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Gladstone School NEWSLETTER

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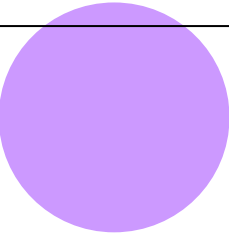
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Important Dates:

- Oct 9 - Bus Ridership
- Oct 10 - Grade 6 Immunizations
- Oct 11 - Picture day
- Oct 14 - School closed - Thanksgiving
- Oct 22-24 - Hearing Screening
- Oct 25 - NO CLASSES - inservice

Hello Gladstone Families!

We have had a fantastic September! It always amazes me how quickly we settle into our school routines. Our students have been hard at work showing us how to *be safe*, to *be respectful* and to *be learners*. At the time of writing, we will have planned our Common Area Training, which helps our students to understand what is expected of them in different areas of the school. This training will take place throughout the year and we will recognize students when they are showing our 3 "Be's".

Our Meet the Teacher night was held in September. It was wonderful to meet so many families. A sincere thank you to our Parent Council for setting up our interactive display in the front foyer. If you haven't had a chance to "plot your dot" on the giant Gladstone School map, please feel free to do so when you are at the school. This map of our community will grow throughout the year! We are looking to host our first "parent council" meeting soon and look forward to a great turnout. There are many ways to become involved with our wonderful school – from volunteering in classrooms to doing things at home. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ashley Jones, our Resource teacher, to get started.

Learning is in full swing here at Gladstone! Our readers, writers, mathematicians, artists, musicians, scientists and activists are hard at work sharing all that they know and learning new skills everyday. Have a look at our bulletin boards or check us out on our social media platforms to celebrate with us!

Instagram: gladstoneschoolwssd

Twitter: @gladstone_stars

Facebook: @gladstoneWSD

Website: <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/gladstone>

I look forward to a fantastic year of learning!

Terri Warner, Principal

Positive Behaviour Intervention

At Gladstone School, we believe in positively affecting change. As a result, we use Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategies to help Gladstone Students "Be The Best We Can Be". We believe in proactively teaching students the expected behaviours to avoid confusion with our expectations. By focusing our attention on the positive behaviours we would like to see in our students, we encourage more of the same behaviour to occur and repeat itself.

With that being said, from time to time students do become involved in situations in which their behaviours need to be addressed and corrected. When those incidents occur, we ask our students to sit and reflect upon the choices made and areas in which they could choose more appropriate, safe or respectful behaviour. This is done through the use of our behaviour reflections sheet.

Students who have been involved in an incident are sometimes asked to complete a form that asks 3 questions:

- 1) What was the problem?
- 2) What could I have done differently? (What would be a better choice?)
- 3) What could happen if I do not make better choices? (If I continue to make the same choice, what may be my consequence?)

Students sit with a staff member to reflect on the incident and problem solve around choices that we would consider more appropriate, safe and respectful.

The completed form is then sent home for parents to review with their child and aid in a discussion around appropriate choices. Parents are asked to sign the form and return it with their child to the office the next day as confirmation of being received at home.

If at any time you have a question regarding the behaviour reflection sheets or the incident that occurred with your child, please feel free to contact your child's teacher at 204 475-4767.

Pick Up of Students

Parents who would like to come into the building to pick up their children are encouraged to park their vehicles along Gertrude Avenue. Please do not double park, park in the bus lane and leave your vehicle unattended or park behind cars in the staff parking lot. Police have been ticketing vehicles that are parked in the bus lane without drivers in them. Double parking presents a real risk to students entering and exiting the car as many cars will automatically drive around the stopped car, causing a danger to students being struck in the process.

If you pick your child up at dismissal time, we encourage families of the students on the main floor (Nursery, Kindergarten, Room 3, 4 and 6) to pick your child up from the classroom. If your child is upstairs, please wait in the foyer for your child to come down.

As always, please see me if you have any further questions or concerns and thank you in advance for your help in keeping our students safe.

Emergency Plans

The students at Gladstone School have been practicing evacuating the school during our fire drills. Every school is required to practice one fire drill per month throughout the school year in an effort to educate the students on what to do if there is a fire and knowing how to respond appropriately and calmly when one occurs.

All schools are mandated to have an intervention plan in the event of an unsafe situation. The students will also be practicing a school lockdown during the month of October. The "drill" entails an announcement being made over the PA system. A lockdown occurs, which means locking all outside and inside doors. Blinds are drawn and everyone remains inside their classrooms until an announcement is made that we are in a safe environment again. Staff discuss the situation with the children prior to and following the drill. Our evacuation sight is River Osborne Community Centre and we will practice leaving the school to go to the community centre a few times this year.

Halloween Costumes

Students are welcome to wear costumes on Tuesday, October 31st. We ask that students in grades 1 – 6 wear their costumes in the afternoon only.



No costumes depicting violence, no costume weapons, and no masks are to be brought to school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

20 things to say to encourage your children

1. Great job! Thank you for doing that.
2. Way to go. I'm proud of you!
3. That was so kind of you!
4. Fantastic- thanks for obeying the first time.
5. Wow- you really rocked it!
6. You know what? You are a great kid!
7. I appreciate what you did.
8. I'm praying for you.
9. Look at what you've accomplished!
10. What a great decision you made!
11. Thanks for doing that before I could even ask.
12. I'd love to hear about it.
13. You figured it out- that's awesome!
14. One step at a time- you're doing it!
15. Fabulous job- you were really listening.
16. I know that was a new thing for you- excellent try!
17. I love your creativity!
18. Thank you for sharing.
19. Keep going- you can do it!
20. I love you.

