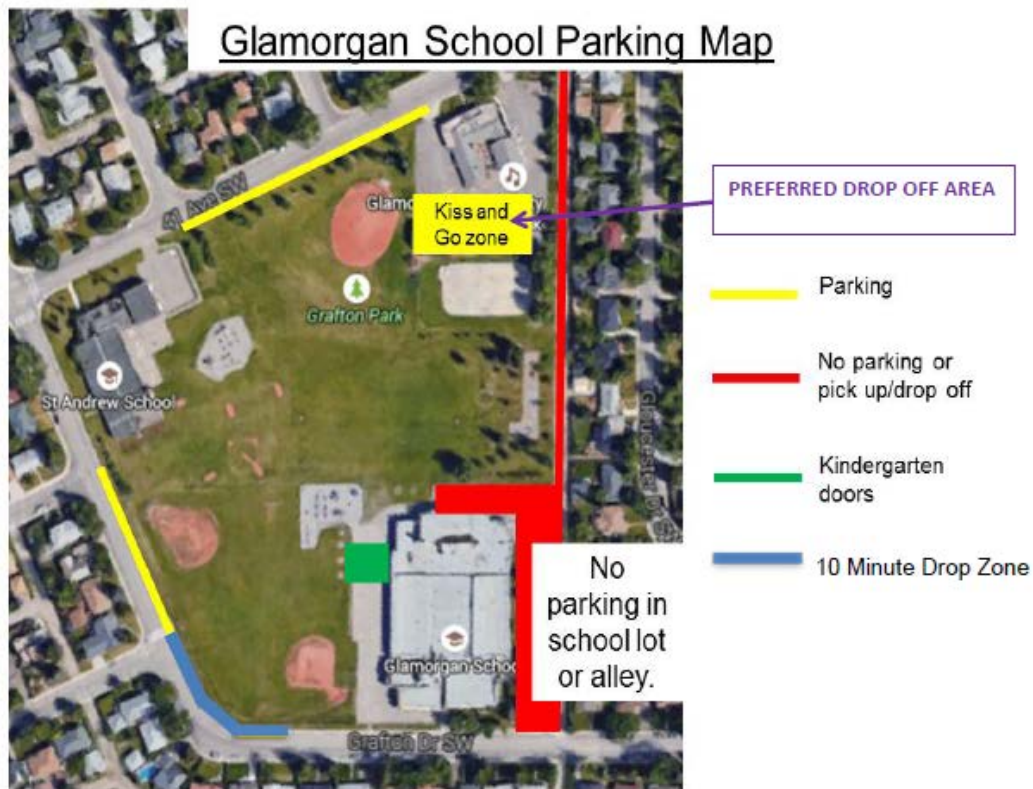
Sincerely,
Kevin McDougall
Principal

All students may dress informally all day and/ or bring their costumes to wear in the afternoon for Halloween on Monday, October 31. Morning Kindergarten students can wear their costumes to school.

Students who choose not to wear a costume may dress casually. We will have a short "parade" for the Kindergarten morning classes and a school wide parade beginning at 1:30 pm. Further information on that afternoon's activities will be provided through your child's teacher(s). Glamorgan School asks that students leave any weapons that are part of their costumes at home. Violent, gory, or immodest costumes are not permitted for the school Halloween costume dress up. Parents and students are reminded that we have a no food or candy sharing policy at Glamorgan School. Parents of trick or treaters are asked to ensure that their son/daughter does not bring excessive candy to school the week following Halloween; 1-2 Halloween treats in a lunch kit would be considered appropriate. Parents of K-4 students will be informed in advance via grade level newsletters/e-mail/D2L if their child's class is planning any celebrations on the afternoon of October 31. Students in grades 5-9, will have a choice of attending a dance or an alternate activity in the Learning Commons from 2:00 – 3:25 on October 31st. Thank you! Have a safe and Happy Halloween!"

Revised Glamorgan School Parking Map

We would kindly ask parents/guardians to review the amended Glamorgan School Parking Map to ensure optimal safety for our students as they make their way to and from school. There is a clearly outlined 10 minute drop zone which can be readily utilized to ensure safe passage for our students, and in addition to this, the Kiss and Go Zone (Glamorgan Community Association) is an ideal place to drop off students as they do not have to be on the streets at any time and there is far less resulting traffic congestion. School administration is working closely with City of Calgary By-law and thanks them for their support and increased presence. Please ensure you are NOT parking in the school lot or alley at any time as it creates unsafe conditions for your children.



