

Glen Williams School



April Newsletter



“Turn Reading Into Family Fun” - Read Aloud Experience

- ◆ The reading time should be enjoyable.
- ◆ Sit somewhere comfortable.
- ◆ Establish a routine.
- ◆ Be sure you are enthusiastic and focused.
- ◆ Reward all efforts.
- ◆ Listen lots. Talk some.
- ◆ Difficult words - use prompts (if in doubt, tell the word).
- ◆ Expect mistakes. Praise when the child attempts to fix their mistakes.
- ◆ Relax. If for some reason things are not going well, do something else. Have a conversation, go for a walk, or read to your child.

V. Cundari - Principal

More Professional Development For Glen Williams Teachers

In March, the primary and junior teacher teams travelled to Gardiner Public School to co-plan and co-teach a guided reading lesson. Afterwards we debriefed the Strengths and Next Steps for a specific group of students. We will be welcoming the Gardiner primary and junior teacher teams to Glen Williams at the end of March and April. The goal is to improve guided-reading practices as well as to network beyond our own school boundaries.

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Learning Skills and Work Habits

As we all know, Learning Skills are an integral part of student achievement. One of the six learning skills on the Progress Report Card and the Provincial Report Card is Self Regulation. Each classroom has a poster and teachers speak to it and students can access it to remind themselves of what they can do to demonstrate this skill to their teachers. Here is what is posted in each classroom:

Self Regulation

I will work hard to meet the class learning goals and my personal goals.

I will use criteria to help me reach my goals.

I will ask questions when I need help.



Candlelight Tribute

The students of Glen Williams will attend the Candlelight Tribute to Canada's war veterans. The tribute is a ceremony designed to engage young Canadians in learning about Canada's military history, heritage and the veterans. Students will walk from the school to the Glen Williams Cenotaph at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2012 where they will participate.

22 Minute Makeover

The Town of Halton Hills will again be promoting the 22 Minute Makeover this year on Friday, April 20th.

This initiative promotes litter reduction and supports Earth Day. Glen Williams students will go outside on the 20th and clean up the school grounds and the immediate area around the school. The Town also sponsors a Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 21st and we encourage both parents and students to participate in that worthy cause as well. For more information, please visit the Town's website at www.haltonhills.ca.



Tribes

Glen Williams is a Tribes school. Ask your child to talk about the four Tribes Agreements. Have them discuss how these agreements look at our school and how they affect the ways they interact with others. The agreements are: Mutual Respect, Attentive Listening, Appreciations/No Putdowns, Participation.

Join us for our Village Clean-Up

The Glen Williams Town Hall in conjunction with the Town of Halton Hills will be coordinating a village clean-up on Saturday, April 21. If interested, please arrive at the Town Hall around 10 a.m. to be assigned a street to clean. Gloves and garbage bags will be issued compliments of the Town of Halton Hills. Return the garbage to the Town Hall and enjoy complimentary hot chocolate and cookies! Thanks for your support!

John Mark Rowe

President of the Glen Williams Town Hall Inc. Website: <http://townholler.blogspot.ca/>

Student Safety

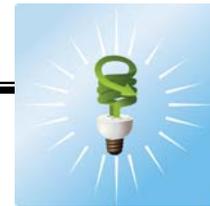
The arrival of Spring brings greater opportunities for children to play and explore. Please remind your children about the inherent dangers associated with the following activities/areas.

Railway Crossings: Never play or walk along railroad tracks. If you must walk or bicycle across tracks, do so at the proper place, always look for an approaching train and walk your bike.

Rivers/Creeks: Water levels will be high during the next few weeks and river banks will be unusually muddy. Children should not play in close proximity to these waterways, especially at this time.

Moving?

If you are moving over the summer and/or your child will be changing schools for September 2012, please contact Mrs. Doraty in the school office as soon as you know. This will help us when class building begins later in the spring.



Earth Hour

Earth Hour has brought great awareness to the issue of proper management of the world's resources. This year, Saturday, March 31st was the date that millions of people around the world engaged in activities designed to reduce the use of energy. We hope that many of our community members participated. The school recognized the importance of this day by significantly reducing energy use at the school from 1:00pm-2:00pm on Friday, March 30th. This was achieved through a reduction in the use of light, heat and ventilation.

Spring Dance

Come and join us for the Spring Dance this year. Families are invited to come to the school on Friday, April 20, 2012 for a night of dancing and feasting. This year, we have acquired the DJ services of Presswood Entertainment who will be playing all your favourite tunes in the gym. In addition, we will have food and beverages available for sale in the kindergarten room. The dance will run from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Information regarding ticket sales will be available soon. Hope to see you all there!

