



WEEKLY NEWS TO FAMILIES

A Great Start to the 2026-2027 School Year | September 11, 2026

Welcome to a New School Year

Dear Glenwood Families,

What a wonderful first week of school! Our classrooms and hallways have quickly filled with energy, laughter, learning, and connection. It has been a joy to welcome new and returning students and families to the Glenwood community.

At Glenwood, we believe that learning begins with safety, belonging, and connection. During these first weeks, staff are intentionally helping students establish routines, build relationships, learn expectations, and feel like valued members of our school community. Thank you for your partnership as we create a successful start to the year for every child.

Important Dates

FRI SEP 18	Picture Day
TUE SEP 22	Early Dismissal at 2:30 p.m.
TUE SEP 29	Orange Shirt Day
WED SEP 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation No school

Picture Day

Picture Day is Friday, September 18. Students will have individual photos taken during the school day. Ordering information will be shared with families when available.

Arrival and Entry Procedures

Kindergarten to Grade 6: Students line up at their designated entry door. Teachers greet their classes outdoors and walk students into the building together.

Grades 7 and 8: Students enter through their designated entry door and are greeted as they come inside.

Late arrivals: Students arriving after the start of the school day should ring the doorbell, report to the office to check in, and receive a note for their teacher. This process helps ensure accurate attendance.

Controlled entry: All exterior doors remain locked during the school day. Parents and caregivers who need to speak with their child or pick them up early should ring the front doorbell and report to the school office. Office staff will arrange for the child to come to the office.

Lunch Program Information

Families of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are asked to ensure that the Lunch Program form has been completed. This supports appropriate supervision and planning.

The form is available on the [Glenwood Student Forms and Start-Up Information webpage](#).

As outlined in the welcome package, students in Grades 7 and 8 will go home for lunch unless a conversation has taken place with the Principal and permission has been granted for the student to remain at school. Required paperwork must also be completed before a Grade 7 or 8 student may stay for lunch.

Students in Grades 7 and 8 who go home for lunch should not return to school before 12:40 p.m. Afternoon classes begin at 12:45 p.m.

Morning Snacks and Lunch Support

Glenwood School will offer students a light snack each morning. Typical options may include an apple, banana, yogurt, or a similar item. These snacks provide a little extra food to help students start their day and are not intended to replace breakfast or snacks provided by caregivers.

Snack bins will be delivered to classrooms daily. Participation is optional, and students may choose not to take a snack if they have already eaten breakfast or brought a snack from home.

A limited number of lunches will also be available each day for students who may have forgotten their lunch or are otherwise in need of one.

Families are encouraged to connect with our Community Liaison Worker at any time if there are ways we can help support your child's wellbeing. We are committed to working alongside families and can assist in connecting you with available school and community resources.

School Hours Reminder

School begins at 9:00 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:30 p.m.. The first bell rings at 8:50 a.m. Students should not arrive before this time, as playground supervision is not available before school.

Home-School Partnership

Strong partnerships between home and school help students thrive. If you have questions, concerns, or information that would help us support your child, please connect with your child's teacher or the school office. We value open communication and look forward to working together throughout the year.

Glenwood Gym Activity Schedule

Week of September 14-18

Day	Lunch Time	After School
Monday, Sept. 14 Day 5		3:30-5:00 Girls Volleyball Tryout
Tuesday, Sept. 15 Day 6	11:45-12:40 Grades 4-8 Cross Country Practice	3:30-5:00 Grades 6-8 Boys Volleyball Tryout
Wednesday, Sept. 16 Day 1		3:30-5:00 Girls Volleyball Tryout
Thursday, Sept. 17 Day 2	11:45-12:40 Grades 4-8 Cross Country Practice	
Friday, Sept. 18 Day 3		3:30-5:00 Grades 6-8 Boys Volleyball Tryout

Students should listen to school announcements and connect with staff for any updates or additional information about practices and tryouts.

Orange Shirt Day

On Tuesday, September 29, students and staff are encouraged to wear orange as Glenwood recognizes Orange Shirt Day. This is a day for learning and reflection about the residential school system and the truth that Every Child Matters.

School will be closed on Wednesday, September 30 for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Building Belonging at Glenwood

This month, our focus is on creating a strong sense of belonging for every student. Families may wish to ask:

- What made you smile at school today?
- Who did you spend time with today?
- What is one thing you are proud of this week?
- How did you help someone else feel included?

Thank you for sharing your children with us. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to all that we will accomplish together.

Warmly,

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