

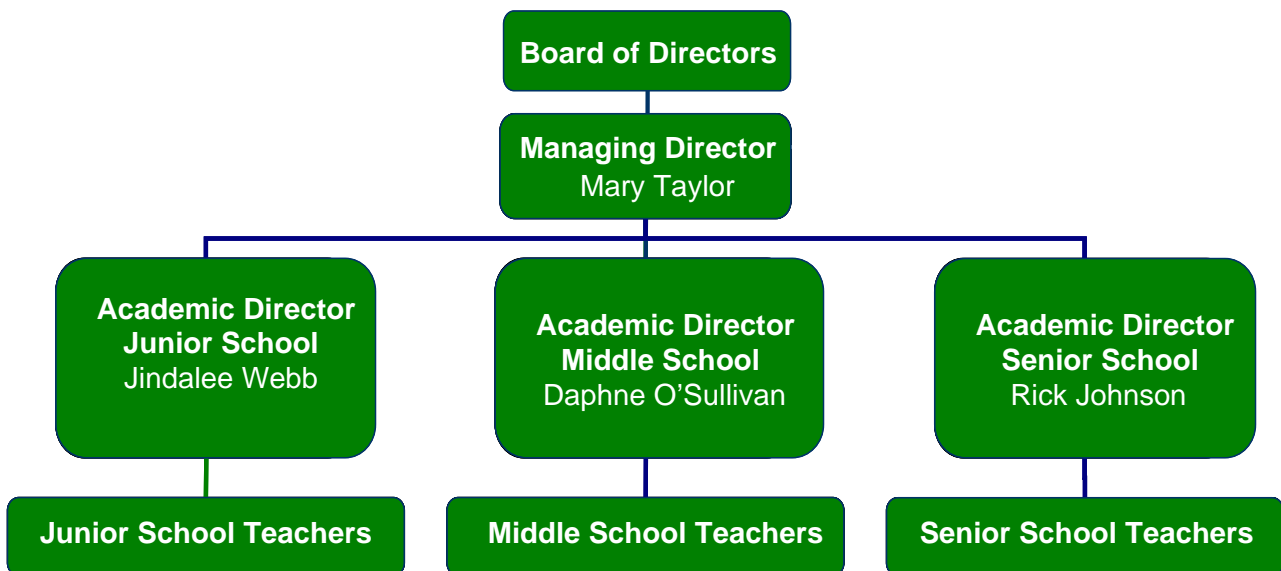


Welcome Back March 28, 2008

Back to School

School begins in earnest on Tuesday, April 1st at 8:30 a.m. We will have a welcome back assembly which will commence at 8:30 a.m. sharp. Students should be in full dress. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back bright and early. Make sure you all get enough rest and relaxation in the last few days of your spring break. Term Three is going to be a busy, yet fun one.

Leadership



Glenfir's leadership structure was required to change due to the untimely resignation of the Head of School. We are confident that the new structure will provide the students with all of the essential guidance, discipline, and support necessary for another successful term. At this time it is the Board's decision not to look for a replacement for the Head of School, but rather to delegate the responsibility through the capable hands of our dedicated faculty with the unconditional support of the members of the Board.

The three Academic Directors: Ms. Jindalee Webb (K-3), Mrs. Daphne O'Sullivan (4-6), and Mr. Rick Johnson (7-12), have shown significant leadership skills, compassion, and commitment to Glenfir during their tenure and have therefore been given the responsibility of academically overseeing their respective grades and faculty. The three Academic Directors will report directly to Mary Taylor, Managing Director, who will be working very closely with the Board to ensure that the school runs effectively and efficiently.

Mr. Nick Korvin is now Glenfir's Athletic Director and is responsible for not only the physical education of all the students, but also the Outdoor Education and the Duke of Edinburgh programmes.

Mr. Fred Gass is going to coordinate and MC our weekly assemblies. If anyone has a speaker or a suggestion for our assemblies please do not hesitate to bring it forward. Each grade will be responsible for presenting or taking charge of an assembly. They will not necessarily be lengthy but they will be informative, constructive and happy occasions. Our momentum of team spirit and team building continues unabated.

There have also been recent additions to the administrative and support staff structure to aid the daily duties of the Managing Director. Mrs. Nikki Johnson has assumed the role of Admissions Director; Mr. Bob Kennedy has been hired as Bookkeeper; Mrs. Beth Bonten continues her important role as the school's Secretary; Ms. Tessa Sjöblom will be working as an Administrative Assistant; and the Steffler family will continue their large job of keeping up with the daily maintenance of the school.

Re-enrolment

Mrs. Nikki Johnson, our Director of Admissions, has either spoken to or left a message with each family about any concerns you may have and what we are doing well or where we might improve things. Our intention is to make certain that we know and are well-connected to every Glenfir family. We very much want to hear your observations and suggestions and any feedback is greatly appreciated. You can either contact Nikki Johnson directly by phone (250) 212-7924 or by email at nikkijohnson@glenfir.com.

