

# December Newsletter

GLENELLA SCHOOL - 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of November. It was nice to see parents in the building last week for parent teacher interviews. The building was busy this month with Zone Boys volleyball, Remembrance Day service, junior volleyball, and parent teacher interviews. We finish off November with hosting the junior girls' divisional volleyball, the boys team will travel to McCreary for divisional volleyball. December is not as busy at school but the staff and students are preparing for the Christmas concert coming up on December 19.

The Parent Advisory Council will be having a hot dog lunch on December 2. The next PAC meeting is December 12th at 7:30. In the MPR at Glenella school. The Lacoste fundraiser pick up is tentatively scheduled for December 2nd at 3:30 at the school.

As the weather starts to be more seasonal, I remind parents that students will be going outside for recess and lunch hour and need to dress appropriately for the conditions.

Reminder to all parents that drop off and pick up their children do not enter to school parking lot between 8:40 and 8:50 in the morning and between 3:20 and 3:40 after school. Arrival and dismissal times are very busy and we want to limit the congestion in the school parking lot during these times.

Mrs. Lauren Frohwerk

## Upcoming Events

December 19 @ 7pm: Christmas Concert

December 22: Last Day of Classes

January 9: Back in School



# Kindergarten News



This month in kindergarten, we have been working hard at counting to 30. We have also been working on patterns and number formation. We learned a few new math games and in ELA, we have been working on beginning letter sounds and rhymes.

In November, we celebrated Addisyn's birthday. We also had a virtual presentation from Oak Hammock Marsh. It was really cool!

I had a great time connecting with parents during parent teacher interviews. It was so nice to see faces in the building again!

We are excited for the lead up to Christmas and all of the discussions and activities involved. We have started working on our Christmas concert and are excited to see how it turns out!

Mrs. Sacharko

## Grade 1/2

Oh what fun it is to be in Grade 1/2! December is here and we are ready to get into the holiday spirit. We have started preparing for the Christmas Concert and have had a blast singing songs and beginning to create winter themed art pieces and decorations.

This November, we practiced a poem and shared our hard work at the Remembrance Day service. The kids did an excellent job! We also got to have a virtual presentation from Oak Hammock Marsh about animals.

In Math we have wrapped up time and our number sense and are ready to move into addition and subtraction for both Grade 1 and Grade 2. As always, we have been working on our reading and writing. In our writing we have been practicing writing lists (perfect timing for Christmas lists) to work towards procedural writing.

This is going to show up as making a how to book about something that they are proud of their skill in as well as creating a class cookbook. This will also tie into our social studies, for celebrating the cultures and family histories within our classroom.

Please stay tuned for handouts about our cookbook!

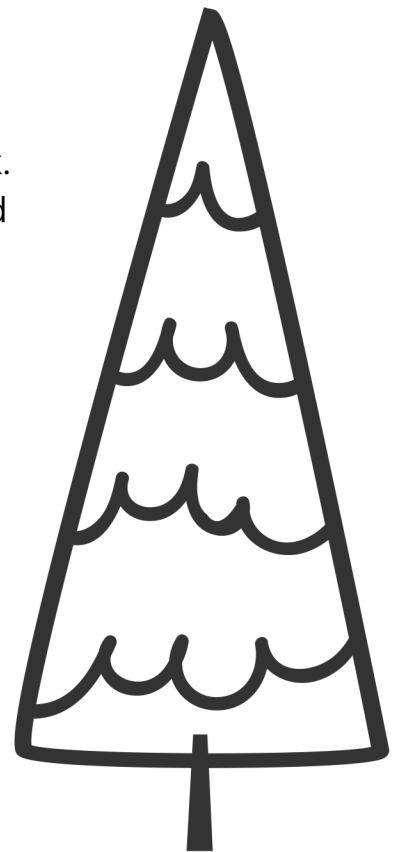
In Science we will continue to learn about Living Things, and are wrapping up our section on plants to move onto animals.

As the weather has moved into winter and snow, please make sure kids are dressed appropriately for being outside.

It was so nice to get to see everyone that came for parent teacher.

Happy reading!

Miss Julia Kreutzer



# Grade 3/4



It is hard to believe another month has come and gone. This past month we have been work working on addition with and without regrouping. We are now working on subtraction and learning how to borrow. Everyone is working hard and seems to be catching on quickly.

