



Greetings from GLC!

As we enjoy what remains of summer, many of us (parents, students and staff) are also making preparations for the 2019/20 school year, which will be upon us very soon. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, or your child's current status at GLC, you can contact the school between 8:30am and 3:30pm. We welcome your inquiries.

Classes **begin on *Wednesday September 4th, with an adjusted schedule for this day only. The morning session will begin at 8:40am and end at 10:40am; the afternoon session will begin 12:25pm and end at 2:25pm. On Thursday, the regular schedule for classes will commence.***

At this time, and on behalf of the staff, I extend best wishes to our returning students and their families; to students and families new to GLC, a warm welcome! We anticipate a great year of learning, and look forward to having you as part of our very dynamic community. The environment at GLC is robust, and is anchored in a culture that is conducive to learning. As a staff, we have high expectations of all members of our learning community, and firmly believe that **students who attend will be successful**. Our school will continue to provide and maintain a culture that is safe, caring and healthy; a culture where regular, daily attendance is the norm, where cooperative attitudes, mutual understanding, and strong work ethic is engendered, encouraged and valued.

Guildford Learning Centre is a school where we learn and work together. It is a school where building relationships is of primary importance (relationships are the "key app"!). We believe that when strong, healthy relationships exist between staff and students, and the school and home, learning will happen. We strive to connect students with our school, with learning, with staff, with their peers to create a sense of belonging, to build and secure a strong school community. For our learning community to function well, it is imperative that all members **use good judgement and endeavour to do what is right** at all times, that we conduct ourselves with the **best of intentions**. It is our expectation, and the responsibility of each student, to attend, learn and make progress. Appropriate consequences will be applied if attitude/behaviour and/or attendance hinder achievement, or when incongruous behaviours place the learning, and/or the health and safety of others in jeopardy. GLC, as with all schools, has a fair and reasonable Student/School Code of Conduct, outlining expectations for behaviours/conduct. Adhering to the Student Code of Conduct helps to ensure that GLC is a welcoming, respectful, healthy and safe environment for all who enter the doors.

We are a continuous entry program, meaning that students can be accepted into the school throughout the year. However, once enrollment has reached capacity, waiting lists are established, and students from the waitlist will be accommodated when space comes available. The course offerings are diverse, with delivery of the curriculum defined as student centred/self-directed. Teachers guide, coach and facilitate students through the courses via one-on-one instruction, small groups and inquiry/project based learning. We strive to provide an environment that is collaborative, one where students have a voice to help ensure that their learning is meaningful/relevant and educational needs are met. We want our students to know they are strongly supported in pursuit of their academic, career and personal goals.

The educational/learning process always works best when all stakeholders are involved; therefore, we encourage and value parental input. If you have a concern regarding your child's educational program/progress, be sure to contact the school. If there is a concern originating from within the school, every attempt to make contact with home is undertaken to ensure that a parent/guardian is made aware of the situation. We also like to inform parents of all the wonderful things their children are doing via "good news phone calls" or letters send home!

****We are currently looking for parents interested in being an active member of the PAC. If this is you, please contact the school at (604) 951-9553.**

Please note that our school calendar for the 2019/20 school year is also posted to our school website, for your convenience. Too, current district and school information can be found in the Surrey Schools district website at www.surreyschools.ca

Once again, I am looking forward to working with the GLC community. I anticipate a year where all members of our community have a sense of belonging, where smiles and having some fun will be the norm, and of course, heaps of learning will happen!

Best regards,
Aileen Kinsella
Principal, GLC