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Public Health



Nurse

The Public Health Nurse for Gladstone School is Shereen Eastman. She does not have a scheduled time to be at Gladstone School, but she is available to assist you with medical inquiries. She can be reached at 204-612-0730.

Gladstone School is fundraising to lower or eliminate the cost of student field trips. Get one year of access to over 300 Coupons on your smart phone through the SHOW AND SAVE APP for \$25. Either use Gladstone Fundraising Code QJRQY3 at www.showandsave.ca or on the Show and Save App to fundraise online; or send \$25 (cash or cheque) to Gladstone School to get an Activation Code Scratch-off Card. The more Show and Save App Activations Gladstone Supporters buy, the more money we earn, so please share widely on Social Media! Deadline is October 24th. Thank you.

SHOW & SAVE

Severe Weather Conditions

Cold weather guidelines

Indoor Recess

Students stay indoors for recess when the wind chill reaches -28 degrees Celsius based on the Environment Canada readings at The Forks, Winnipeg.

Bus cancellations

During the school year there may be times when school bus transportation is cancelled due to inclement weather or poor driving conditions, but schools will remain open.

School bus transportation for all school divisions in the City of Winnipeg is cancelled:

- A. If the actual temperature is -35°C (regardless of wind chill) based on the 6:00 a.m. Environment Canada reading at the Forks, Winnipeg or;
- B. If the wind chill reaches -45°C (regardless of air temperature) based on the 6:00 a.m. Environment Canada readings at the Forks, Winnipeg.

The temperature and wind chill readings can be found at the Environment Canada website. When bus transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will not resume later in the day even if weather conditions improve.

All major Winnipeg media outlets are contacted in the early morning and are asked that they broadcast and/or post bus cancellation information.

Koats for Kids

WARM COATS NEEDED – Donations of new and gently used winter gear can be dropped off at any Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Station, Perth's Drycleaners, Access Storage and Sentinel Storage locations, or the AMJ Campbell Van Lines office. We appreciate all sizes of children's winter outerwear, from infant to toddler to youth.

- Gently used winter jackets. Must have a working zipper and be machine washable (no leather or dry clean items)
- Ski pants
- Boots
- Hats, scarves, mittens

The following is an outline for the process of ordering coats. Parents can order for their children by calling the school office at 204-475-4767. The order will be made by the school and when ready, the parent will be notified to pick up the jackets at the Koats for Kids office.

SCHOOL SAFETY

The Winnipeg Police Service would like to remind parents and guardians of the importance of the safety of our children as they go to and from school. Each year, serious safety hazards are created when children are being dropped off and picked up from school.

Parents and guardians who are stopping or parking their vehicles while dropping their children off are reminded to do so in an appropriate and legal fashion, paying particular attention to no stopping/parking signs in schools zones. Drivers should be abiding with the pick-up and drop off programs that are already established for your school.

Talk to your child about traffic safety and teach them when and where it is safest to cross while stressing the importance of using crosswalks and abiding by the direction of School Patrols. Children should visually scan potential dangerous areas such as parking lots and driveways for vehicles.

Parents, guardians and other motorists should consider the volume and speed of the traffic in your area. Be mindful of children in the area and pay particular attention near schools as children could dart from between vehicles at any time.

Stop signs on buses picking up and dropping off children must always be respected. Anyone not stopping when a school bus has its stop sign and lights activated may be subject to a fine under the Highway Traffic Act.

Please remember, Just Slow Down.

Resource Room

Welcome back to the start of a new school year at Gladstone. My name is Ashley Jones, I am the Resource Teacher and I am new to Gladstone this year. I am very excited to be here and I look forward to getting to know your children and working with them.

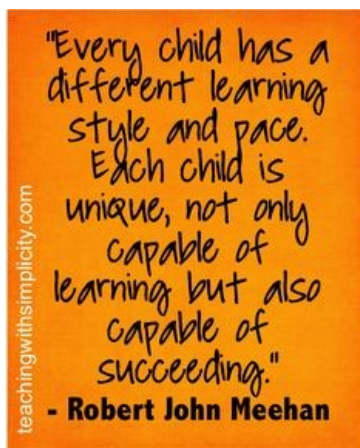
One of my responsibilities this year is to organize the volunteers in our school. If you were thinking of volunteering or if you would like more information please do not hesitate to come and see me or contact me at the school.

We are always looking for ways for you to be involved with school life. There are many different ways to be involved, including

- Organizing and shelving books in the library
- Volunteering in our lunch program
- Organizing book orders for teachers
- Supporting with translating signs and letters
- Joining our special learning events that take place throughout the year, sometimes during the day and sometimes in the evening.
- Joining on field trips and community walks

We are also looking for one parent/guardian or family member to be a class representative. The role of the class representative would be to attend our Gladstone Family Advisory Team get-togethers. At these get-togethers, we will talk about what is happening in our school and community and work together to make our school an even more wonderful place to learn and grow.

Ashley Jones





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Day 3	2 Day 4	3 Day 5	4 Day 6	5
6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3 Lunch Program fees due  Bus Ridership	10 Day 4 Grade 6 Immunizations	11 Day 5 Picture Day 	12
13 	14 THANKSGIVING DAY	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3	19
20	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1	25 Day 2 NO CLASSES INSERVICE	26
<i>HEARING SCREENING for Kindergarten students</i>						
27	28 Day 3	29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31 Day 6 	Nov 1 Day 1	2

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