

June 5, 2017

Principal's Message; Thank You Everyone!

This has been a very exciting and event filled school year. We have had so many wonderful opportunities for students to enhance their learning through field trips and other special events at the school. Students have continued to impress me with their positive attitude, strong work ethic and focus on making Glen Allan Elementary a school of dignity and respect.

We have been very fortunate to have a number of volunteers at our school who donate hundreds of hours of their time to help us provide an outstanding learning environment. This volunteer involvement allows us to provide all of these additional activities and events. Your continued support this year makes this an exceptional learning environment for our students. Thank You!

I would also like to thank all of our parents for supporting our school and the programming that we offer. Your kind and encouraging words inspire us to continue to excel. We truly appreciate your support and all of the fundraising that you do.

I would also like to express my personal gratitude to the staff of Glen Allan Elementary. You have continued to go above and beyond to provide outstanding educational programming for our students. The overwhelming number of extracurricular activities this year was astounding and they all required significant time and effort from all involved. Thank you for your positive attitudes, dedication, commitment and giving so generously to our students because I know they all appreciate it.

Finally, thank you to the students of Glen Allan Elementary for making this a wonderful place to learn. We are extremely proud of your accomplishments. Your enthusiasm towards learning makes our school such a wonderful place to grow and learn.

We have much to celebrate this year. We have accomplished so much and we have all contributed to making this such a wonderful school. I wish you and your families a safe and restful summer and look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Tracey Arbuthnott ;^)
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

June

- 7 Staff Meeting - Dismissal 2:15 p.m. - no Kindergarten or PALS
- 9 Kindergarten to Grade 6 Track meets - All kindergarten students attend in the afternoon
GASC Sponsored BBQ
- 14 Write-On Stationery supplies delivered to the school
- 15 Grade 3 Hot Lunch Day due to field trip on June 16 - Nitzas Pasta
- 16 Hot Lunch Day - Grades 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 - Nitzas Pasta
- 19 PAT - Grade 6 Language Arts, Part B
- 20 PAT - Grade 6 Math Part A and B
- 21 Aboriginal Day
- 22 PAT - Grade 6 Social Studies
- 23 PAT - Grade 6 Science
Mrs. Woodman's Morning Class Celebration Day - 10:45 a.m.
Mrs. Woodman's Afternoon Class Celebration Day - 2:40 p.m.
Art Day
- 27 Mrs. Shannon's Class - Celebration Day - 10:45 a.m.
Noon Hour Family Picnic - regular lunch time - 11:48 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.
Grade 6 Farewell - 1:00 p.m.
Last Day of PALS Classes
- 29 Last Instructional Day for Students
Report Cards Issued
- 30 Last Operational Day for Teachers

August

- 24 Office Opens
- 28 Professional Learning Day
- 29 Operational Day
- 30 Kindergarten Orientation
First Day for Students Grades 1 - 6
- 31 Kindergarten Orientation

September

- 1 Kindergarten Orientation
Welcome Assembly 1:00 p.m.
- 4 Labour Day - No School
- 5 Kindergarten Classes Start
Kindergarten Bussing Starts
- 6 Staff Meeting Dismissal 2:15 p.m. - No Kindergarten or PALS
- 7 Grade 6 Camp meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Meet the Teacher Kindergarten to Grade Six - 7:00 p.m.
- 19 GASC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 21/22 Grade 6 Camp
- 22 School Spirit Day
- 28 Terry Fox National School Run Day
Grade 1 - 6 - Bus Evacuation Drill - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
- 29 Hot Lunch Day

Grade Group Composition

At Glen Allan Elementary we strive to do our very best when it comes to meeting the needs of all of our students. All of our teachers spend a substantial amount of time transitioning with the previous year's teachers as we build the class lists for the 2017-18 school year. As educators we match the needs of students, the dynamics of the classrooms and expertise of our teaching staff in order to build optimal learning environments for all of our students. Our goal is to build academically successful, socially responsible, and emotionally stable classrooms that promote optimal student learning and educational success. We take into account a variety of educational factors that include, but are not limited to, academic performance, work habits, learning styles, interpersonal/social skills and psychological development. We thank you for working with us, as we use our extensive educational expertise and experience to build optimal learning environments for the upcoming school year. **Parents and students will be informed of class placements in the student progress report that goes home on June 29**



106 Georgian Way, Sherwood Park
School #: 780 467-5519

Everything we do is about helping people achieve all that they can be. It's about believing in dreams and building the skills needed to achieve them.

