**Good Afternoon Glen Allan families,**

**I hope you survived the April blizzard on the weekend! This week looks like it will be much nicer with a beautiful weekend to look forward to. The opportunity to get out and enjoy the outdoors is important now more than ever it seems!**

**April GASC Meeting – Special Guest Jeremy Albert, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Educational Advisor, EIPS**

Please join us on **Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.** for our next GASC meeting. You will have the opportunity to meet Jeremy Albert, **First Nations, Métis and Inuit Educational Advisor** who will be sharing his wisdom with us on the importance and meaning of doing the land acknowledgement. Here is a link to the meeting agenda on our school website: [https://www.glenallanelementary.ca/sch-council/school-council-agenda2](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/K-KSqDBmW3k-z3TATVRUbQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRiVeODP0RFaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ2xlbmFsbGFuZWxlbWVudGFyeS5jYS9zY2gtY291bmNpbC9zY2hvb2wtY291bmNpbC1hZ2VuZGEyVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgbwOwdGAc7zeKUhVqdWR5LmFuZGVyc29uQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)

Here is the joining information for the April GASC meeting:

Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer or mobile app**

[Click here to join the meeting](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/ZAMQdMR5jHRzusxetmTriQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRiVeODP0TzaHR0cHM6Ly90ZWFtcy5taWNyb3NvZnQuY29tL2wvbWVldHVwLWpvaW4vMTklM2FtZWV0aW5nX01qZ3hNV1F6TXprdE56RXpaUzAwWW1ReExUZzBNREV0WW1aaE1UUTJOalF3T1RnMSU0MHRocmVhZC52Mi8wP2NvbnRleHQ9JTdiJTIyVGlkJTIyJTNhJTIyOWU0N2FmZWEtNWU1Ny00MGMzLTg0NDMtZjJkZjRhMmY0YjNmJTIyJTJjJTIyT2lkJTIyJTNhJTIyNjA1ODA5NmYtODAzZC00YmI3LWI2MTYtODFjOTFjMWI4ZDI0JTIyJTdkVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgbwOwdGAc7zeKUhVqdWR5LmFuZGVyc29uQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)

**Grade 6 Transition to Junior High**

**For our Grade 6 families, please watch for the Jr High virtual open houses and find the joining information on each school website. FRH is hosting a google meet specifically for our GLN students during class time on Wednesday, April 14 at 9:10 a.m. They are having a follow up session for parents that same day at 4 p.m. Please do not worry if you can’t make the 4 p.m. session. There are also these virtual open houses coming up:**

**Clover Bar Junior High – April 13 @ 6 p.m.**

**Sherwood Heights Junior High – April 14 @ 6:30**

**F.R. Haythorne – April 21 @ 6 p.m.**

**Feel free to contact the any of these schools directly for more information.**

**Minecraft EDU**

**We are excited to have Sydney Munsterman, K-6 Brightspace & Ed Tech Teacher Trainer join us tomorrow! She will be spending time with some of our classes in Division 2 exploring Minecraft EDU. This is a great opportunity for students to explore educational topics through the engaging platform of Minecraft. I am anxious to hear how the teachers and students enjoy the experience! If you would like to check it out for yourself, here is a link for you:**

[https://education.minecraft.net/lessons/manito-ahbee-aki](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/ZYmqpdhAYk1hfuYtacM38A~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRiVeODP0Q4aHR0cHM6Ly9lZHVjYXRpb24ubWluZWNyYWZ0Lm5ldC9sZXNzb25zL21hbml0by1haGJlZS1ha2lXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmBvA7B0YBzvN4pSFWp1ZHkuYW5kZXJzb25AZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

**EIPS Parent Engagement Survey**

**If you haven’t had the opportunity yet, please take a moment to fill in the 2021 EIPS Parent Survey. We value and appreciate your feedback as we look for ways to improve as well as celebrate the great things already happening! Here is the link:**

[**TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/XhaMLACY_FC9ATjVkX3Auw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRiVeODP0QmaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc3VydmV5bW9ua2V5LmNvbS9yL04ySlNZUTNXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmBvA7B0YBzvN4pSFWp1ZHkuYW5kZXJzb25AZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)
The survey closes April 20, 2021 and the results go directly to the Division.

**Parent Night With Dr. Alex Russell**

On April 21, beginning at 7 p.m., Strathcona Christian Secondary is hosting a parent evening presented by psychologist Dr. Alex Russell called, Keeping Them Safe While Helping them Grow: Supporting children’s emotional growth in challenging times. I have had the privilege of hearing him speak and his message is powerful! I was impacted not only as an educator but even more so as a mom. For more information, please visit:

[https://www.eips.ca/about-us/whats-new/post/sca-secondary-hosts-virtual-presentation-for-parents-to-support-students-during-challenging-times](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/eB8HY5w4ds3Phj5flPRABg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRiVeODP0SNaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZWlwcy5jYS9hYm91dC11cy93aGF0cy1uZXcvcG9zdC9zY2Etc2Vjb25kYXJ5LWhvc3RzLXZpcnR1YWwtcHJlc2VudGF0aW9uLWZvci1wYXJlbnRzLXRvLXN1cHBvcnQtc3R1ZGVudHMtZHVyaW5nLWNoYWxsZW5naW5nLXRpbWVzVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgbwOwdGAc7zeKUhVqdWR5LmFuZGVyc29uQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)

**Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada**

Our students have been enjoying the opportunity to interact and explore the **giant floor map based on the Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada**. Another reason to join us on Thursday evening for the GASC meeting so you can put a face to the name; Jeremy Albert has been spending time with each cohort class as they learn about how Indigenous Peoples gave shape and meaning to this land for thousands of years before European contact.

**I would like to end this week’s Buzz with a special congratulations to our Grade 6 students who graduate from the DARE Program this Friday!** We will be capturing some of the special moments through pictures and videos. The Grade 6 teachers will be sure to let parents know when they are posted! A special thank you to Officer Jill Donaldson for leading our students through the program.

I hope you have a fantastic week! If you have any questions or feedback, please feel welcome to contact me anytime.

Kind Regards,

Judy Anderson

Principal