

Glenwood School Newsletter

April 26, 2024



Full Day Kindergarten Registration

You may have heard that the Louis Riel School Division will be implementing Full-Day Kindergarten in September of 2024. If not, you can learn more about it [here](#). At the time of our Kindergarten Registration Meeting in February, this project had not yet been confirmed by our board and now that it has been, we are excited for the upcoming change.

So, if you care for or know of a child who was born between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019, it's time to get ready to enroll for kindergarten for the 2024/2025 school year.

Kindergarten Registrations are currently still being accepted for the 2024/2025 school year. Information for the [Kindergarten Registration Process can be found here](#). If you need paper copies of the registration, need any assistance or have questions, please contact the school office.

204-233-3619



Classroom Placements for 2024-2025

This month the staff at Glenwood School will begin the class placement process to create classes for next year. This includes receiving input from parents, input from students, and multiple meetings with classroom teachers, EAs, specialists, administrators, and student services teachers.

Currently, based on the number of children at Glenwood (275), we will have the following profile of classes: one Full Day Kindergarten, three Grade 1/2 classes, three Grade 3/4 classes, three Grade 5/6 classes, and three Grade 7/8 classes.

Here are some of the factors we consider when sorting students and building a balance within our classrooms:

- Gender balance.
- Numbers of students at each grade level.
- A variety of students with different strengths, skills and abilities in each class.
- Social dynamics; friendships; who works well together, who does not.
- Instructional needs of the students.
- Classroom learning groups.

To assist us in verifying what we have observed about our students, we have questionnaires that students in grades 1 to 7 fill out called "Sociograms". The students are asked to reflect on their learning needs by answering a couple of questions to help focus their thinking. (Who are three students that you work well with? Who are three students who you like to spend time with?) Although we cannot make promises, we do like to hear from our students.

These questionnaires are kept confidential and are used to help guide our classroom planning. Once complete, classroom drafts are created and reviewed by classroom teachers, specialists and administrators.

The time for parents to make requests for classroom placements is now. If there is information in addition to the knowledge we presently have about your child that you believe may be important to our consideration of class placement, please contact Mr. Hassin through the office or his email at allie.hassin@lrsd.net.

All requests are acknowledged and considered as part of the planning process, but please note that not all requests can be honored and that changes are not possible after the class placement process is complete.



Some Notes for Students Staying for Lunch

CUTLERY: Just a reminder to parents that the school has difficulty providing eating utensils for students who stay for the lunch program. It is divisional policy that schools are expected to reduce the use of single use plastics such as plastic forks and spoons, so we are asking for help from parents in this regard by having students bring their own utensils.

SHARING of FOOD: Although the sharing of food is often thought of as a kindness, it is our rule at school that students do not share their snacks and lunches with others. Many of our students have dietary restrictions for health and religious reasons and some of our students have allergies. As nice as it is to share with a friend, a number of families have asked the school that this not occur.

SEVERE AND LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES: The staff and parent community of Glenwood School strive to provide a safe environment for all our students. Avoidance of allergens for some students is the only way to prevent an anaphylactic reaction. As such, reducing exposure to these allergens is of utmost importance. We believe that all parents would like to be aware that there are several children in our school with a life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis).

Anaphylaxis is a severe reaction to specific items such as food and in extreme cases, exposure/ingestion can result in death within minutes. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we eat in common places.

Please send foods with your child to school that do not contain the following ingredients:

- Peanuts and tree nuts. Avoid sending all snacks or items containing peanuts or tree nuts with your child to school including food, snacks, or chips cooked in peanut oil.

Although this can be inconvenient, this can help make the school environment safer for everyone, therefore we ask for your co-operation.

It is all of our responsibility to care for children with health care needs and do our utmost to ensure the safety of all students. Thank you for your understanding in advance.



Glenwood Family Literacy Night and BBQ! (Volunteers Needed)

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Family Literacy Night! This special event is designed to provide essential information on how to promote your child's literacy development and equip you with practical strategies to support their reading and comprehension skills at home. (More info coming home soon.)