We started "Charlotte's Web" for our new novel study. We've been working on syllables along with homonyms. Our class wrote Haiku and acrostic poems for Remembrance Day. They also did a great job reading "In Flanders's Field" during our Remembrance Day assembly. We have now started practice for our upcoming Christmas Concert. Everyone is busy working on their lines and learning the songs.

In Science we finished our unit on, Rocks and Minerals and started our new Social Studies unit on Living in Canada. Each student started off our unit by creating a collage about Canada. They all came up with great pictures that symbolized Canada.

Everyone created some great art pieces for Remembrance Day and now we are working on some winter art. We are also looking forward to starting some fun Christmas art and decorations this month.

Thank you to all those who came out for parent-teacher interview.

Mrs. Pilatic



## INTERESTED IN PLAYING BROOMBALL?

The Manitoba Team is looking for girls ages 15-21 that would like to play broomball.

Practices are 1-2 times a week with games, tournaments and nationals to go to

If you are interested message:

**Jason Dafoe - 204-476-4255**





## Grade 5/6

In English, the 5/6's are almost done their novel study, "Summer of Riley". We are anxious to find out what happens to the dog, Riley! They have learnt about proper and common nouns, concrete and abstract nouns, as well as plural nouns. We will next be going onto verbs and adjectives. We have continued with spelling and the class is excellent at getting their weekly spelling work and corrections completed. Now they just need to remember to study for their spelling test!

We have finished our social studies unit on The First Peoples. They have done research projects and worked in small groups to come up with positive and negative ideas about what could happen when two different cultures meet for the first time. Our next unit science unit is on Properties and Changes of Substances. So far, we have watched a Bill Nye the Science Guy Video and have reviewed what a solid, liquid and gas is.

In math, the grade 5 and 6s completed a unit about decimals. They have been converting decimals to fractions and vice versa. Once they are converted to the same thing, we then order them from least to greatest. They also now know how to add, subtract and multiply decimals. The grade 6's had a very short unit on ratios and percents. While they did that, the grade 5's have been working on their multiplication and division skills. We have touched on 2 by 2 multiplication and long division.

For Remembrance Day we had Nikah and Natalie recite a poem together. Trayce and Huck placed the wreath at the front of the gym. Everyone did great at their job! The class also had the opportunity to create Remembrance Day Poppy art.

After Remembrance Day, we shifted our focus to Christmas concert. Many of the 5/6's wanted to have lines for the play this year. We have been practicing our lines along with many fun holiday songs. We hope to see everyone come out on December 19th to watch the elementary students perform!

Bye for now,

Miss Smith



# With Mr. Lowry



## **7/8 Math**

In math the 7/8's are working with fractions sensing including dividing, multiplying, adding and subtracting. It's a challenging subject but so far I am impressed overall with their hard work and dedication.

## **7/8 Science**

In science we are finishing up our Pure Substance and Mixtures unit. In a few weeks, we will be heading into our structures unit.

## **7/8 SS**

In social studies we are finishing up our intro to geography unit. In a week or so we will be heading into our quality of life unit which is our largest unit in our 7 ss curriculum.

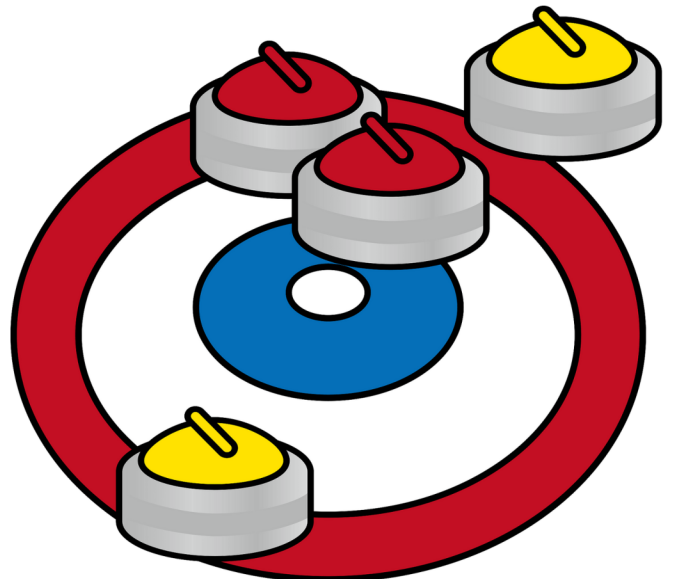
## **9/10 Computer Science**

We are currently working on creating animations with our scratch programs. Later on we are going to be working on website designs.