We engage, motivate and inspire by focusing on individual strengths, interests, real world activities, and building partnerships with our families.

We ensure our students have the skills for successful futures.

Glen Allan Elementary serving
Sherwood Park for over 40 years.

Come See and Feel the difference!

Now accepting applications for Kindergarten thru Grade Six

**Before and After School Child Care available on site from
Glen Allan Out of School Care
Out of School Care #:780 467-5312**



Farewell Grade Six Students

Three cheers for our grade six students!!! In the fall, they will all start a new chapter in their lives. They will cross the threshold into their new Junior High School. It's an exciting time for them. Imagine being able to choose new friends from a grade seven cohort group of 200 students. Picture the fun they'll have trying to keep their lockers clean and learning the expectations of six to seven teachers and then envision the thrill they'll experience at their first Junior High dance. Parents, are you ready for all that?

There is no doubt that our grade six students will be missed. Every student has contributed to Glen Allan School in different ways, each sharing their unique talents and gifts. We wish our grade six students every success as they enter this next phase of their life. Oh the Places You'll Go.... And always remember the lessons you learned in Kindergarten - 'When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Play fair, share, say sorry when you hurt someone and take a nap when you are tired!'

Lost and Found Items

Lost and found items are on display on tables on the ramp area outside the Music Room. Parents, please have your child(ren) check the tables for any items that they may have lost. You are also invited to check the tables and claim any items that belong to your child(ren).

Anything not claimed will be donated to charity at the end of June.

Tools for Schools

Glen Allan Elementary School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2017-18 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources.

If you're a parent, or know a parent, who needs access to the program, contact our school directly. We'll respectfully distribute the backpack to your child at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and the Central Office at Elk Island Public Schools. All supplies donated within our community are invested back into our region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Mary Powell at Glen Allan Elementary School, 780-467-5519, or call our Central Office at 780-464-3477.

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again offering its Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for *first-time school bus riders*.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about: school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned and then adventure out on a short ride.



The Little Elk Island Adventure is for *first-time school bus riders* entering the 2017-18 school year. Sessions and times are available in these locations:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Office	August 22	5 p.m.
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EIPS Central Office	August 24	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 24	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	September 1	10:30 a.m.
Fort Christian/Fort Elementary	August 23	6 p.m.

EIPS Central Office is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Fort Christian School is located at 9806 101 St., Fort Saskatchewan

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register for a Little Elk Island Adventure, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/cqYb15mBLAspUJ1W2>.

More information regarding busing for kindergarten students is available at: www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.



Student Transportation: 2017-18 Registration is Now Open

Planning to use EIPS Student Transportation in the 2017-18 school year? If so, make sure to register your child as soon as possible.

Families currently using student transportation services have received their tentative route schedules and invoices. If you haven't, contact Student Transportation. All transportation fees are due by June 30, 2017. After that date, a late fee will be applied.

If you have any questions about registration, invoicing or accessing transportation for the 2017-18 school year, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

NOTE: Student Transportation will remain open during the summer months and operate during the same hours as Central Office. Student Transportation can't accept in-person transportation payments on the days it's closed.

Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, Glen Allan Elementary School will be closed and will reopen on Thursday, August 24 at 9:00 a.m. If you have any school-related questions or concerns during this time, contact the Central Office at Elk Island Public Schools — the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2017-18 school year.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours (July and August)

Open: Monday to Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 780-464-3477

Address: 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

Closed	Monday, July 3	Canada Day
Closed	Monday, August 7	Heritage Day

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GASC News

Hello parents,

It is hard to believe the month of June is upon us. This month will sure be a busy one for all, with both school and after school activities wrapping up.