Event Details:

Date: May 23rd, 2024

Time: 4:30 to 6:30

What to Expect:

- 1) Visit different stations throughout the school where you'll discover research-based strategies for improving literacy with your child. Each station will offer a takeaway tool or information that you can use at home.
- 2) Enjoy BBQed hot dogs, chips and a drink at no cost thanks to our PAC!
- 3) Connect with other parents and build our Glenwood School community.

We look forward to seeing you there! Let's empower our young readers together.

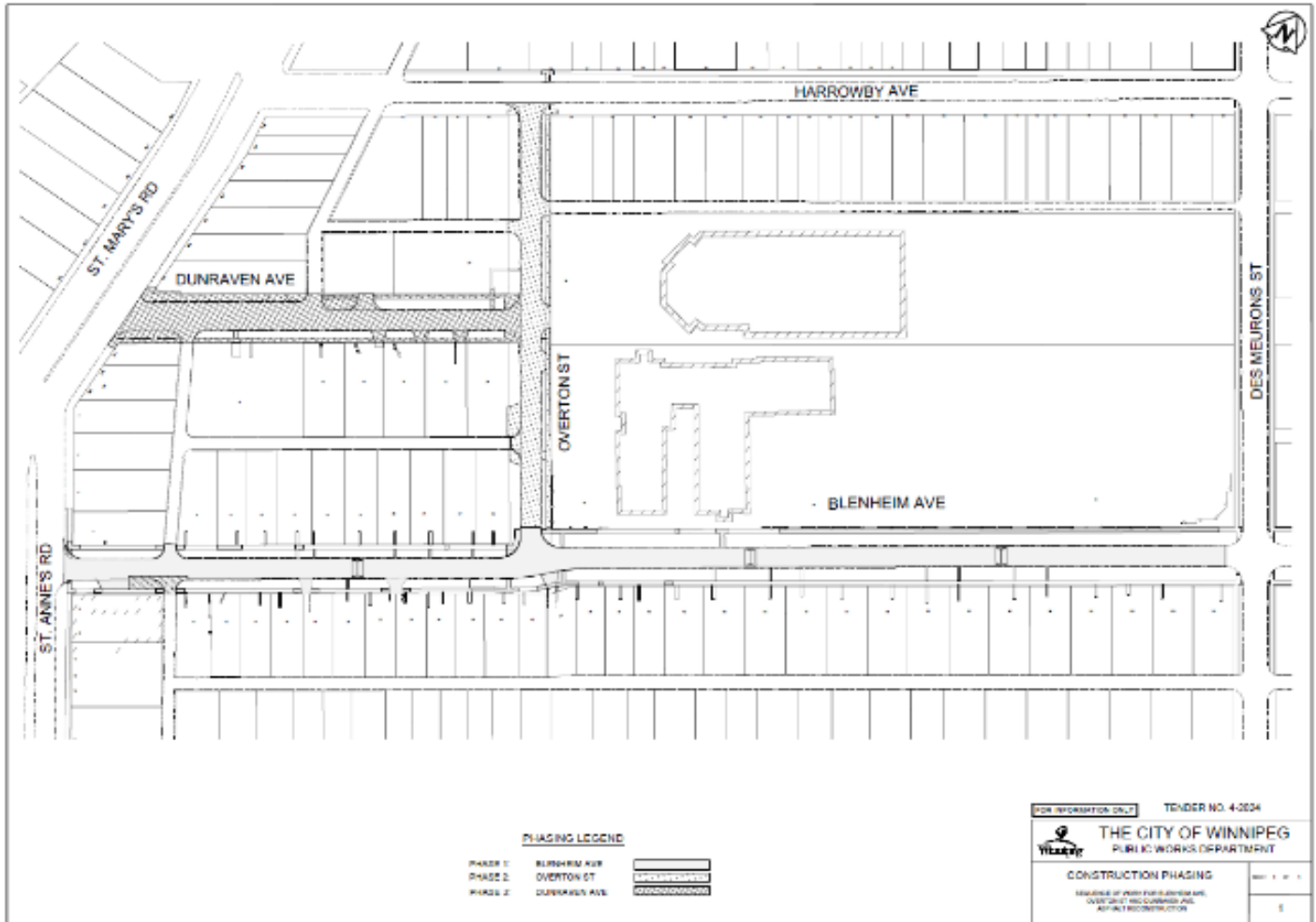
Our school PAC has donated funds so that we all can have a BBQ and if you are interested in helping with the BBQ and in handing out food, we are looking for volunteers who can offer 30 minutes of your time to help out. If you can help please contact Jason Richot at jason.ritchot@lrsd.net.



