

GLADSTONE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 7 – Picture Day

Oct 8 – NO CLASSES (Non-Instructional Day)

Oct 13 – NO CLASSES
(Thanksgiving Day)

Oct 14 – Family Library Night
(3:30 pm – 5:00 pm)

Oct 24 – NO CLASSES (Non-Instructional Day)

Oct 27 – Family Library Night
(3:30 pm – 5:00 pm)

Dear Gladstone Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already into October! We ended off the busy first month of September with a powerful assembly and walk to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Seeing students share their learning around this important topic during the assembly was extremely impactful. The assembly started with a whole school Children's Blessing Song which highlighted the value of community and collaboration. Presentations from individual classrooms included the use of mentor books such as "My Heart Fills with Happiness" by Monique Gray Smith, "I have the Right to Be a Child" by Aurelia Fronty, "Phyllis's Orange Shirt" by Phyllis Webstad and "Stolen Words" by Melanie Florence. Students also shared about dream catchers, and the feelings each student should have when they are at school. The learning and reflections students presented to their fellow classmates was deep, genuine and moving. The "Every Child Matters" walk that followed this assembly declared to our community our desire for all children to be seen, valued and heard. Hearing them chant "Every Child Matters" and seeing them boldly holding their student made signs high reminded me of why I chose to be an educator. I acknowledge that students have not always been able to do this Canada and recognize that there is still much work to do to bring equity to all children.

At the end of the day, I was so proud of our students and staff as they demonstrated what it means to be a difference maker in our community, city and world. The future looks bright knowing that your children are the ones who will be shaping it!

Sincerely, Mr. Nikkel



New Moments, New Lessons, New Memories, New Opportunities

HELLO October



Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1 Day 3	2 Day 4	3 Day 5	4
5	6 Day 6	7 Day 1 Picture Day 	8 Day 2 NO CLASSES (Non-Instructional Day)	9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11
12	13  NO CLASSES (Thanksgiving Day)	14 Day 5 Family Library Night 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18
19	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1 NO CLASSES (Non-Instructional MTS/Day)	25
26	27 Day 2 Family Library Night 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	28 Day 3	29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31 Day 6 Halloween 	

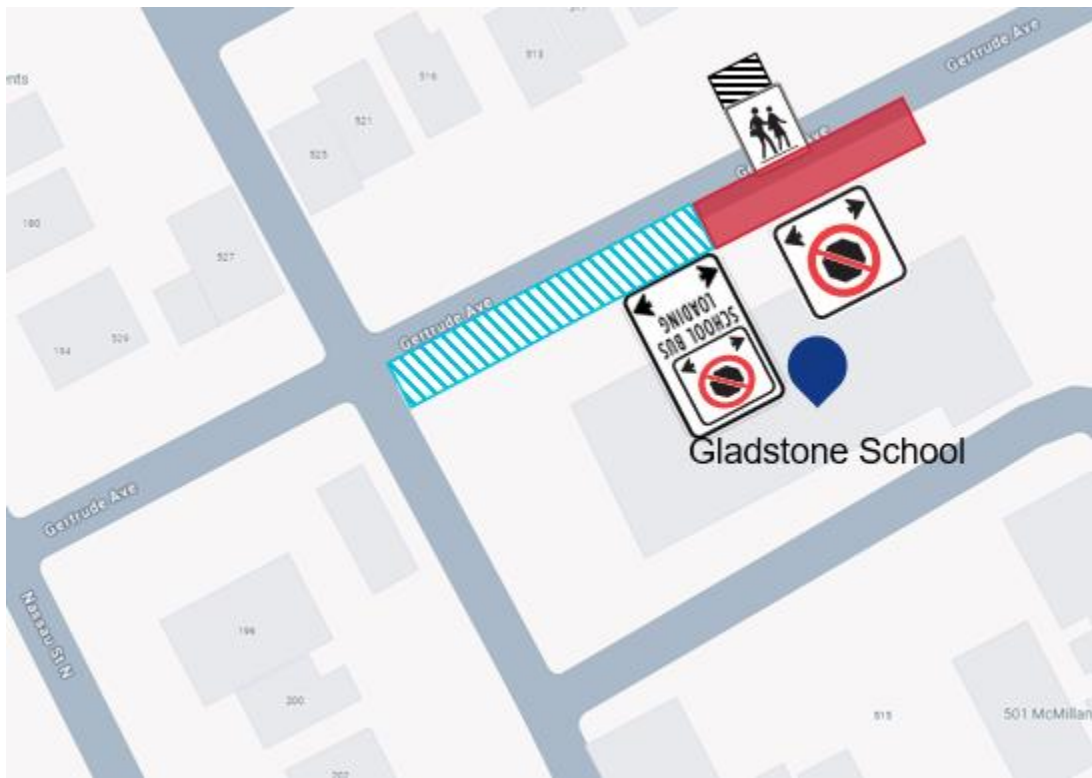
SPECIAL NOTES

PICK UP / DROP OFF

In order to keep our students safe, we want to clarify pick up procedures:

- If you are stopping on the opposite (north) side of Gertrude
 - You may only do so if you can find a spot right at the curb (double parking blocks off the street)
 - Students must cross at the cross walk with the patrols to get to your car in order to keep them safe
- If you are stopping on the school (south) side of Gertrude
 - You must be past the start of the playground fence
 - Students should enter the vehicle on the sidewalk side so they are not walking out into the road

Additionally, you may have noticed the new loading pads right in front of the school. We are hoping to have the barriers removed this week and the holes filled in. To support the buses using these areas there will be new parking restrictions in place this month stating that there is no stopping in front of the school until where the fence for the playground starts. The image below shows where the new signage will be.



LATE / ABSENT

If your child(ren) is going to be late and or absent from school, we ask that you use our Safe Arrival Absent Management System. Please see below for further information.

What is SafeArrival?

SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible using one of these convenient methods:

SchoolMessenger app (free)

1. Provide your email address to the school.
2. Get the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>).
3. Tap **Sign Up** to create your account.
4. Select **Attendance** from the menu, and then select **Report an Absence**.

Web and Mobile Web: go.schoolmessenger.ca

1. Provide your email address to the school.
2. Go to the website.
3. Click **Sign Up** to create your account.
4. Select **Attendance** from the menu, then select **Report an Absence**

Interactive Toll-free Phone 1-855-278-4513

1. Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system.
2. Follow the instructions to report an absence.
3. Record the confirmation number at the end of the call.

If you hang up before this is given the absence will be cancelled and will not be reported to the school.

Whenever an absence is reported or updated, you will receive a confirmation notice by email (assuming you have provided your contact information to the school).

If you don't report your child's absence in advance, the automated notification system will try to contact you (using the communication preferences if you have set them up in the SchoolMessenger app). This may include push notifications to the app, email, phone calls. You will be asked to provide the reason for your child's absence immediately. You may do so using the phone line, website or mobile app.

If an absence is not explained within approximately 20 minutes of the time that the school starts the notification process, school staff will follow-up to make sure that your child is safe. If you try to explain an absence using SafeArrival, but are then told that it is past the cut-off time, please contact the school directly.

If you don't want to receive notifications when your child is absent, be sure to report your child's absence in advance.

If you do receive notifications of your child's absence, be sure to provide the reason as quickly as possible, using one of the 3 methods listed above or during the phone call notification itself.

Absences can be reported in advance:

- 24 hours/day
- 7 days a week
- For any school day in the school term
- Up to the cut-off time on the day of the absence.

SPECIAL NOTES

LIBRARY NIGHT

Hello Gladstone families! We would like to invite you to attend **Library Night** at the school on **Tuesday October 14th** and **Monday October 27th** from **3:30pm-5:00pm**. Please come in from the front door of the school and go upstairs to the library. We are hoping to add in some student performances so stay tuned!

Students can take books out of the library to read at home and return when they are done. We will have activities planned as well as refreshments. We hope to see you there!



TRANSPORTATION (BUS SERVICE)

We ask that parents/guardians check their email regularly, as this is the form of communication the transportation department uses to notify you of any route changes or cancellations. These occurrences are few and far between but are usually last minute, so checking your emails in the morning may be helpful to make sure you are notified of any changes.

In addition, you can check the Winnipeg School Division web page (www.winnipegssd.ca), there will be a bright green banner across the top of the page if there are any cancellations to note. If you click on the “more” button (far right side of the green banner), it will bring you to another screen that gives you the breakdown of the bus routes effected – examples shown below.

If there are any questions, comments or concerns please reach out to transportation directly at 204-789-0452



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BUS CANCELLATIONS OCTOBER 31, 2024

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21 AM George V - Elmwood

21 PM Elmwood - George V