

GLENROSA MIDDLE SCHOOL



REACH FOR EXCELLENCE

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Principal's Message

With just a week of school left until spring break I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families an enjoyable spring break. Whether you are planning a family vacation or continuing with your regular routines, I hope that the break provides families an opportunity to re-connect and enjoy some time together.

As we head into the break we are finishing up our course selection process. If your child has not brought home a course selection form to discuss with you and

have you sign off on, we will be contacting you early next week. It is important that we have accurate course selection numbers as we start to construct our master timetable. Budget cut-backs make timetabling very tight this year, and as a result we have informed students that they will not be able to switch their elective choices in September. So if you have not discussed your child's course selection choices with them, please visit our website, print off a form and send it in with your child after you have helped them make the

most appropriate selections to set them up for a great school year in 2010/2011.

If you have any questions regarding course selection, please contact one of our school counselors, Mr. Laird, or myself.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
J. Robinson



Ministry of Education Satisfaction Survey

Our yearly Satisfaction Survey is for students in Grade 7, for their parents, and for staff. It is administered annually as part of our school's accountability cycle that gathers various opinions on achievement, human and social development, and safety. It is intended to provide a source

of information to identify current strengths, as well as to determine where schools may need to focus improvement. The survey has been kept brief and is used as a starting point for more detailed examination and dialogue within schools on how to improve and how to better meet the

needs of our students. Letters will be mailed out to all parents of Grade 7 students with information on the parent portion of the surveys. Student surveys will be held in school after Spring Break.

Upcoming Events:

- March 3 Spring Drama Production—7 pm
- March 4 Spring Drama Production—7 pm
- March 8-19 Spring Break
- March 23 Early Release Day Dismissal at 1:16 pm
- March 24 Term 2 Ends
- March 25 Term 3 Begins
- April 2 Good Friday Stat Holiday
- April 5 Easter Monday Stat Holiday
- April 8 PAC Meeting—7pm
- April 9 Report Cards home
- April 15 Recognition Assembly
- April 20 Early Release Day Dismissal 1:16 pm

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Spring Vacation
March 8-19



GMS SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to all the Grade 9 students who participated in the GMS Science Fair.

The following students received Honorable Mentions for their exceptional work .

Honourable Mentions:

Brandon Robertson
Bryony Heathwood
Alex Hiebert

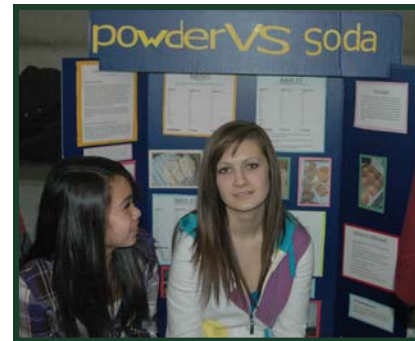
Vibration Foundation
The Caffeinated Effect
Smiling: Contagious or
Politeness?
The Nose Knows
Hockey
No Sight, No Sound, No
Balance?
Burning Up
Grow Op-tion
Which Pain Reliever
Dissolves the Fastest?

Jessica Sturn
Emilee Enns & Amanda Reikert
Michelle Savoie

Kristin ANtypowich
Keanu Herzog
Kailen Kinnunen &

Kristen Monz
Allison Wardle & Elly Waters
Alex Tilly & Shelby Tasker

Chill Out
Music and The Mind



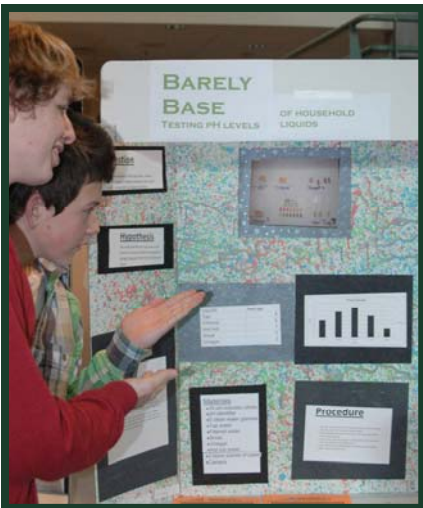
The following students achieved excellence and have been selected to represent GMS at the District Science Fair.