Duncan Lowry

# CURLING!

THE GLENELLA CURLING CLUB IS  
LOOKING FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN  
CURLING THIS WINTER!  
CONTACT LEONARD AT 204-841-0701





# With Miss Barclay

Just like that, another month has flown by! Per usual, school has been a busy place. Christmas concert preparation is in full swing in the K-6 hallway and high school students are eagerly looking forward to a break before exams in January. With the holidays just around the corner it is very important for students to make sure they are completing all of their work on time and to the best of their ability so that they can utilize extra help opportunities before the end of the semester draws near.

For students in grades 7-9 November was a flurry of activity in English Language Arts. Grade 7 and 8 students focused on information based writing and historical research of various military personnel and awards. While our grade 9 students explored their novel thoughts through essay writing and started to re-discover their poetry skills

During November students in grades 9 and 10 studying history and society in Canada in the Contemporary World thoroughly explored the topics of constitutional monarchies, organizations of governments from the local to federal levels, conceptualization of bills to laws, and major Canadian political parties. Not only will December bring us closer to exams but it will also give us time to take a closer look at how our judicial system works and citizenship in Canada.

Meanwhile grade 9 students in Digital Pictures have been expanding their understanding and application of macro photography, mixed media, and their skills in analyzing imagery through the application and discussion of principles of design and the elements of art. With Term 2 having just started we are all excited to see what this new chapter holds for all of us!

## Holiday Spirit Days

Dec. 19 - Christmas Character Day

Dec. 20 - Holiday Sweater Day

Dec. 21 - Formal Day

Dec. 22 - PJ Day



# Automotive

My goodness it's almost Christmas already! Here in the auto shop we are in full swing, the grade 10's have had some fun projects to do with the changing of the season. With the support of the community and staff we've been able to do a full tire swap job on a truck, where we got to use the tire machine and take the summer rubbers off and slap on the nice winter rubbers! Amongst other tire projects. We are learning how to use our tools confidently and learning some parts of the brake system on a vehicle, how to inspect and find any problems while working. This includes tire wear, leaks, missing parts, the process of elimination to find a diagnosis, and filling out work orders.

Some are still in the more theory portion of the course where we have gone over and tested our knowledge on tool identification and applications. We are now getting into some welding stuff and learning about the different styles, what they are used for, how to use them, and different ways the students might be able to incorporate this skill in the future in this small community as a self-employed individual. With a more solid knowledge of the basics I am hoping to jump into some more hands on projects as well!

I am expecting a new rotation of 7's, 8's, and 9's and can't wait to show and help the 7's with their small engine disassembly and reassembly project. For the grade 8's we are diving more into specific systems of a vehicle, what they do, how to identify them on an actual vehicle, and how to find and give a proper diagnoses and repair. For the grade 9's we are starting on our Health and Safety! It's not the most exciting thing but in order to have success as an adult in the work industry, it is essential. We will be diving into different specialized tools and their applications, and getting more hands on with vehicles soon!

All the best this holiday season,

Mrs. Stokes



# The Eagle Screech



The senior boys volleyball team finished a successful season on the court this month. It started off with a strong showing in pool play at the Zone championship held right here in the Eagle's Nest. After a slow start in the first game which saw the Alonsa/McCreary edge out the Eagles, Glenella caught fire and put up 2 "Dubs" against Gilbert Plains and Ste. Rose to clinch 2nd place in pool play. In the final the boys put up a gutsy performance against Alonsa/McCreary losing 17-25 and 20-25. Even though they got down early in both sets, the team never gave up and played right to the end. As a result of the finalist finish in the Zone championship, the Eagles once again found themselves ranked in the top 10 Power Rankings for A schools, this time at 8th.

