



# Glenella School Newsletter

November  
&  
December  
2018

## Principal's Message

As I write this the energy of the season is prevalent in the hallway and classrooms of the school with students rehearsing for the Christmas concert. Our Christmas concert will be on December the 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We hope to see everyone at it!

Starting on December the 4<sup>th</sup> the bus routes will be rerouted to accommodate some changes. This may mean a change in the time for some families' bus arrival. Congratulations to Don Roberts on his retirement. Thank you for your many years of service to the division as a bus driver!

The month of November was very busy at the school. In the first week of November we hosted the Senior High Boys divisional volleyball, the grad class held a movie night, the new teachers attended Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training in Laurier, we had Junior volleyball, and the Parent Advisory Council held their election of officers. At our annual Remembrance Day Service, we had Blair Gilmore, a retired member of the Canadian Armed Forces and a member of the Kelwood Legion speak on what Remembrance Day means to him. We also had Bdr Mackenzie Rimmington and Gunner Strong who are current service members come and speak to us. In the second week of November our staff attended professional development, 6 of our grade 9 students participated in Take Your Kid to Work Day, and we had junior volleyball games at home and away. In the third week report cards went home and we held parent teacher interviews and our junior volleyball team played at home. In the fourth week of November we had junior volleyball and a grad parents meeting.

On December the 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be hosting a Professional Development for teachers on Restitution and the Educational Assistants will attend a session on Self-Regulation and Mental Health. Thank you to the Parent Advisory Council who will be preparing lunch!

On December 21<sup>st</sup> we will be holding a Holiday breakfast for students and staff as it is the last day of classes before the Winter break. We will also have Glenella has talent show on this day along with class parties. The holiday break is from December 22<sup>nd</sup> until January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

On our first day back, we will be hosting our first senior basketball game of the year against Alonsa. Come out and cheer on the team. Senior high exams will be held January 28<sup>th</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> and the next PAC meeting will be held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30.

I would like to thank the Beautiful Plains Credit Union for their generous donation to the school Breakfast Program, this is appreciated. I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Nathan Dmytriw

# News from Ms. J plus the K's.

This month in the kindergarten room we have been working hard and starting several new units.

We finished our unit on trees and the students had so much fun exploring their various parts and uses. They were all fascinated that trees EAT the sunlight and DRINK water!

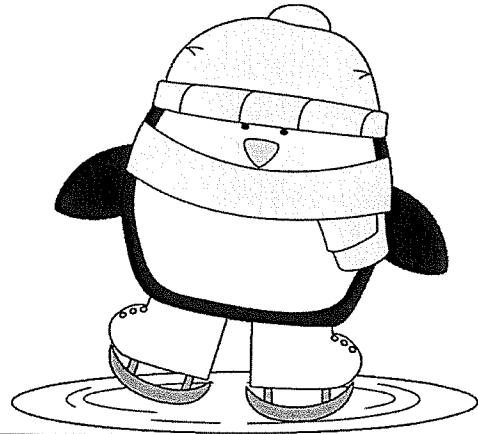
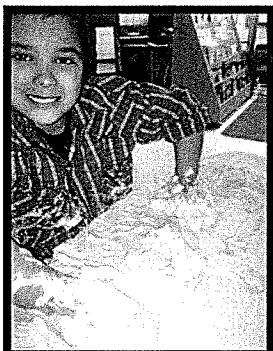
In math we have been practicing our numbers and have discovered that counting follows a pattern!

Our next unit in social studies is all "All About Me" and we would eventually like to make a collage of some of our favourite things.

If anyone has any old magazines we would love to take them off your hands ( [rjensen-guenter@trsd.ca](mailto:rjensen-guenter@trsd.ca) ).

We can't wait until next month when we dive deeper into our new units and continue learning about each other and our unique interests and abilities!

-Ms. Jensen



## Grade 1 & 2

November has been a busy month filled with Remembrance Day activities, report cards, 50 day and now we are starting to get ready for Christmas.

The students had a great day celebrating our 50th day of school. We wrote the numbers to 50 by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's.

We made a book about what we think we might look like when we are 50 and what we might be doing. We celebrated the day by making our own 50 snack.

Everyone is working hard on their Reading and Writing skills. The students did a great job writing and illustrating their own Days of the Week book.

In Math we have been working on patterning and number skills.

We are all getting excited for Christmas and the K-6 classes have been busy practicing for the concert which will be on December 12.

We celebrated Kennedy's birthday in November.

