August 30, 2021

**Good afternoon Glen Allan families,**

It is almost that time, Wednesday is the first day of school for most of our students. The amazing staff at Glen Allan are excited and ready to welcome students into the school and classrooms.

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Jen Ference and I am the new principal at Glen Allan Elementary. I am excited and honored to join this incredible community. I look forward to continuing and building upon the great work already established by students, staff and our entire school community.

**Moving Forward Together**

As with the start of each new school year, I anticipate nerves and jitters from both students and families. This is normal, we get them too! Please know that the wellness and safety of your children are of top priority. I have heard much praise and commendation related to Glen Allan students and their management of the Covid protocols that were put in place last year. In the few visits I was able to make last year I too saw students being respectful of the masking rule, diligent with hand sanitization and maintaining positive energy and attitudes. It was a joy to be a part of.

Communication between home and school is incredibly important and we will need to work together to ensure a successful year. There are many strong feelings about what is best for our children, and there will likely never be a time when everyone will agree with all decisions that are made, but we will work within the parameters that are given to us to make the best decisions we can. As plans and guidelines are modified over time, we’ll have to be flexible and patient as we navigate those changes.

**Glen Allan Re-Entry Plan 2021-22**

In alignment with Elk Island Public School’s Re-Entry Plan, Glen Allan has developed a re-entry plan. While similar to many of the practices adopted last year, there are a few differences for this upcoming year. The Glen Allan Re-Entry Plan can be accessed on our school website and [**here**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/nVrEkuVglH712uiN68VnNA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjDmkSP0QyaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ2xlbmFsbGFuZWxlbWVudGFyeS5jYS9kb3dubG9hZC8zNjIzNjhXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmEskjUtYfy4X_FSGEplbm5pZmVyLkZlcmVuY2VAZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~).

[**GLEN ALLAN ELEMENTARY RE-ENTRY PLAN 2021-22**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/nVrEkuVglH712uiN68VnNA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjDmkSP0QyaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ2xlbmFsbGFuZWxlbWVudGFyeS5jYS9kb3dubG9hZC8zNjIzNjhXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmEskjUtYfy4X_FSGEplbm5pZmVyLkZlcmVuY2VAZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

Below are some highlights of our school’s re-entry plan:

* Masking requirement for all staff, students and visitors
* Daily screening checklist for staff, student and visitors
* Continuation of hand sanitization and cleaning practices
* Continue to practice physical distancing where possible
* Designated entrances and exits
* Volunteers and visitors are allowed in the school when pre-arranged and for specific purposes
* No more cohorting
* No more contact tracing

**Student Drop-Off and Pick Up**

Please remember that the north staff parking lot is strictly a drop off loop for parents. There is no parking permitted in this lot or along the center meridian between 8:15 – 8:30. If you are planning on walking your child up towards their designated door, please park in the visitor parking across Georgian Way and use the crosswalk. Please do not park in designated staff parking. We really appreciate your cooperation for us to keep the traffic flowing and all the students safe! If you would like to see a map, please visit [www.glenallanelementary.ca](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/mWpyseZ30B4mKJLRRGx77g~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjDmkSP0QhaHR0cDovL3d3dy5nbGVuYWxsYW5lbGVtZW50YXJ5LmNhVwdzY2hvb2xtQgphLJI1LWH8uF_xUhhKZW5uaWZlci5GZXJlbmNlQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~) under the About tab.

Staff will be outside on supervision starting at 8:15 each morning. Please ensure that students are not arriving at school prior to 8:15 am as there will be no supervision. Similar to last year, as students arrive at school, they will line up at designated entrances. Class doors are assigned as follows: [**Entrance and Exit Door Map**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/zFFjz5FL1V8_XGlQEmLbCw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjDmkSP0RGaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ2xlbmFsbGFuZWxlbWVudGFyeS5jYS9hYm91dC9lbnRyYW5jZS1hbmQtZXhpdC1tYXAtMjAyMS0yMlcHc2Nob29sbUIKYSySNS1h_Lhf8VIYSmVubmlmZXIuRmVyZW5jZUBlaXBzLmNhWAQAAAAC) (can also be accessed on our school website).

**Class Lists**

As shared in June, our enrollment has decreased from last year. Careful planning as a staff configured the best possible classes to support student success. We have two combined classes to help reduce class sizes as well as accommodate the reduction in enrollment. We have an amazing team of teachers eager to welcome your children into their classrooms:

**Kindergarten Calendar A – Ms. Botterill**

**Kindergarten Calendar B – Mrs. Shannon**

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| **Homeroom** | **Teachers** |
| **1-1** | **Mrs. Lastiwka/Mrs. Delainey** |
| **1-2** | **Mrs. Taverner/Ms. Ferguson** |
| **1-3/2-1** | **Mrs. Curan/Mrs.Taverner** |
| **2-2** | **Mrs. Moncrieff** |
| **3-1** | **Mrs. Foley** |
| **3-2** | **Mrs. Westergaard/Mrs. Kemsley** |
| **3-3/4-1** | **Mrs. Miles da Silva** |
| **4-2** | **Ms. Halcrow** |
| **5-1** | **Mrs. Robinson** |
| **5-2** | **Mr. Szydlowsky** |
| **6-1** | **Ms. Barry** |
| **6-2** | **Ms. Budney** |

Class assignments will be visible in PowerSchool by 4:00 pm at Tuesday, August 31. Please keep in mind that teachers have made the class lists with intentional and careful consideration of several factors. Our goal is to create academically successful, socially responsible, and emotionally stable learning environments for all our students, and we appreciate your trust in our ability to do so.

**Noon Hour Supervision Opportunity**

We’re Hiring! Noon Hour Supervisors main responsibility is to provide supervision to children during the lunch hour. Schedule will be one hour each day (11:55 am - 12:55 pm), five hours per week, Monday to Friday, starting September 1, 2021 and ending June 28, 2022.

For more information, please refer to our website [post](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/r0Mg7i22WCkDi7o9RV8rMA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjDmkSP0RNaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ2xlbmFsbGFuZWxlbWVudGFyeS5jYS9ob21lL25ld3MvcG9zdC9ub29uLXN1cGVydmlzb3Itb3Bwb3J0dW5pdHlXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmEskjUtYfy4X_FSGEplbm5pZmVyLkZlcmVuY2VAZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~). If interested in this opportunity please email Dustine Vicic, Assistant Principal [dustine.vicic@eips.ca](mailto:dustine.vicic@eips.ca).

**PowerSchool Forms**

Last week you should have received an email from EIPS Communications with information related to PowerSchool forms that need to be completed along with their deadlines. Thank you to those families who have already completed their forms and for those who have not, please ensure you log into PowerSchool to complete them.

**The Buzz Will Continue**

I will continue with Mrs. Anderson’s practice of sending out “The Buzz” weekly to Glen Allan families as one way to connect and keep you up to date and informed. In addition, please follow us on Twitter @GlenAllanElem and access our school website!

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback, please contact us anytime. If you would like to reach your child’s teacher or a specific staff member directly, there is a Staff Directory tab on our website with an email link. There is also a new attendance post that allows you to report your child’s absence with one easy click!

**We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday.**

Until then, enjoy these last moments of summer break!

Jen Ference