Scholarship and Bursary Application Forms

The criteria and the forms for Scholarships and/or Bursaries are now available on the web. Deadlines are also clearly posted. If you wish to apply, please be sure you complete the forms in detail and submit the completed forms and all the required supporting documentation before the deadlines.

New Timing

Please note the new times of the various periods throughout the day. Period 0 is Homeroom time and our core academic program begins sharp at 8:30 a.m. Please make sure your children are here on time otherwise they may miss an important step or instruction. The timetable is a little different to accommodate the extra time dedicated to the special activities without compromising the academic programme. All students were sent home their revised schedule with the report card. Teachers will have spare copies in their Homeroom if any student does not have their schedule. Bus pick up and drop off will not change but students should make their way to the classroom in a timely fashion. Between each period there is a 5 minute transition time. This is enough time to transfer to the next classroom and be ready for the next lesson.

Period	Times
0	8:15 – 8:27 a.m.
1	8:30 – 9:10 a.m.
2	9:15 – 9:55 a.m.
3	10:00 – 10:40 a.m.
Recess	10:40 – 11:05 a.m.
4	11:05 – 11:50 a.m.
5	11:50 – 12:30 p.m.
Lunch	12:30 – 13:15 p.m.
6	13:15 – 13:55 p.m.
7	14:00 – 14:40 p.m.
8	14:45 – 15:25 p.m.
Home Room	15:30 – 15:40 p.m.

Dance Workshop

On Friday, March 14, staff and students at Glenfir were treated to a performance from the Maxwell International School's Dance Workshop, who were touring the Okanagan and performed at several schools from Penticton to Vernon. The dances use colourful costumes, drama, and movement to illustrate and explore social issues. These issues included looking at situations such as teenage alcohol and drug abuse, the equality of women with men, and multiculturalism. After the performance, which lasted just over an hour, the dancers, ranging from grades eight through twelve, taught the Glenfir students and staff some of the movements to the "step" dance and also a circle dance which brought all of us together. James Gass, on behalf of our school, graciously presented the visitors with a greeting card made by one of the grade four girls and signed by many of the students. It was a dramatic and dynamic way to end the term and to depart for spring break.



S.A.L.T.S



One of our "young at heart" on the shrouds

A great time was had by both the young and the young at heart. From all we have heard everyone had a fantastic experience. A big thank you goes out to our trustee chaperones for all of their hard work: Dr. Justin Naude, Ms. Melissa Baird, Mr. Dave Tebbutt, Mr. Nikos Theodosakis, and Mr. Gord Lindsay.

Lost and Found

We have held off sending all the Lost and Found items off to the charity store, even though the box is busting at the seams. There are uniform items i.e. kilts, blazers, shirts, etc, sports clothing, period costumes either that were sent in for the Medieval Day or ones that were borrowed from the Drama Department. These need to be returned to their rightful owners/department. We will have all items displayed on tables on Wednesday, April 2nd. When you come in for your Parent Portfolio Interview, please ensure you have a look at these items to see if they belong to your child. If you have uniform items at home that you have discovered do not belong to your son or daughter, please bring them in so that they, too, can be placed on the display table. Thank you for your cooperation.

Summer Camps Programme

We encourage everyone to visit the website for details of all of the summer camp programmes we have to offer this year, and send in your registration as soon as possible to secure a place. Please note that the deadline is June 6th, 2008, and that the programmes will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment and registration forms may be sent in to the main office in a sealed enveloped.

April 2nd – Personal Learning Portfolio Interviews

Reminder: April 2nd, Personal Learning Portfolio interviews are taking place, and the student timetable will therefore look a little different. Please see below:

