



Glen Allan School Council
February 23, 2023
Administrator's Report

Mid-Point Request for Feedback Survey

- 26 families responded to the mid-point request for feedback
- The majority of families read the Buzz messages, teacher newsletters and agendas, very few follow Twitter
- Relationships and connection are the keys to student motivation, specifically with friends and their teachers.
- Parents have been most engaged in their child's learning through:
 - Meet the teacher evening (96% of respondents attended)
 - Parent Teacher Conferences (88% of respondents attending)
 - Accessing Report Cards (84% of respondent)
- Most respondents indicated they have had opportunities to volunteer, a few indicated they would like more opportunities in the classroom to volunteer
- The majority of respondents are satisfied with opportunities to get information about their child's progress
- Over 85% of respondents indicated that they, or their child participated in school events with only the Christmas Bureau and Remembrance Day assembly being at 60%
- Respondents are happy with the hot lunch program and indicate that their children love them!
- Suggestions moving forward:
 - School Dance – coming!
 - Sports Day with parent volunteers – coming!
 - Sports Clubs (track, badminton, basketball) – Basketball starting
 - Family Picnic – Coming!
 - School BBQ
 - Drama Club to do a play
 - Students in the community more (library, grocery store, transit, etc)
 - Lunch with principal, classroom of the month, career day with parents
 - Initiatives to support community (clothing drive, animal welfare)
 - Drama performance field trips

Returning Student Registration

- Closes February 28 - Expect an enrollment decrease for next year

Professional Learning Days

- School-Based PL Days: January focused on numeracy and collaborative planning time, March, we will host Collaborative Team Meets and a collaborative planning time for literacy and numeracy instruction

Assurance Surveys

- Alberta Education Assurance Surveys are sent to parents with children in grade 4, 7 and 10. Students in these grades complete surveys along with all teachers. Our grade 4s will be completed the survey today, February 23. Survey Deadline is March 17
- Additionally, EIPS will be conducting their own EIPS Annual Feedback Survey which is also data that is used in our Assurance Reviews. This survey will be administered to all staff, all parents in the Division and all grade 9 and 12 students. This survey will be administered on March 1-15. While it seems as though completing two surveys is redundant, the EIPS Survey more reliably reflects satisfaction as we are able to get a much higher response rate than Alberta Ed.

Upcoming

- Report Cards
- Spring Break
- 2 Parent Information Evenings
 - Foundations of Connection: How to Communicate with Your Youth
 - Presented by the Saffron Centre
 - April 26, 2023, 5:30-7:30 @ Wes Hosford Elementary School
 - A presentation for parents and caregivers on having healthy parent-child relationships and talking about healthy relationships with youths.
 - The first part is on healthy relationships basics, so we go over boundaries, consent, and the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships. We discuss abusive relationships and the cycle of abuse and spend more time discussing consent in detail. Next, we go over shame, its effects, and how we can minimize it in our conversations. This is followed by a discussion on rejection and how to talk about it. We then talk about pornography, its effects on developing brains and relationships, and how to talk about it without perpetuating shame. The topic shifts to sexting and its consequences, as well as a review of the laws surrounding non-consensual photo sharing. The second section is on parent-child relationships specifically and begins with some traits for healthy parent-child relationships at different ages. We discuss how to build a trusting relationship and go over tips for open communication. Next, we cover ways to talk about consent with different age groups before covering tips

for handling conflict in relationships. This presentation is designed for parents of elementary students from K-6.

- No Such Thing as a Bad Kid: Understanding What's Behind Children's Behaviors
 - Presented by Strathcona County Family Resource Network
 - May 17, 2023, 5:30-7:30 @ Glen Allan Elementary School
 - Kids do not come with instruction manuals. Most parents may feel puzzled by their children's feelings and behaviors at some point in their parenting journey. Join Strathcona County Family Resource Network in a presentation that helps parents understand what's behind children's behaviors and learn how to support children with emotional and behavioral challenges.

First Nation Metis and Inuit

- Metis Edukit just arrived
 - Lessons in classes this week and next
 - Save the Date: March 21st 6-730pm Blanket Exercise
 - Booking system used for Parent Conferences to reserve a spot
 - Priority booking for GASC
 - Krista Lettie March 6-7th for Jigging
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Teacher Report on behalf of Stacey Robinson

- Thank you to all the parents who joined us for Parent Teacher Conferences
- February has been kindness month – Valentine's Day, Have a Heart Assembly, Random Acts of Kindness Day, Pink Shirt Day
- Book Fair shopping was a hit
- Clubs are active – Mindful Mondays, Basketball, Drawing, Drama, Cartooning, Library, Lunch Helpers, Service, Office Helpers
- Looking ahead to March
 - Field trips happening such as G5 curling and G3 Ukrainian Village and some in-school field trips
 - EIPS Basketball Jamboree
 - Report Cards
 - Spirit Days – St. Patricks Wear Green, PJ Day before Spring Break
 - Kindergarten Conferences March 14-15
 - Spring Break

Fee Consultation

School Fees

2023-24 Fee Consultation Survey Summary

- 31 families responded to the survey compared to 3 families last year
- 84% of respondents feel noon supervision fees are appropriate with the other 17% feeling fees are insufficient
- 68% of respondents feel field trip fees are appropriate with 32% feeling there are insufficient and would willing to pay more
- 74% of respondents would like 3 or more field trips per year
- 100% of respondents would support co-curricular field trips or experiences
- 83% of respondents support fees for extra-curricular activities such as sports clubs and Young Author's conference

Proposed Fees Shared

- Support from GASC next year for bussing for one field trip per grade next year?
- Feedback request