

# GLENMERRY ELEMENTARY



SEPTEMBER 2019

HOME OF THE GRIZZLIES

## Important Dates

September 9 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	ProD Day (no school)
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Fox Run
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Open House 6-7pm
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	School Spirit Day
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Orange Shirt Day
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Picture Day

## SCHOOL HOURS

8:15	Welcome
8:20	Classes Start
9:50	Recess
10:10	Classes Start
12:10	Lunch
12:55	Classes Start
2:15	Dismissal

### First PAC Meeting of the Year!

Calling all parents! The GES Parent Advisory Council (PAC) invites all parents to attend the first meeting of the school year. We have an incredibly active PAC, but we need your help to continue to provide great opportunities for our students. Please join us in the school Library on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! We are looking forward to another fun and exciting year of learning opportunities and experiences. A very special welcome to our 35 Kindergarten students and other students and staff new to the school this year. We know you will enjoy your time here at Glenmerry Elementary and hope you make the most of your time within our school community!

A very special thanks to all the teachers and support staff who worked so hard to make sure that the school and the classrooms were ready for our opening (no small task!).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. *Best wishes for a safe, successful and FUN school year here at Glenmerry Elementary School!*



**Please check out our school website as well as like us on Facebook for further information:**

<https://www.ges.sd20.bc.ca/>



Families are invited to attend a Meet and Greet / Open House on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm. Please come and meet your child's teacher and stay connected with your child's learning!

## VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

Just a reminder to parents and other visitors to school, you should be using the main entrance and reporting to the office upon arriving. ***Please do not just walk to your child's classroom as it is a safety concern for us and disruptive to the learning of students.*** To minimize instructional disruptions, your child will be called up during breaks to retrieve messages, lunches, homework, etc. All other exterior doors remain locked during instructional hours. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Student Safety

### Peanut / Tree Nut Aware School



We have children and staff in our school who have life threatening allergies to even trace amounts of peanuts and/or tree nut products. Due to the seriousness of this allergy, **please do not send any products that contain peanuts and/or tree nuts to school.** Products containing peanuts and/or tree nuts are not to be consumed on school property. We want our school grounds to be safe and welcoming for each and every student. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### Medical / Family Alerts



If any of your child's medical information has changed, please notify the office and your child's teacher (inform them of any special instructions re: puffers, Allerjects/EpiPens, etc.) that they may need to know in case of an emergency. It is also important that any puffers, Allerjects/EpiPens, etc. needed are clearly labeled and brought to school in case of an emergency, along with a safety plan for your child. Please inform the school if your child has a contagious illness, lice, pink eye, etc. If your family has court orders pertaining to custody, guardianship, or no contact orders, please contact the office to make sure that we have the most up-to-date information.



## Breakfast Program

Starting on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> we will be providing students with breakfast options in our breakfast room. All students are welcome to come to the breakfast room, starting at 7:50am.

## After School Routines

Students are expected to go straight home after school unless their parent/caregiver is with them and supervising them. *As well, please ensure your child knows “the plan” for after school (going with a friend, taking the bus, etc.)* – a note in their agenda is helpful. Students should only be using the phone in the case of emergency. All play dates should be arranged prior to coming to school or after your child has arrived home.

*\*\*\*If there are unexpected changes to your child's afterschool pickup/bus arrangements, etc., please call the office.*

## SCHOOL FEES

*Fee envelopes will be sent home by classroom teachers.*

There are standardized student fees for all elementary students in School District 20. These fees cover the costs of Cultural Events and the use of District Technology. Also, for some classes, there is a fee for student agendas.

At Glenmerry, all students will be provided with access to programs, services, and educational opportunities provided by the school, regardless of financial need. Please contact the principal, Carolyn Catalano, to access our Hardship Policy. All information given/discussed is kept confidential.

## Completion of Forms

Your child will be bringing home many forms to complete as part of our school startup procedure. We ask that you please complete and return these forms to the school in a timely manner. Thank you!