Road Closures

The city is planning to improve roads in our community. Although this is a most welcomed thing, it will cause some issues for our community in the coming months:

The city is planning to start construction as follows:



Blenheim Construction Start: May to September 2024

Duration: Stage 1 - St. Anne's Rd. to Overton St., Approximately 5-6 weeks, weather permitting

Stage 2 - Overton St. to Des Meurons St., Approximately 6-8 weeks, weather permitting.

Dunraven Avenue Construction Start: May to September 2024

Duration: Approximately 6-8 weeks, weather permitting

Overton Construction Start: July 2024

Duration: Approximately 6-8 weeks, weather permitting

As this period of construction gets closer, we ask that parents make sure that they plan for longer waits and slower drop offs due to the closed roads. It would be a good time to encourage carpooling, alternate drop off points, and having students walk to school when appropriate.



Congratulations, Paolo Martinatto

Mrs. Barber's Gr.3/4 class is very proud of our Gr. 4 student Paolo's accomplishments in Math at the Caribou Math Competition. We are in awe of his commitment and passion to learning challenging math concepts! His ability to share his gifts and teach others is an asset to our classroom community. Congratulations from us all here at Glenwood Paolo and best of luck in future competitions.

He ranked first at the grade ¾ level in Manitoba and was in the top 2% overall in Canada.



Host an International Student

LRSD welcomes international students from all over the world to study in our high schools – both English and French Immersion programs. Local families are needed to be their support while they are so far away from home to show them about Canadian life in a safe & caring environment. Consider joining our homestay community by hosting an international student in your home.

LRSD homestay families receive monthly compensation to offset expenses, but the real value is in the cultural experience! If you or a friend/neighbour/relative are interested to learning more about this rewarding opportunity, please contact the ISP Homestay Team at 204-253-8025 or internationalstudent@lrzd.net



Glenwood School Calendar

Please note that there is now an [online calendar](#) that is being updated with all of the information that you need to stay current. Dates will be updated and possibly changed as the school year progresses.



Go Jets!!

Staff and students are welcome to support our home team by wearing white on game days! A few of our staff joined in on the fun.



Family Centre Schedule

Just in case this is a little hard to read, here is a link to the [online version and the Family Centre home page](#).



MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Stay and Play 9-11 1-3	2 Stay and Play 9-11 1-3	3 CLOSED Professional Development	4
5	6 Stay and Play 9-11 1-3	7 Stay and Play 9-11 1-3	8 Stay and Play 9-11 Messy Art Day! 1-3	9 Stay and Play 9-11 1-3	10 Stay and Play 9-11 CLOSED PM	11
12	13 Stay and Play 9-11 1-3	14 Stay and Play 9-11, 1-3 Water table fun	15 Stay and Play 9-11 1-3	16 Stay and Play 9-11 picnic shack 1-3	17 Stay and Play 9-11 CLOSED PM	18
19	20 CLOSED VICTORIA DAY	21 Stay and Play 9-11 1-3	22 Stay and Play 9-11 1-3	23 Stay and play 9-11 Closed pm Gleghwood School Activity	24 Stay and Play 9-11 CLOSED PM	25
26	27 Stay and Play 9-11 1-3	28 Stay and Play 9-11 CLOSED PM	29 Stay and Play Music 9:45 stay and Play 1-3	30 Stay and Play 9-11 1-3	31 Stay and Play 9-11 CLOSED PM	

Now that Spring has arrived we hope to have some outdoor adventures. Please come prepared with a hat and footwear for the children that can be worn outside

May 3rd- Closed Professional Development

May 8 & 14- MESSY ART and Water Table day. We will get messy, sticky, soggy and silly these days so wear your grubby clothes :) Bring a change of clothes, a facecloth and small towel

May 16- Outdoor picnic shack and play (weather permitting)

May 20- Closed, statutory holiday

May 23- Closed pm, Gleghwood School Literacy Evening preparation

May 28- Closed pm, planning

May 29- Music class-9:45-10:15