Ms Shamu

## Grade 3 & 4

November was a busy month in our classroom! We worked very hard brainstorming questions for soldiers in the army to send as postcards as a thank-you for Remembrance Day.

In ELA we have also just begun James and the Giant Peach as a novel study, the students are enjoying the novel so far. We continue to work in our journals to strengthen our writing skills.

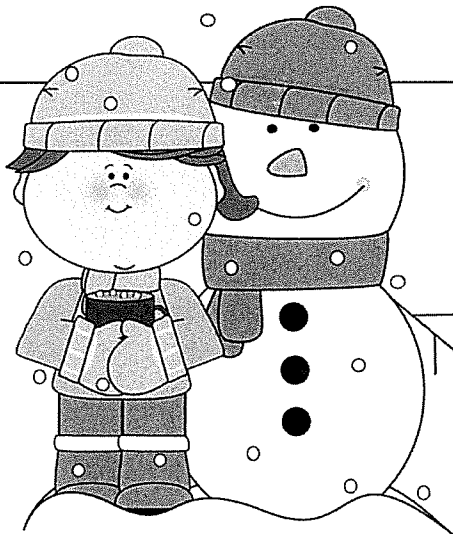
In math the grade 3's and 4's are both working on addition and subtraction with regrouping and we will be moving onto parts and totals as well as arrays to prepare us to move into multiplication. The grade 4's have been waiting for multiplication all year!

In social studies we are working hard to learn our provinces in Canada. We are researching each province to familiarize what the province looks like on the map, it's capital city and some geographical features. We are also learning out cardinal directions and which direction each province is from Manitoba.

As the Christmas concert season begins we are working hard on memorizing our songs and lines for the play!

Happy Holidays and thanks for reading!

Ms. Dillabaugh



Where do snowmen go to dance?  
A snow ball!



## Grade 5 & 6 News

The 5/6's have been working hard on their weekly spelling assignments this month. We also have been reading short stories and making inferences and predictions from what we have read. The 5/6's have learned what a fable is and we have read examples. They then created their own fable and we will be sharing them with our classmates.

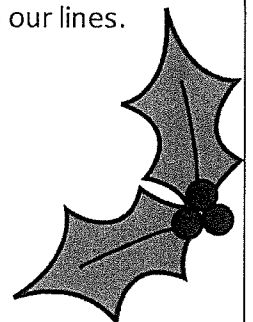
In social studies we have finished our physical regions projects and have now moved onto a new project. The students picked an Aboriginal culture and had various questions they had to research. They made a PowerPoint and presented these to the class.

In math both grades are working on a decimal unit. We are learning place value in the tenths, hundredths, and thousands. We are also learning how to change a decimal to a fraction with a denominator of 100 and how to make a fraction into a decimal.

For Remembrance Day we had Emmalee and Riley recite a poem together. They did a great job!

We have started learning our songs and rehearsing our lines for the Christmas concert! Many of the 5/6's wanted speaking parts this year, so we will be taking time during class to practice our lines.

Bye for now,  
Miss Smith



## Grade 7 & 8

November was a busy month with lots going on, including our first report cards of the year and parent/teacher interviews. December doesn't slow down as the rush to finish things up before the break is on. Already less than a month until Christmas, the countdown is on!

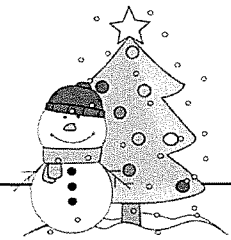
In math we keep motorin' on, the grade 7s have been learning about fractions, decimals, percent's and probability. The grade 8s have learned about integers and linear relationships. In Social Studies we have been studying migration and the movement of people around the world.

The grade 9s and 10s have been learning how to learn in our Reading is Thinking class. They researched different learning, studying and memory strategies that they will hopefully put to good use in their studies going forward.

Meanwhile, the grade 11s and 12s have been learning about Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People in their Life/Work Transitions class.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Mr. Unger



## Miss M.C.'s Classroom Update

In ELA this month, we have continued learning how to truly convince someone of our opinion by using compelling evidence! We experienced a heated debate between which condiment was better, ketchup or mustard? Our argumentative essays are coming along nicely, we have learned lots of editing and writing skills this month and are practicing them daily! Our class has also participated in a fun ELA escape room for the holiday season. We have been writing in our writing journals following a variety of holiday writing prompts and have been reading a variety of texts surrounding themes of the holiday season this December. We started listening to a new audiobook called "Goldfish Boy" a debut novel by Lisa Thompson surrounding themes of mental health and what the word "normal" truly means. We have discovered this word changes depending on every unique individual!