Wednesday, April 2 Schedule

	K to G4	G5 & G6	G7 to G12
8:15: AM ATTENDANCE	Mr. Korvin in Multipurpose Room	Mrs. Baird in Math room	Mr. Gass in Senior Lounge
8:30 AM	PE - Mr. Korvin & Ms. Baird	Band - Mr. Gass	Band - Mr. Gass
9:15 AM	PE - Mr. Korvin & Ms. Baird	Band - Mr. Gass	Band - Mr. Gass
10:00 AM	Snack & Supervision Duty- Mrs. Cardin & Mrs. Ogbes	Snack & Supervision Duty: Mrs. O'Sullivan	Snack & Supervision Duty: Mr. Johnson
10:30 AM	Music K/1/2 - Mr. Gass; Computers K/1/2 - Mrs. Baird	PE - Mr. Korvin	Science Activity - Mr. Bakx
11:15 AM	Music 3/4 - Mr. Gass; Computers K/1/2 - Mrs. Baird	PE - Mr. Korvin	Science Activity - Mr. Bakx
12:00 - Lunch	Lunch: Ms. Baird	Lunch: Mr. Korvin	Lunch: Mrs. Nelson
12:45 P.M.	Art: Mrs. Nelson & Ms. Baird	Band - Mr. Gass	Band - Mr. Gass
1:30 P.M.	Art: Mrs. Nelson & Ms. Baird	Band - Mr. Gass	Band - Mr. Gass
2:30 P.M.	Drama: Mrs. Cardin	Computers: Mrs. Grahame	PE: Mr. Korvin
3:00 P.M.	Reading Buddies: Mrs. Ogbes, Mrs. Corkin	Drama: Mrs. Cardin	PE: Mr. Korvin
3:30 P.M.	Dismissal & Bus Duty: Mr. Gass, Mrs. Ogbes	Dismissal & Bus Duty: Mrs. Cardin, Mrs. Grahame	Dismissal & Bus Duty: Mrs. Baird, Mr. Johnson

Note:

K to G4 will use the multi-purpose room as their homeroom for attendance and eating

G5 & G6 will use Ms. Baird's room

G7 to G12 will use the senior lounge for attendance and eating

Upcoming Dates to Remember in April

- April 1 Staff Meeting 7:30 a.m.
Classes resume – Full Dress Uniform – Term 3 begins
Welcome Back Assembly 8:30 a.m.
- April 2 Designated Parent Portfolio Interviews – students will attend school as usual
- April 4 K to G3 Bowling at Summerland Lanes 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Special Activities Introduction Afternoon (G4-12)
- April 4 & 5 G8 trip to Vancouver with Mr. Johnson
- April 7 Full Assembly 8:30 a.m. Full Dress Uniform
K to G5 to Okanagan Symphony – Leave 9:30 a.m. Full dress.
- April 9 Booster shot for G6 8:30 a.m.
- April 11 K to G3 “It Ain’t Easy Being Green” ECO studies programme about amphibians:
1 p.m. at TGS
- April 12 Glenfir Promotional Day at Cherry Lane Mall
The Best Party this Spring – Guild Fundraiser at the Penticton Lakeside Hotel
- April 14 Full Assembly 8:30 a.m. Full Dress Uniform
Junior Choir to Kiwanis Music Festival – 12:30 p.m. Full dress for participants
- April 18 G5 to G10 Mr. Gass to Sun Peaks for Music Festival
JK to SS Sicamous 9:10 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.
K to G3 “Drumming the Land” ECO studies about the Earth: 1:00 p.m.
- April 19 G4 – Mind Grind
- April 21 Full Assembly 8:30 a.m. Full Dress Uniform
Concert Band to Kiwanis Music Festival 8:45 a.m. Full Dress uniform for participants
- April 22 Assembly 8:30 a.m. - Earth Day Celebrations. Hosted by Environmental Club. Full dress.
- April 24 “Jeans Day 2008” – BC Children’s Hospital Foundation
- April 25 K to G3 “Big Horn Sheep” ECO studies program: 1:00 p.m.
- April 25 K to G3 Sleepover in the gym after school on Friday. More details to follow.
- April 26 Adopt-a-Highway. Meet at MacDonald’s in Summerland 9:00 a.m.
- April 28 Full Assembly 8:30 a.m. Full Dress Uniform
- April 28-30 Tentative G7 to G12 Duke of Ed trip

A detailed term three calendar has been prepared for you all and will be distributed at the Personal Learning Portfolio interview you will be attending on April 2nd. Please also visit the Glenfir website @ www.glenfir.com to see a full calendar of events and activities taking place in term three.

PLEASE NOTE: The K-G3 sleepover at the school has been changed from May 2 to Friday, April 25th. This is a wonderful experience for the young ones. Ms. Webb and the primary teachers have organized activities, such as science projects, art, PE, and winding down to popcorn and a movie at the end of the evening. A detailed schedule will be distributed by your homeroom teacher closer to Friday, April 25th.

	Monday March 31	Tuesday April 1	Wednesday April 2	Thursday April 3	Friday April 4
8:15-11:05	NO SCHOOL	Formal Dress for ALL students Full Assembly 8:30 a.m.	Parent Interviews with reference to the student's Personal Learning Portfolio 8:30 – 4:00 p.m. Please refer to April 2 Schedule posted above.		Grade 8 Field Trip
10:05-12:30					
Lunch 12:30-1:15		Intramurals		Intramurals	Special Activities Introduction Afternoon (G4-12)
1:15-3:25					K-3 Bowling (1:30-3:00pm)
Late Buses	NO LATE BUS	NO LATE BUS	NO LATE BUS	NO LATE BUS	NO LATE BUS
3:40-4:30					

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no extra-curricular activities this week (April 1-4) and no late bus.