Winners: Evelyn Zahn

Hannah Glockner &
Krystal Kuemper
Katie Owen
Zachary Rintoul
Alex Fraser
Maddie Rine
Nikole Smith
Peter Briker
Chelsea Tabert &
Courtney Hannigan

What Type of Soil is Best for Plant Growth?
Powder vs. Soda

Hot 'N Cold: The Effects of Temperature on Magnetism
Does Nagging Help?
The Science of Hockey
You've Gotta Have Heart
Go Green! Go Forward! With Green Roots
Cold Pack Magic
Up In The Air



A HUGE congratulations and encouragement to Peter Briker, Zachary Rintoul, Nikole Smith, and Evelyn Zahn who will go on to represent GMS at the District Fair):

They will all be attending the District Science Fair on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 3 (periods 2 and 1), and the whole day on Thursday, March 4 (8765). They have all putting in time and effort above and beyond what was required for the School Fair (and not just science - their projects involve math, language arts, public speaking, art, and more!). GMS is proud of them!



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Easter Stat
Holidays
April 2 & 5

GMS EMAIL CONTACT LIST

GMS is creating a new email system which will enable parents to be updated with the latest school information, including newsletters, through this contact list. The email list icon is found on the GMS Home Page.

If you wish to update your user profile or unsubscribe, please follow the link below:

<http://app.sd23.bc.ca/subscribers/index-php?sc1=GMS>

You may unsubscribe at any time by using the unsubscribe link which is included in each message sent to you.

Black History Poets Visit GMS

The library is proud to offer displays for Black History month and Freedom to Read Week. We are also excited that we were able to arrange pres-

entations by Kevan Cameron and George Elliott-Clarke as part of Black History month. Mrs. Zuyderduyn would like to thank everyone who

participated in the Haiti fundraising and contributed to our final total of nearly \$1700!



Kevan Cameron 'Scruffmouth'

B.C.

Award winning Rap/Dub Poet /Entertainer

He is a soccer fiend, writer and spoken word artist. He is the winner of the 2008 Vancouver Poetry Slam. He studied Philosophy and History at Simon Fraser University. In 2009 he attended the first Black History Celebration in Kelowna was a 'hit' with school children in the city.



George Elliott-Clarke

Toronto

Poet/composer (opera)/anthologist/educator

Clarke has issued nine poetry texts, three chapbooks, four plays in verse (and three opera libretti), a novel, a scholars essay collection, and edited two anthologies. His plays and operas (one composed by James Rolfe and two composed by D.D. Jackson) have all been staged, and two screenplays have been televised. . Some of his honors include The Archibald Lampman Award for Poetry, The Portia White Prize for Artistic Excellence, A Bellagio Center (Italy) Fellowship, The Governor-General's Literacy Award for Poetry, Appointment to the Order of Nova Scotia, and Appointment to the Order of Canada, just to name a few. Clarke has also received six honorary doctorates.

Grade 7 Girls Basketball

Energy. Determination. Fun. The grade 7 girls basketball team had an abundance of all of these. Steadily improving throughout the season, the athletes worked hard in learning the fundamental skills of the game. One of the highlights for the season would have to be the clinic that the senior girls team from Mount Boucherie Secondary School held for the girls. Without a doubt, several Jaguars will be leading the MBSS Bears in the coming years. Overall, it was a very successful season and the coaches would like to congratulate all the athletes on their intensity, determination, and sportsmanship that they demonstrated throughout the season. Go Jags!!

Ms. Stoski, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Hayhurst

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GMS Visual Arts News

The Art studio at GMS has been quite busy with the Art 7 students finishing off their pastel birds and fantasy creatures and creating pinchpot creatures from pottery. They are now glazing and/or using acrylic paint to complete their master sculptures.

One point perspective names, pottery mugs, or boxes and tiles have been keeping creative Art 8 student minds active. Visual Arts 9 students have been learning about 1 and 2 perspective, composing street scenes and rooms. Mr. Adam Roberts, Teacher in Training will be teaching both periods of Visual Arts 9 until the week ending on May 14. He will also be teaching one

block of Grade 8 Info. Tech. Throughout Term 3 to the end of his practicum.

Grade 6 students from surrounding schools were visiting GMS on Wednesday, February 17 to experience some of the electives available here, including a great Art Walk put together by my Art7-8 students-setting up, taking down, sitting at tables drawing, painting, or sculpting with clay, basically 'on display for their grade 6 friends.

Term 2 ends soon, March 24 with Term 3 starting March 25. Visual Arts 7

and 8 students will be moving on to their last course of the Visual Arts/Drama/Info. Tech electives, and new students will be arriving in the Art studio.