GASC Executive 2017-2018

At the May meeting, the council was elected. The new executive council for the 2017-2018 school year is:

Chair: Jessica Winship

Budget Vice-Chair: Melissa Bray

Program Vice-Chair: Nicole Moorji

Fund Development Committee Chair: Cecile Palm

Treasurer: Tamara Chomay

Secretary: Irene Hamm

Jessica and Nicole have stepped up to take on new roles on the Glen Allan School Council and are excited to be a part of such a great team!

Annual BBQ

On Friday June 9th, GASC will be hosting the Annual BBQ to be held in conjunction with track and field. We would like to thank Pam Smith for taking on such a large task!

WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BBQ! IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT PAM SMITH at pammysmith94@gmail.com or 780-221-6290.

Staff Appreciation

This month GASC will be hosting a Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, June 13th to thank everyone at Glen Allan for all they do for our children. Michelle Reschke and her team have planned a wonderful lunch and entertainment for the staff. In order for this to happen we are calling on one parent from each class to take on the lunch supervision for that day. If you are able to do so, please contact your child's teacher to make arrangements.

Hot Lunch

The final hot lunch of the year will be on Friday June 16th for Grades 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. Grade 3 classes will enjoy their hot lunch on June 15 as they will be on a field trip on June 16. Nitzas Pasta will be on the menu.

Math-a-thon

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Math-a-thon and thank you to all the staff for your support. Congratulations to 3-2 and 4-3, the Division 1 and Division 2 pizza party winners. They each raised over \$800. Congratulations to the many class winners as well. There were three prizes in each class, one for the most money raised, one for the top score and a random draw of all fundraisers. Then every fundraiser received a certificate and a cool math pencil.

Thank you to Natisha Stashko for all of her work organizing and taking care of this event.

Thank You

Thank you to all of the parents, family and friends who found time to volunteer and to support the many events GASC puts on in the school. All the money raised goes back to our children through field trips, clubs, track, BBQ, FitKids, electronics, playground accessories, and much more. When everyone helps just a little the students benefit a lot.

If you have any questions about any of Glen Allan's fundraisers or if you want to see where your time or talents might fit in please feel free to contact me anytime. I will be happy to chat with you. My email is cecile@thepalms.ca or you can call me at 780-570-5041.

Co-Coordiators Needed for 2017-2018 School Year

Next year will be the last year that Corina Filthaut will be coordinating the Cakewalk and Pam Smith coordinating the BBQ. We are looking for co-coordinators for these two programs. As a co-coordinator, you will work with the current coordinators in order to take over the programs for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested please contact Jennifer Dyer at jenoli@shaw.ca or Nicole Moorji at nicolemoorji@hotmail.com.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

YOUR TEEN IS STARTING JUNIOR HIGH. HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THEM?

KEYS PRESENTS:

SWEET SUCCESS

Sweet Success is a program dedicated to bringing information to parents about the transition from elementary to junior high. In this program we'll discuss teenage brain development, study skills, healthy relationship skills, and critical thinking skills.

**TO REGISTER CALL STRATHCONA
COUNTY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES AT 780.464.4044**

KEYS is a mental health capacity project funded by Alberta Health Services and a Healthy Relationships Project funded by Alberta Community and Social Services.

DATES AND TIME

6PM—8PM

AUGUST 2ND

AUGUST 9TH

Held at
Strathcona County Community Center
501 Festival Avenue
Sherwood Park



ANXIOUS ABOUT JUNIOR HIGH?

KEYS PRESENTS:

JUNIOR HIGH JITTERS

Junior High Jitters is a program tailored for students who experience anxiety about the transition to junior high.

This half day long program will equip youth with skills for stress management, academic performance, and connecting with others. Students who are new to the community and looking to build friendships will also benefit from this program

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DATES AND TIME

9:00AM—12:30PM

AUGUST 14

AUGUST 16

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