In History this month, we have been learning about European colonization in early Canada and how European colonization has shaped Canada's identity. We have also created a variety of projects surrounding themes of the achievements and challenges of many iconic historic Canadian figures and how they shaped Canada's identity. Students in this class participated in a "Fur Trade Scavenger Hunt" that led them to a similar experience to that of the early fur traders in Canada, the student with the most beaver pelts won! Miss M.C. acted as the Hudson Bay Company Trader and was very displeased when she ended up having some fur trading competition when the students banded together and created their own fur trading company! Very creative way to win the game however! The students in this class have also been using some new technology and apps that have led us to learning about some very interesting historic artifacts from across Canada. This technology has also allowed us to take a "virtual walk" around historic museums across Canada!

Report cards and parent teacher interviews brought lots of parents into our classroom this November and we were happy to see them! I hope everyone has a fun and safe holiday season. Enjoy your Christmas vacation!

-Miss M.C.



## Mr. Murray's Lamentations from the Lab for November

Well it has been a busy couple of months. I would like to start by thanking all the parents that took the time to come see me on Parent Teacher. It was great to have a chance to talk to all of you about your students. If you were unable to make it to see me, feel free to contact me at the school to make an appointment or send me an email at [cmurray@trsd.ca](mailto:cmurray@trsd.ca).

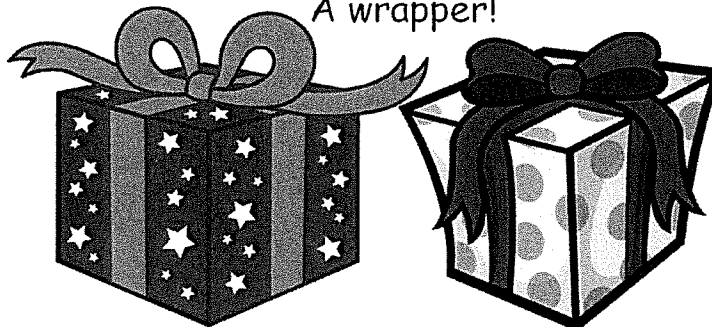
We are well past the half-way point for the term. After the break we will only have a few short weeks until exams. It is very important to not let the holiday spirit prevent you from completing your work between now and the break. Make sure you use the upcoming break to get caught up on any missing work. Any extra marks you get mean you have to earn less on your exam.

In the lab, we are finally getting close to being able to do some fun (gross) stuff in Biology. Soon we will be dissecting critters such as grasshoppers, rats and frogs. Depending on how successful my holiday ice fishing is, we may even have a sucker or two to dissect. Lately there has been a lot of Biology related topics showing up in the news. Everything from new critters being discovered to hybrid polar and grizzly bears have been discussed in class. It is a real treat to have such an astute group of students to have productive conversations with. In chemistry potion making is about to kick into full swing. Look above the school for brightly coloured clouds and balls of flames to see our progress. If we keep progressing in Chemistry the way we are, we may even be able to make scratch and sniff stickers before the exam.

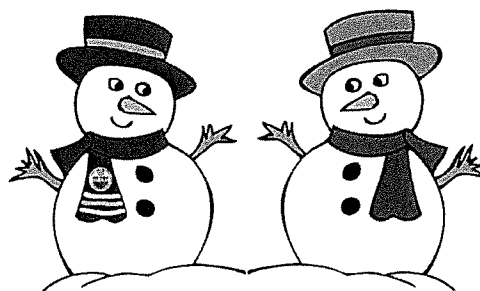
Student council is looking towards our next activity after a very successful spirit week and Halloween. We will be doing a candy gram before the break as a fund raiser.

What do you call an elf who sings?

A wrapper!



What did one snowman say to the other snowman?  
Can you smell carrot?



