Good Morning Glen Allan families,

Hard to believe we are heading into the last week of November already! I know that December is always an exciting time of year. This year things may look and feel different for families as we anticipate the holiday season. We will continue to work together to keep everyone safe and healthy!

There are a couple of reminders for you this week:

**Art Card Orders**

If you ordered Art Cards please watch for them coming home in your child’s backpack! The Art Cards are such a special way to spread holiday wishes to family and friends. Thank you again to Glen Allan School Council for coordinating and being creative this year to continue this tradition for our families.

**Extra Masks**

We are noticing that with the change in weather, students are needing to change their mask a little more frequently. Please ensure your child has at least two extra masks to allow them the opportunity to freshen them throughout the school day.

**Food Bank Campaign**

We are accepting donations all this week! Students are very excited to see the piles growing outside of the office and we are grateful for your generosity. It is amazing to see the excitement about giving back to our community and helping others in need.

**Strathcona Christmas Bureau: Referrals**

If you or anyone you know is in need and could benefit from a Strathcona Christmas Bureau delivery, please let me know so I can help. The **deadline for referrals is on Wednesday, November 25.**

**Report Cards**

Teachers have been working hard finishing up assessments and writing progress reports which will be **available for you to view on Thursday, December 3 at 3 p.m.** To access your child’s report card, you will need to log into your PowerSchool Parent Portal account. If you need some assistance or would like to request a paper copy, please contact us at the school office.

**Pink Shirt Day Contest**

We are down to the finalists and are very proud of the amount of participation, effort and talent the students have shown! This week, the students will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite Pink Shirt design. There will be two overall winners, one design from the finalists in K – Grade 3 and one from the finalists in grades 4-6. We will share the winners and details on how to order a shirt in the near future! Thank you again to Sheila Connolly, Vice Chair of Programs for GASC for coordinating this event. The response has been fantastic!

**Kindergarten Interviews**

If you have a child in kindergarten, please ensure you have signed up for a parent/teacher interview with your child’s teacher this week. Mrs. Shannon and Mrs. Woodman are looking forward to connecting with you about your child’s progress and kindergarten experience so far this year.

**Grade 5 Blanket Exercise**

On Thursday this week, our Grade 5 students have the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Blanket Exercise with Mrs. Vicic and EIPS’s Indigenous teacher, Jeremy Albert. The Blanket Exercise is an interactive experience that teaches the history of indigenous peoples of Canada. For more information about Jeremy, please visit our website. [https://www.glenallanelementary.ca/parent-info/fnmi](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/AKuTuO2Ir-Yk26Mxa7Fufg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhnRv9P0QzaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ2xlbmFsbGFuZWxlbWVudGFyeS5jYS9wYXJlbnQtaW5mby9mbm1pVwdzY2hvb2xtQgoAR33ou18YQBvvUhVqdWR5LmFuZGVyc29uQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)

**School Fees**

Just a reminder that with our second term underway, the school fees have been updated on your accounts. We will be adding fees each term to accommodate the movement of students between in-school and out-of-school learning each term. Many of you had a credit balance at the beginning of the school year so this may be the first time you need to check your if you have an amount now owing.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week! As always, if you have any questions, concerns or feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please stay safe and healthy!

Kind Regards,

Judy Anderson

Principal