## Meet Our Amazing Staff 2019-20

Principal - Mrs. Catalano  
Vice Principal - Mrs. Kanda  
Admin. Assistant - Mrs. Bella  
Grade 7 - Mr. Gale  
Grade 7 Ms. Hemstreet  
Grade 6 - Mr. Colquhoun  
Grade 6 - Mr. King  
Grade 5 - Ms. Ewankiw  
Grade 4 / 5 - Mr. Snider  
Grade 4 - Mrs. Kanda / Mrs. Treasure  
Grade 3 / 4 - Mrs. Bell  
Grade 3 - Mrs. Nutini  
Grade 3 - Mrs. Shepherd  
Grade 2 / 3 - Mrs. Green  
Grade 2 - Mrs. Wakelin  
Grade 1 / 2 - Mrs. Curlew  
Grade 1 - Mrs. Robinson  
Grade 1 - Mrs. Martini  
K - Mrs. Malloff  
K - Mrs. Koshey  
SST - Mrs. Fayant / Mrs. Smyth  
Learning Support: Mrs. Santori  
Library - Ms. Jowitt  
French: Mrs. Plamondon  
Indigenous Support. - Mrs. denBiesen  
CCW - Mrs. Smith  
CCW / EA - Ms. McLaughlin  
EA - Mrs. Kryski  
EA - Mrs. Nedelec  
EA - Mrs. Favaro  
EA - Mrs. Wichman  
EA - Ms. E. Kovac  
EA - Ms. D. Kovac  
EA - Ms. Crockett  
EA - Ms. O'Handley  
EA - Ms. Morris  
EA - Ms. Babbie  
EA - Mrs. Iachetta  
EA - Ms. Turko  
Library - Mrs. Ruhl  
Custodian - Mr. Johanson  
Custodian - Mrs. Cooper  
Noon Hour Supervisors:  
Mrs. Miracle  
Mrs. Dunsmore  
Mrs. Mackenzie

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### Criminal Record Check

All parents wanting to volunteer at the school need to complete a Criminal Record Check. **The process for completing one through the school has changed and we are no longer able to offer the quick link.** Parents will need to pick up and complete a consent form and return it to Mrs. Catalano. Two pieces of ID will also be required before the consent form can be sent in and must be sent by the school. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Catalano at [ccatalano@sd20.bc.ca](mailto:ccatalano@sd20.bc.ca)



**On Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> we will be having our first School Spirit Day! Staff and students are asked to dress up as a group, triplet or twin!!**



In School District 20, we value the communications we have with parents/guardians and we are always looking to improve the ways we can do this. In September 2018, we launched School Messenger, a notification service that is used by many districts in Canada.

School Messenger allows district to provide timely and important communication through a variety of options. With the School messenger service, we can easily communicate information about:

- Weather delays
- Transportation issues
- School events
- Important dates
- Last minute cancellations
- Daily attendance for students



School Messenger also plays an important role in emergency situations. This service has the capability to send information to thousands of people in a matter of seconds from the District office, which is a benefit to parents/guardians and our staff.

Parents and Guardians have the option to download the School Messenger App for Apple or Android phones/tablets. The app allows users to customize their preferences and the ability to review and save messages. We believe in strong communication with you and are always looking at ways to improve the ways we can do this as a district.



Student contact information is automatically uploaded from our school information system, based on the email addresses and phone numbers that you have provided to your child's school. To ensure we can reach you, this information must be current. If there are changes to your contact information, please call or visit your child's school.

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## Parents and Guardians

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the School Messenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number:

For CANADA-BASED numbers: 978338

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

School Messenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge TM, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



If you have questions or need more information, please contact your local school or check out these online resources:

<https://vimeo.com/180768415>

School messenger app sign up:  
<https://youtu.be/Y2EkRKS8yww>

Opt-In from your mobile now!



Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 978338.

(For Canada-based numbers).

\*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/smsca](http://schoolmessenger.com/smsca) for more info.

School District No. 20  
(Kootenay-Columbia)

2019-2020  
SCHOOL CALENDAR

Weekends*
Statutory Holidays*
School Vacation Periods*
Administrative Day**
District Pro-D Days**
School-based Pro-D Days**
First/Last Day of School
Semester Completion Day (Secondary)
First Day of Second Semester (Secondary)

\*schools closed

\*\*school not in session - staff only in attendance

August	5	BC Day Stat
August	28	School-based Pro-D Day
August	29	School-based Pro-D Day
September	2	Labour Day
September	3	First day of school (shortened day)
September	13	District Pro-D Day
October	14	Thanksgiving Day stat
October	25	District Pro-D Day
November	11	Remembrance Day stat
December	20	Last day of school before winter vacation
December	23	Winter Vacation
to January	3	
January	6	Schools re-open
January	23-24	Semester completion day
January	27	First Day of Second Semester
February	14	District Pro-D Day
February	17	Family Day stat
March	13	Last day of school before spring break
March	16	Spring Break
to March	27	
March	30	Schools re-open
April	10	Good Friday stat
April	13	Easter Monday stat
May	15	School-based Pro-D Day
May	18	Victoria Day Stat
June	24	Semester completion day
June	25	Last Day of School (shortened day)
June	26	Administrative Day



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