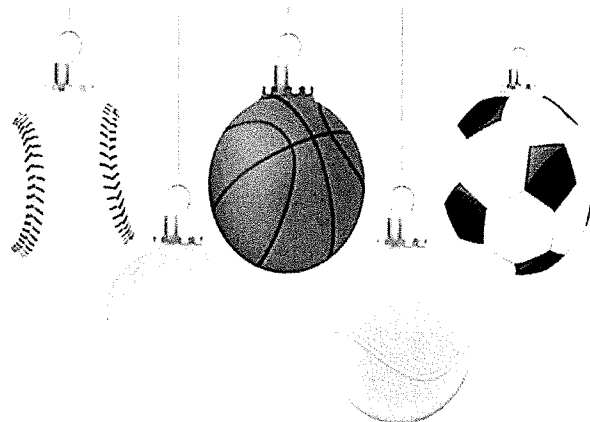
# The Eagle Screech

With December just around the corner another volleyball season is coming to a close. The Senior Girls team hosted the divisional tournament on November 1st. The girls finished our season on a high note with some of our strongest games. The final featured Ste. Rose and McCreary with Ste. Rose coming out on top. The Boys team travelled to McCreary to play in the Junior Varsity Divisional tournament. The boys placed third and played some of their best volleyball. These season was tough as it was a rebuilding year but both teams showed lots of growth and improvement. I'd like to thank Ms. Smith and Ms. Jensen for coaching the girls this year and congratulate everyone on a good season.

The Junior teams have been busy playing games against other teams within the division. Their first game was against Alonsa where the boys won in 3 straight sets while the girls lost in 3. The Jr Eagles second match was against Laurier. The boys again won 3 straight while the girls struggled to find their rhythm. That same week the teams travelled to McCreary where the girls lost a couple close sets and the boys started slow but in the second set almost overcame a 10-point differential losing by 1 point. The boys won their third set. The following week saw the Mavericks travel to Glenella to complete the home-and-home. The girls had their best showing yet with two 17-25 losses and a 20-25 loss. The boys played three exciting sets finishing 24-25, 25-19 and 23-25. The Eagles finish their season with a game against the Celtics on Nov 27 and divisionals on December 5th, the boys are hosting the tournament this year while the girls will travel to McCreary. Good luck to both teams.

In Phys Ed, the Kindergarten – Grade 6 classes just finished the football unit while the grade 7-10 classes just finished the handball unit. All grades will be doing dodgeball games until the stage goes up for Christmas, except the 9/10 class which will be doing badminton. Dodgeball intramurals will be wrapping up shortly. The next intramural program will be broomball and will start during the last week before Xmas break; it will run until the end of the semester. There will be no high school intramurals run during exam week.

Mini-Volleyball for grades 4-6 will be wrapping up shortly and is enjoyed by all participants. This year we've been running games on all three courts and I'd like to thank Emmalee, Amber, Hailey and Declan for helping me run the games. The next 4-6 intramural will be mini-hoops. 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)

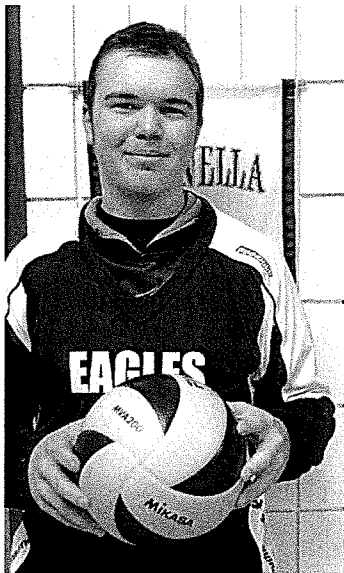


# Glenella School **Athletes of the Month**

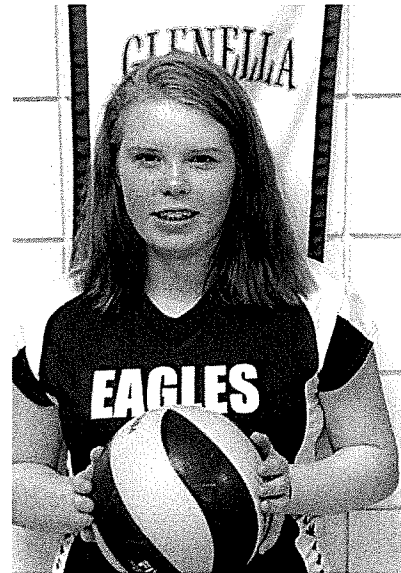
Congratulations to Zachary Lukin and Amber Smith-Boxall of the Eagles Senior Varsity Volleyball team for receiving the athlete of the month award for November!

Zachary is a strong physical presence on the court. He led the team in blocks and hits this year and could elevate his game when assigned to skilled opponents. He quickly learned his position as well as the other positions around him, helping everyone make sure they were where they are supposed to be. He has developed his skills over the past year and is starting to round out his game. If he continues to develop his skills he is going to be a force to be reckoned with. Zach was recognized as a tournament All-Star at the JV Boys Divisional tournament. Zach is also a member of the basketball team and will hopefully return to the badminton and track and field teams this year. Great job Zach!