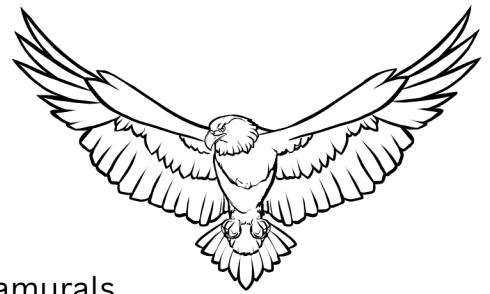
The team then travelled to Hamiota to play in an 8 team tournament. They played back-back- back and went 2 and 1 in pool play beating the Frontier Raiders and Ste. Rose Celtics while losing to AA 8th ranked Boissevain Broncos. The Eagles then started the playoffs with their 4th consecutive game this time against Elton. They lost both sets 19-25 which was pretty good considering they were playing a well-rested team. Our tournament ended with a match that went to 3 sets against Ste. Rose, they won an exciting set that ended in extra points 30-28 for the Eagles. Unfortunately, they came up short in the end losing the third set 8-15.

Later that weekend I received an email notifying us that we earned a spot in the Provincial Qualifier Tournament in Treherne. It was very exciting to see that we had achieved our goal and were ranked 6th going into that weekend. The tournament started off against a Zone 8 rival, Gilbert Plains. The boys started off strong and took the first set, but emotions got the best of them and affected their play resulting in a loss. The second match against the team started to show what they are capable of playing against the Lundar Kodiaks. With the host team Treherne watching from the stands, the Eagles put on a dominating performance taking down the Kodiaks in two sets 25-11 & 25-23. The Eagles then faced the Treherne Tigers in a pivotal match for the tournament. The Tigers knew we were a team to watch out for and they came out blazing. In a post-game conversation with the Tigers coach he said that he has not seen his team play like that all year. They were looking for a statement game and they brought it, but our Eagles didn't roll-over. They battled hard and kept the score close ultimately losing the match 17-25 & 19-25. With that victory the Tigers punched their ticket to Provincials leaving the Eagles with one must-win game to continue their season. Second place Gilbert Plains vs. third place Glenella was on the marque in a winner take all showdown. Set one was a back and forth battle that saw the Trojans edge out the Eagles 25-20. Set two, Eagles come out slow but respond with a big comeback to win 26-24. Set three, another back and forth affair that saw several lead changes. Anything that the Eagles threw the Trojans way was miraculously dug up and returned. The match and the season ended with the ball landing out on the other side of net, Trojans win 19-17. It was a tough way to end the season but, it was still a successful season with multiple small triumphs throughout.

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# The Eagle Screech



Volleyball intramurals wrap up this week for grades 7-12 and Dodgeball signup is currently in the works. Mini-volleyball intramurals started up this month for grades 3-6 and will run until the end of December. The grade 11/12 class just finished trying out Tchouckball. In Tchouckball, at each end of the gym there is a rebounder (a device similar to a trampoline off which the ball bounces) and a semicircular D-shaped forbidden zone measuring three metres in radius. Each team can score on both ends of the court. In order to score a point, the ball must be thrown by an attacking player, hit the rebounder and bounce outside the 'D' without being caught by the defending team. We used very simple rules as we were just trying it out but the class enjoyed the new experience. The grade 3-6 classes all just finished working on their volleyball skills and Mini-volleyball intramurals for grades 3-6 will run until the end of December. In science we are just concluding our chemistry unit after performing a number of labs.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school or via email [csmith@trsd.ca](mailto:csmith@trsd.ca)

## Junior Volleyball



We have had a busy month of Junior Volleyball. The girls and boys have been practicing during noon hour and have had three after school games. We have been working hard on our serving, passing and now using those skills to play out scrimmages. The girls and boys have shown so much improvement and commitment to their team.

The Junior Boys won two sets against McCreary. Had very close matches with Alonsa and Ste. Rose. The girls had close matches with McCreary and won both their games against Alonsa and Ste. Rose.

The girls are hosting divisionals November 30th and the boys will be travelling to McCreary. Good luck to both teams and come out and cheer on your Eagles!

Big thank you to our school students who have come to practices and games to help.

# *Glenella School* **Athletes of the Month**

Congratulations to Maizy Scott of the Eagles senior volleyball team for receiving the athlete of the month award for November!

Maizy was a dedicated player who always came to practices ready to learn new skills. Although Maizy has been training as a setter, she stepped up for the team and played multiple positions, like power and middle. The team could always rely on her to jump in wherever she was needed. Maizy has consistent serves and was working on developing her hitting and setting skills. She has been helping coach the junior volleyball teams and is always looking for opportunities to share her knowledge.

Maizy will hopefully back on the court for basketball and badminton this year. Congratulations on this award, Maizy!



Maizy