Parents, please drop in to GMS and have a look at the art work displayed throughout. Visual Arts 8 & 9 created incredible images for the Vancouver 2010 Olympics, some of which were on display at the Jim Lind Arena for the Torch Celebration.

Enjoy Spring Break with your children!! Mrs. V. Muir



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GMS Yearbooks ON SALE NOW!

2010 Yearbooks are on sale now. The yearbook is designed by GMS students from the Yearbook Class. This year, students will be receiving their yearbook before the end of June.

Don't be caught without a yearbook for your friends to sign in June! Cost is \$45.00 and can be purchased through Mr. Relova in Rm. 145 or 313.

Spring Production—LADY DRACULA

Next week Jag Theatre presents our annual spring production. This year's performance will be the stunning, spine chilling, comedic performance of Lady Dracula. We have an exceptional cast of grade 7 and 9 students this year, that have been working hard over the last two months to prepare this entertaining show for you.

The story takes place right where the traditional story of Dracula

leaves off. The bride of Dracula is back seeking a new husband. She finds him when he opens a school for brilliant students near New York City. She keeps to the shadows, except when her thirst causes her to select new victims. Complete with bats, rats, and the famous vampire hunter Van Helsing, the ultimate destruction of Lady Dracula is unlike anything you've seen before.

Tickets are five dollars

and can be purchased at the school from Mrs. Klinger, cast members, or at lunch outside the office.

The show takes place Wednesday March 3 and Thursday March 4th at 6:30 pm.

The band LLHSARAM will be opening the night with a performance, coming to us from the Kelowna rock school.

You don't want to miss this!

Social Justice Activities

During the month of January, GMS students gathered and donated their spare pocket change to our Loose Change to Loosen Chains campaign against slavery. Students competed by grade against each other with the winning grade receiving a Gladiator Party, donated by Trinity Baptist Church. At the end of the month the grade 9s were the winners due to some generous donations on the last day of the competition. On Wednesday, February 3rd, the grade 9s were awarded the afternoon off and got to play at the many Gladiator stations in the gym. Activities included: Fly on the Wall, Sumo Wrestling, a Boxing Cage, jousting, Powerpogo sticks, and the Running Bungee.

All told, GMS donated \$3684 to the International Justice Mission of Canada to free slaves held in debt bondage and victims of human trafficking. Our donation will free 4 people, with the money going to surveillance, prosecution of the perpetrators, as well as food, shelter, aftercare and counselling for the victims. For more information, visit www.ijm.ca.





Community Events

Kenneth Oppel– Free Presentation to Public

The Central Okanagan Teacher-Librarians' Association (COTLA) is proud to be bringing award-winning author Kenneth Oppel to Kelowna for Education Week 2010 (March 1-5). During the week more than 4400 students in School District 23 (elementary to senior secondary) will have an opportunity to see, hear and interact with Mr. Oppel.

Oppel has written more than two dozen books. While some are for young readers, he's best known for his fantasy writing for young adults—*Silverwing*, *Sunwing*, *Firewing*, *Darkwing*, *Airborn*, *Skybreaker*, *Starclimber*, etc. He's won dozens of literary awards, including: the Governor General's Award for Children's Literature, Los Angeles Times Book Award, CLA (Canadian Library Association) Children's Book Award, and the Mr. Christie's Book Award.

Most of Oppel's presentations will take place at the Kelowna Community Theatre, with special sessions happening at some of School District 23's senior secondary sites. Oppel's presentations typically last an hour and are followed by a half hour of questions, answers and autographing of books. For more information on Kenneth Oppel you can visit his website at: www.kennethoppel.ca.

The Central Okanagan Teacher-Librarians' Association is also sponsoring a FREE evening presentation so that the Kelowna community at large can hear Mr. Oppel. The evening session will take place Thursday, March 4 at the Kelowna Community Theatre starting at 7:00 p.m. There's no need to sign up for this event, just come to the theatre. Interested people are encouraged to bring family, friends and colleagues. This special event is one of COTLA's ways of highlighting the importance and interconnectedness of school libraries, teacher-librarians, reading and literacy.

Special thanks go out to the generous sponsors in our community who have helped to make this event possible: Capri Insurance and Harmony Honda.



Westside Minor Baseball

Registration is now open for the 2010 season.

www.westsideminorbaseball.ca



T-Ball	5 & 6 years old	PeeWee	11 & 12 years old
Tadpole	7 & 8 years old	Bantam	13 & 14 years old
Mosquito	9 & 10 years old	Midget	15, 16 & 17 years old

(ages as of Jan 1, 2010)