Amber has been involved in volleyball, cross country, basketball and an assistant coach for our JR volleyball teams. She is a strong athlete who has taken a leadership role in our school both on and off the court. She has shown great strength in being able to motivate those around her. Congratulations to Amber for this well-deserved award!



**Zachary**



**Amber**



GLENELLA SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12/2018  
@ 7:00 P.M.

GLENELLA SCHOOL  
GYMNASIUM

EVERYONE WELCOME



EXAM SCHEDULE January 28 – January 31, 2019

**January 22, 23, 24, 2019 Day 6, 1, 2**

Gr. 9 ELA 10F During Class Time

**January 23, 24, & 25 2019 Day 1, 2, 3**

Gr. 11 ELA 30S During Class Time

**Monday, January 28, 2019 Day 4**

**9:00 to 12:00**

**1:00 to 3:30**

Gr. 9 Food & Nutrition 10G

Gr 10 Applied & Essential Math 20S

Gr. 11 & 12 History 30F

**Tuesday, January 29, 2019 Day 5**

**9:00 to 12:00**

**1:00 to 3:30**

Gr. 11 & 12 McCreary Shops

Gr. 11 & 12 Biology 30S

Gr. 10 Science 20F

**Wednesday, January 30, 2019 Day 6**

**9:00-12:00**

**1:00 to 3:30**

Gr. 11 & 12 Chemistry 30S

Gr. 10 Family Studies 20F

**Thursday, January 31, 2019 Day 1**

**9:00 to 12:00**

**1:00 to 3:30**

# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	2 NO SCHOOL <b>PDD DAY</b>	4 DAY 5 Gr. 11/12 MeC A.M.	5 DAY 6 9:00am TRAM mtg Jr. Div- Volleyball Boys@Gln Girls@McCreary Jr. Kindergarten	6 DAY 1 Gr. 8 MeC P.M.	7 DAY 2 Jr. Kindergarten	8
9	10 DAY 3 Gr. 9/10 MeC A.M.	11 DAY 4 9:00am Resource mtg Jr. Kindergarten	12 DAY 5 Gr. 11/12 MeC A.M. 7pm Glenella Concert	13 DAY 6 Jr. Kindergarten	14 DAY 1 Gr. 8 MeC P.M.	15
16	17 DAY 2 Jr. Kindergarten	18 DAY 3 Gr. 9/10 MeC A.M.	19 DAY 4 Jr. Kindergarten	20 DAY 5 Gr. 11/12 MeC A.M.	21 DAY 6 Last Day of Classes Jr. Kindergarten	22
23	24 Christmas Vacation	25 Christmas Vacation	26 Christmas Vacation	27 Christmas Vacation	28 Christmas Vacation	29
30	31 Christmas Vacation					

# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Christmas Vacation</i>	2 <i>Christmas Vacation</i>	3 <i>Christmas Vacation</i>	4 <i>Christmas Vacation</i>	5
6	7 DAY 1 SR Basketball <i>Alonsa@GLN</i> Gr. 8 McC P.M.	8 DAY 2 Jr. Kindergarten	9 DAY 3 Gr. 9/10 McC A.M.	10 DAY 4 Jr. Kindergarten	11 DAY 5 Gr. 11/12 McC A.M.	12
13	14 DAY 6 SR Basketball <i>GLN@Ste.Rose</i> Jr. Kindergarten	15 DAY 1 Gr. 8 McC P.M.	16 DAY 2 Sr. Basketball <i>GLN@McC</i> Jr. Kindergarten	17 DAY 3 Gr. 9/10 McC A.M.	18 DAY 4 <i>Grad Pictures</i> Jr. Kindergarten	19
20	21 DAY 5 Gr. 11/12 McC A.M.	22 DAY 6 Jr. Kindergarten	23 DAY 1 Gr. 8 McC P.M.	24 DAY 2 Grade 12 <i>Sr. Basketball</i> <i>GLN@Alonsa</i> Jr. Kindergarten	25 DAY 3 Gr. 9/10 McC A.M.	26
27	28 DAY 4 High School Exams Jr. Kindergarten	29 DAY 5 High School Exams Gr. 11/12 McC A.M.	30 DAY 6 High School Exams Jr. Kindergarten	31 DAY 1 High School Exams Semester #1 Ends Gr. 8 McC P.M.		