



Gladstone Elementary School

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Dear Gladstone Elementary School Families,

Our teachers and staff at Gladstone Elementary School are busy setting up classrooms and preparing for the return of your children. Even though the start of this school year may look different, our staff are very excited to be able to offer our students the same caring and welcoming school environment. Our goal is for students to grow academically, socially and create lifelong and wonderful memories in a safe environment.

Although we have tried to plan for a variety of differing scenarios, our school division will be taking direction from Manitoba Education and the Chief Medical Officer on a daily basis, therefore, the following plan is subject to ongoing revisions throughout the year. We will work hard to be flexible, to communicate all changes and new information to parents, and to offer the best possible learning environment for your child.

I would encourage each family to read the following documents and plans listed below. Links to these plans are located on the Gladstone Elementary School Website <http://ges.pinecreeksd.mb.ca/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school and we will do our best to assist you. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on September 8, 2020!

Sincerely,

Alan Warkentin
Principal

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Cohorts

Our school will be divided into two cohorts. Kindergarten, grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 will be one cohort. They will be able to use the same entrances and washrooms throughout the school day. K and 2/3 Stewart will use the North doors, and grade 1 and 2/3 DeJaegher will use the West main doors. Their recess and lunch breaks are scheduled at the same times. Students in grade 4 through 6 will make up the second cohort. They will use the East set of doors, the same washrooms, and have their recess and lunch break scheduled at the same time.

Hand Sanitization

Each classroom is supplied with hand sanitizer that can be used throughout the school day. Students will also be encouraged to wash their hands on a more regular basis during the day. Classes will use their classroom sinks or their assigned washrooms in order to ensure that we are practicing regular hand hygiene.

COVID Screening / Illnesses

Parents are responsible for screening their children for signs of illness, each morning, prior to coming to school. Students who are showing symptoms are required to stay at home. We encourage families to access the Manitoba Government's online screening tool at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>. If a student becomes ill while at school, they will be moved to our sick room and monitored by school staff. While in the sick room, both staff and student must wear masks that will be supplied by the school division. Parents will be notified to come to the school to pick up their child immediately. We are encouraging all GES families to develop a plan in case your child becomes sick at school and needs to go home to during the school day.

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Water Bottles

Students are required to bring a reusable water bottle to school each day. Please label this bottle with your child's name and grade. Water bottles will be returned home with students each day. The water fountains will not be available for student use; however, students will be able to access the bottle fill stations.

Microwave

There will be no microwaves for students at GES at this time.

Transition Time

Students will be monitored during all transition times to help with practicing social distancing. Students will move throughout the school as a cohort. Students' movement within the school will be restricted and controlled. One of our main goals will be to eliminate students from congregating and lining up inside the school.

Washroom Breaks

Each cohort within the school will have a designated washroom to use throughout the school day. There will be a maximum of 4 students in the washroom at one time.

Lockers

Students in grades 4 through 6 will still be able to use lockers this year. Lockers will be assigned so that grades are staggered throughout the room. Grades will then be able to access the lockers at different times while still allowing for social distancing. Locks will not be used this year as locker doors will need to be disinfected on a regular basis by our custodial staff.

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Masks

As directed by Manitoba Government, all students in grade 4 through 12 are required to wear a mask when social distancing cannot be achieved. Students may bring masks from home or will be provided with one from PCSD. Cloth masks are required to be washed daily. All staff at GES will be required to wear a mask when working with students.

Students and staff are not required to wear masks when outdoors.

School Arrival

We are asking students to wash their hands prior to leaving home.

- *Non Bus Students*
 - Please arrive at the school between 8:45 to 8:50 a.m.
 - Students will be provided with hand sanitizer prior to entering the building.
 - Students will enter the school through their assigned doors and will go directly to their classroom.
- *Bus students*
 - Buses will be unloaded one bus at a time.
 - Students will be provided with hand sanitizer prior to entering the building.
 - Students will enter the school through their assigned doors and will go directly to their classroom.
- *Students arriving after 9:00 am*
 - Students will enter through the front doors and report to the office.
 - Students will be provided with hand sanitizer and then go to their classroom.

Lunch Break

All students will be eating their lunches in their classrooms and will be monitored by school staff.

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Departing GES at the end of the day

Non Bus students

- Students will remain in the classroom until busses depart
- Classes will be dismissed starting with K and ending with grade 6.

Bus Students

- Students will be dismissed bus number one at a time.

Parent Pick-up

- You may pick up your child on the bus loop as soon as the busses pull out.

****If your plan changes for the end of the day, it is critical that you call the school and let us know of the change well in advance of the end of the school day.

Appointments during the school day

Often students and families have appointments during the school day that require the student to be picked up from school. In this case, we ask parents to ring the door bell, notify the office that you are here and then return to your vehicle. Staff will notify your child and they will exit through the front doors in this case. If a student has to leave for an appointment during the day it is recommended that the student not return back to school that same day.

Outdoor Learning

Students maybe outside, weather permitting, for the next few weeks. Please ensure that your child is dressed accordingly.

Visitor to the School

Visitors will have limited access to the school. Please use the bell and intercom system at the door and wait for instructions.

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