Good Afternoon Glen Allan families,

I hope you had a great weekend! Saturday was beautiful and it was nice to see the walking trails busy. We are on the home stretch with Spring Break around the corner!

A special thank you to all our wonderful teachers who put in a great deal of time and energy to provide meaningful feedback about your child’s progress. To digitally access your child’s report card, you will need to log into your PowerSchool Parent Portal at: [https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/home.html](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/iPTKM4OB8gA-gk1pd9lXCA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRiMN8yP0QsaHR0cHM6Ly9wb3dlcnNjaG9vbC5laXBzLmNhL3B1YmxpYy9ob21lLmh0bWxXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmBIsqtPYOB1YEtSFWp1ZHkuYW5kZXJzb25AZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

**Report cards will be available for you to view by 3 p.m. on Friday, March 19**. We certainly encourage you to celebrate your child’s successes as well as discuss some goals moving into the last portion of the school year. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher. If you need assistance accessing your PowerSchool Parent Portal or need to request a paper copy, please contact us in the office!

**Lost and Found Items**

We have all the lost and found items displayed on tables in LC II for the students to look through this week. Teachers will have their classes walk through to look for lost items as they exit the library. Please encourage your child to search, particularly if you know they are missing specific items. We will also post pictures of the tables on our website and twitter for you to have a quick peek too. Prior to Spring Break, we will donate all the unclaimed items to charity.

**EIPS’s Week of Inspirational Math**

The EIPS “Week of Inspirational Math” is celebrated every March. The week is chosen to coincide with internationally recognized “Pi Day”. As part of the celebration, teachers have access to virtual sessions that feature daily guest readers, that will share a story and connect mathematical thinking to their careers. There are also numerous activities that focus on inspiring students to have a creative and mathematical mindset.

**Parent Engagement Series – First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education**

Don’t forget about session 3 of parent engagement series hosted by the First Nations, Metis and Inuit education team.

* **Session 3 (virtual) March 16, 2021 (7 - 7:30 p.m.)**
  + Language of this land – The importance of highlighting Indigenous languages; deepening understanding of relationships to land through language; what exploration of Indigenous languages can look like in schools
  + For more information, please visit our website: [https://www.glenallanelementary.ca/parent-info/fnmi](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/NZ2chJGOyho_fhd9lO3_1Q~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRiMN8yP0QzaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ2xlbmFsbGFuZWxlbWVudGFyeS5jYS9wYXJlbnQtaW5mby9mbm1pVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgSLKrT2DgdWBLUhVqdWR5LmFuZGVyc29uQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)

**Glen Allan School Council (GASC) Elections – May Meeting**

Elections for GASC positions will be held at the May 20, 2021 meeting to set the council for the 2021/22 school year. GASC is made up of parents or guardians of children who attend Glen Allan Elementary School. GASC is run by elected council members and meetings are held on the third Thursday monthly except for December, March and June.

Being on GASC is a great opportunity to learn more about the school, provide support to excellent programs and resources for students, and provide input and feedback to the school.

**Below are the GASC positions.** All positions are available for nominations from interested parents. Please reach out to the person currently in the role if you are interested or have any questions (email or phone number has been provided).

1. **Chair: Jessica Winship**

[**Jessica.winship@gmail.com**](mailto:Jessica.winship@gmail.com)

(This position is under active recruitment, Jessica has been in the role for 4 years and would be happy to have someone else step in and assume the position.  She has well organized information and documents to pass on and would support the new Chair by attending meetings and being available for questions, etc.)

This position Chairs all meetings of the Council, provides general supervision of all activities of the Council, is the official spokesperson of the Council and prepares annual reports.

1. **Program Vice-Chair: Sheila Connelly**

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This position works with the principal and the Chair to determine the number of programs and calendar dates for programs during the school year, organizes committees for all programs before the beginning of the next school year (where possible) and keeps a tracking of all programs which include duties of coordinator positions and a report of activities and form letters pertaining to the specific programs.

1. **Fund Development Committee Chair: Jenn Campbell**

**Cell: 780 907-3100**

This position serve as liaison between the FDC and the Council, and is responsible for fundraising and the running of the fund development as a separate entity.

1. **Budget Vice-Chair: Erin Barrett**

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This position is back up to the Chair, is the connection point between the Council and the Fund Development Committee Chair, prepares the Council budget and provides regular updates at council meetings.

1. **Treasurer: Ryan Fukala**

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The Treasurer handles all money paid to the Council and is responsible for banking, deposits, proper accounting/tracking of Council funds and presents a full detailed account of receipts and disbursements to the Council whenever requested.

1. **Secretary: Irene Hamm**

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(This position is under active recruitment, Irene has no more children at the school after this year.  She is happy to help train her replacement and has well organized information and documents to pass on.)

This position is responsible for record keeping, taking minutes at the meetings and providing approved minutes to the principal for posting on the website and keeping a membership list of the Council.

We are extremely grateful for the support from GASC. They most recently approved funding for the library including books and four leather chairs (which look amazing), home reading books, Leveled Literacy Intervention Kit and Math Equals Kit. GASC also purchased pink shirts from the logo design contest for all staff members! Again, we are very appreciative and enjoy connecting with parents at the monthly meetings.

**Upcoming Important Dates**

* March 15 – 19 – Week of Inspirational Math
* March 16 – Session 3, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education
* March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day – Wear green
* March 19 – Report cards live for you to view online
* March 25 – Pajama Day
* March 26 – No school – Spring Break
* April 6 – First day back after Spring Break

Thank you for all you do to support your children from home. We miss having parents in and out of the school on a regular basis. As always, if you have any questions or feedback, please feel welcome to contact us any time.

Have a fantastic week!

Warm Regards,

Judy Anderson

Principal