Road Safety – Parent Driving Concerns

Please note the following on road safety and parking around Glamorgan School. Our community members living close to the school really appreciate parents who follow the rules of the road around the school. Together we should demonstrate respect for their community. It is important to walk students to the corner of the street to cross the road where it is safest. Whenever possible, walk across the road way inside a cross walk. Practice, point, pause and proceed once you know it is safe to cross the road. Do not Jay-walk, for this is an illegal and very unsafe practice, especially with all the traffic around the school. Parents if you drive to drop off your children, please respect the bus zones, the lane ways and entrance to the staff parking lot. Please respect the crosswalks. Do not drop or pick up students in the bus zones. All vehicles should be parked beside the curb and sidewalk prior to allowing children to exit. The City of Calgary Police and Bylaw Officers have been by and will continue to frequent Glamorgan School issuing tickets as required. If you wish to review safe practices you may choose to go to www.calgaryparking.com. Email for the Calgary Parking Authority Enforcement Division is cpaenforcement@calgaryparking.ca. In the main office we also have handouts from the Calgary Parking Authority entitled 'Park Safe' – School and Playground Zone Safety. Please practice safety over convenience!

Dress for the ever changing weather

Parents are reminded as the weather turns colder to ensure their children come to school with warm clothes so that they can enjoy the fun and recreation of outside play during recess and lunch. We value this outside time at Glamorgan School as fresh air and time spent in green spaces readies our students for learning. Winter wear includes winter boots, toques, gloves and mitts. Please contact Mr. McDougall in confidence if you are in need of assistance with providing appropriate winter clothing for your son or daughter. With extreme weather administration will have children stay indoors for supervision periods. Please be aware that indoor Recess and lunch will normally only be called when the temperature is approximately -20 Celsius, involving wind chill factors or there is heavy precipitation Please also note that School Patrol team members must always be dressed for the weather. Stay warm and have fun on our beautiful outside campus, Glamorgan students!

School Patrol members will not be in place when the temperature is below – 20 C including the wind chill. Team members please monitor this at home in the mornings and act accordingly. When in question though it is always best to arrive at school on time to fulfill your duties Thank you Patrol Team members – you are very much appreciated!

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Leadership Link



From the Board of Trustees Introducing the Legacy Award

The Board of Trustees is excited to announce a new award that recognizes CBE alumni who have made a difference, and we need your help to find these outstanding individuals.

The CBE Legacy Award celebrates public education. It will shine a spotlight on former students who live our beliefs - that a strong public education system is the foundation of our society, and the legacy of learning we create makes a world of difference for all of us.

Our former students positively impact our communities, our country and our world. Legacy Award recipients will embody the foundation they received during their education and represent the legacy of the CBE: preparing students for life, work and inspiring life-long learning.

Our alumni are leaders, entrepreneurs and difference-makers. They are artists, trail-blazers and dedicated volunteers. We want to hear their stories and celebrate their success.

We expect to present the CBE Legacy Award several times a year at public board meetings, with the first award presented this month. All award nominations will be reviewed and award recipients selected by the CBE Legacy Award Committee.

Recipients must:

- Be an alumnus of, or have attended, a CBE School.
- Be 18 years of age or older at the time of nomination.
- Exemplify at least one or more of the CBE Results:

Mission: has used high school as a foundation for continuous learning and success in life and work.

Academics: possesses the knowledge, skills and attitude required for academic success, and is effectively prepared for life, work and further learning.

Citizenship: has been a responsible citizen who is an informed and involved member of his/her community – locally, nationally, globally.

Character: possesses the character to do what is right, act morally with wisdom, and balance individual concerns with the rights and needs of others.

Personal Development: has acquired the skills, attitude and knowledge to achieve his or her highest potential.

Nominations must include a (maximum) 500-word statement of support.

To nominate an outstanding CBE alumnus, or for more information about the Legacy Award, please visit the CBE website at <http://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/Pages/legacy-award.aspx>