Reading Strategies

As mentioned in previous month's newsletters, over the next several months, I will be sending along reading strategies that are part of the All Star Reading concept. Share/try these to help support student literacy skills (if appropriate).

Nudge:

Sit beside the child. The child can gently nudge your arm when they need help with a word or they want you to take a turn. When you want them to resume reading you nudge back. This can also be done with a tap on the table to indicate the child's request for assistance.

Look at the pictures:

The student is encouraged to refer to or look at accompanying pictures to help uncover/decode the story print.

Vegetables For Winter Consumption

Root vegetables are those whose roots become the food we eat-like the potato and the carrot. Some root vegetables store longer than others- in a cold dark place- and that is why they are available at this time of year.

Squash are vegetables that grow on vines above ground in the late summer and fall growing season. Many squash, including winter squash, are able to endure long periods of storage in a cold dark place.

Squash are considered 'old world' vegetables.

April Glen Gathering

The next Glen Gathering will be hosted on Friday, April 20 at 8:30 a.m. This is a "B" Day for Kindergarten children.

Early Morning Supervision

Just a reminder that early morning supervision on the school grounds begins at 7:55 a.m. Students who arrive before 7:55 are not supervised. Therefore, I respectfully ask that if you are dropping off your child in the morning, that you do so at 7:55 or shortly thereafter. Kindergarten parents please bring your child into the pen area. If not, please ensure that you remain with your child until your child joins the class line-up.

Student Arrival Reminders

Students are expected to be punctual for the beginning of the school day. If announcements have started the child is considered late. Students must wait at the office area until after the playing of O'Canada before going to their class.

Mabel's Labels

Glen Williams' Mabel's Labels fundraiser will continue to run until May 31. Please visit www.Glenwilliams.mabel.ca to place your order and support our school fundraiser!!



Year End BBQ

The annual Glen Williams Family BBQ will be here before you know it. Please mark your calendar with the following date: Thursday, June 7. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

Art Program







Glen Williams School has now joined with

Boston Pizza Georgetown

as a member of their Team Program.

Anytime that Glen Williams Students along with their friends and family visit Boston Pizza Georgetown, their receipts will be tracked to earn us

10% back

at the end of the school year.

Just be sure to write our school name on the back of your receipt and hand it in to your server...talk about a delicious way to help fundraise for our school!

Saturday, October 20, 2012

8:00 a.m – 2:30 p.m.

MM Robinson High School

(2425 Upper Middle Rd., Burlington L7P 3N9)

Key Note Speaker:

David Booth

Registration opens in August

<http://registrations.hdsb.ca/picreg/>

Free child-minding available on request.

For more information contact Denise Pearson at
905-335-3663 ext. 3307 or pearsonde@hdsb.ca.



Parent • Involvement • Committee



Milton PEN

Milton Parent Education Network

Invites you to attend a FREE event

FREE
EVENT

Motivating Your Kids & Teens!

Guest Speaker: Dr. Karyn Gordon

Being self-disciplined, focused and motivated are 3 of the most critical skills young people should develop.

Parents will learn:

- ✓ The four different types of motivation
- ✓ How different parenting styles impact motivation
- ✓ The importance of your child's personality traits and learning styles as it relates to motivation
- ✓ 7 practical strategies to inspire and motivate



Monday April 16th, 2012

7:00-8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Milton Sports Centre – Banquet Room

605 Santa Maria Blvd., Milton

Click [here](#)
to register or contact Halton Region
Dial 311 or 905-825-6000 TTY: 905-827-9833
accesshalton@halton.ca



American Sign Language-English Interpreters are available upon request. If you wish to use this service, please contact Halton Region by April 10th, 2012.

In the event of poor weather conditions, please call Halton Region for cancellation information.



Friday, April 6
 Monday April 9
 Tuesday, April 10
 Friday, April 13
 Friday, April 20
 Friday, April 27

Good Friday
 Easter Monday
 Parent Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
 Pizza Day/Gift Cards due
 Glen Gathering, Pita Day & Spring Dance
 PA Day



April 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 8:30am Battle of the Books@ Public Lib	3	4 Girls/Boys Volleyball Tourny at MSB-4:00	5 Spirit Wear Orders due	6 Good Friday	7
8	9 Easter Mon- day	10 6:30 Parent Council	11	12	13 Pizza Day/Gift Cards due 	14
15	16	17 Girls VB Tourny at Silver Creek 3:45	18 Boys VB Tourny at Centennial 4:00	19	20 Pita Day Spring Dance	21
22	23	24 Boys VB Tourny at Silver Creek 3:45	25 Girls VB Tourny at Centennial 4:00	26	27 PA Day	28
29	30					