



Glen Williams Public School

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Newsletter - January 2014

Happy New Year to all our Families from the Glen Williams Staff!

Happy New Year and Welcome Back. I hope you have all had a restful, safe and enjoyable holiday season with family and friends.

The first term (as far as reporting purposes is concerned) is nearing it's end. The students are working diligently at improving their learning and many students have set specific goals for themselves as part of the November conferences. I encourage older students to regularly remind parents of their goals as well as the steps that are needed to accomplish these goals. As homework, assignments and agendas go between home and school, we have excellent opportunities to help students work towards their objectives and to acknowledge their step by step accomplishments. What a wonderful way to spend quality time together!!

Thank you to all our parents who continually support Glen Williams. The students, staff and administration are truly appreciative.

V. Cundari, Principal

Holiday Food Drive, Toy Mountain Initiative and Gifts of Hope **GLEN WILLIAMS MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

A special thank you from Mrs. Boorman's Grade 5 Class! This season we were able to collect an abundance of non-perishable food items for the Georgetown Bread Basket and tons of toys for the Salvation Army. These items will help support many of our families in Halton Hills,

Our class was also able to reach our \$250.00 goal for classroom essentials in developing countries. The \$250.00 will be matched by another sponsor for a value of \$1000.00. This will help to stock one classroom with chalkboards, desks, chairs, textbooks, pencils and paper. Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of others, by enabling children to get an education that prepares them for the choices and the future they deserve. (Plan Canada)

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 until after the playing of O Canada before going to their class.

Parent Council Meeting

Everyone is cordially invited to our **February** Parent Council meeting. We will be meeting on Tuesday, February 4 at 6:30 in the staffroom.

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French Immersion Registration

French Immersion programming is available to students in Halton beginning in grade one. This bilingual program is offered at the French center at George Kennedy Public School. The students receive half of their instruction in French and half in English. An information session has been scheduled for Thursday, January 23rd at George Kennedy school (75 Weber Drive, Georgetown) beginning at 6:30 p.m. More information will be made available to you in the weeks to come.

Elementary Optional Attendance

Halton students seeking placement at schools other than their home school do so by way of Optional Attendance.

Applications are being accepted at your home school **from December 1—January 31, 2014**

Not all schools are open to optional attendance. For a list of schools open to optional attendance and to obtain a copy of the registration form (located in the Optional Attendance procedure) you can go to the Halton District School board website at www.hdsb.ca and click on Parent info, Optional Attendance.

Head Lice Update

We Care Home Health Services provides screening for head lice. A student who has head lice must report to this service to receive an "All Clear" letter before the child is allowed to return to school. The number of this service is (905) 545-2273 or toll free at 1-866-577-4499.

In addition, families can now have their child's head checked by a medical practitioner. A brief note stating that the child's head is clear must be brought to the office. Families bear the cost of this service at their physician's office, walk-in clinic or other checking source.

Inclement Weather

We remind parents and guardians that updated information regarding school closures and bus runs will be available on a number of radio and television stations.

Please do not call the school—depend on radio station and TV updates.

We would also ask that students who are walking to school to please use the pathways provided at the front. Walking on the driveway is dangerous, especially when a snowfall has restricted our space and busses and cars are everywhere. We will endeavor to keep the walkways clear, however, our first priority is to clear entrance points. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Kindergarten Registration

Please note that Glen Williams Public School will have full day every day Kindergarten beginning September 2014.

The Halton District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year. The ad regarding Kindergarten registration will be in newspapers the week of January 13th, 2014. The ad and initial information will also be made available on the Board's website – www.hdsb.ca > Programs & Services > Kindergarten Programs.

Parents/Guardians should pick up registration forms from the office beginning January 20. Registration forms are also available on the board website. Families who currently have students in the school and want to register a child for Kindergarten should also pick up and complete the registration forms. If you are aware of any families in the Glen Williams catchment area who have eligible children for Kindergarten and might not be aware of the registration process, please pass this information along.

Junior Kindergarten 2014-2015: Children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2014

Please bring the following original documents with you to register:

- proof of residency via lease, purchase agreement or property tax bill.
- Birth certificate, passport or baptismal certificate for your child
- Proof of immunization, or philosophical or religious exemption forms (and completed medical authorization where necessary).

Please ensure your child is registered by February 14, 2014.

Please Note: The difference once again this year is a deadline of Friday Feb. 14th, 2014. Some families may register after that, but the hope is that the majority will register earlier giving all schools more information ahead of the staffing process

Glen Gathering

Our January Glen Gathering is scheduled for Friday, January 24 at 8:30am. This is an 'A' day for our kindergarten friends.

Everyone is welcome!!

Early Morning Supervision (reminder)

Early morning supervision does not start until **8:00 a.m.** Thus parents who drop off students in the morning are asked to respect that time and not bring the students earlier. This also keeps us in line with bus arrival times.

Safety At School

Now that we are in the thick of winter, I would like to remind our students of the importance of safe play. Snow piles found at the front of the school near the east parking lot and beside the hedge are to be avoided when coming and going from school. In the past students have slid down these mounds of snow and ended up on the driveway very near to moving cars. Ice patches will crop up on our property from time to time. We remind students to stay off the ice and play in safe spots on the play areas at the back of the school. Let's all play together safely.

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO ENJOY READING!!

Tips for Parents:

Make reading a part of your daily routine by setting aside a regular time for family reading.

Read to your child from a variety of sources to broaden interest and increase awareness of the many types of reading materials available.

Consider regular family visits to the library.

Ask you child's teacher to recommend appropriate books at your child's reading level.

If you are unsure how to help your child with reading, ask your child's teacher about the kinds of assistance you can provide at home

Set a regular time for reading each evening, keeping in mind your child's assigned homework.

Become aware of the reading expectations for your child's grade in order to ask questions and better understand report card comments.

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 Collaboration. 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:

Collaboration

I will share ideas and materials in a nice way.

I will speak politely to others.

I will do my share of the work when working in groups.



The Swim Program

Student Reflections

In the swim program my instructors name was Charlie. The thing I liked was swimming. The thing I learned was to keep yourself up or you will drown. My instructor treated me nicely and she was kind to me. The games and fun activities I did were climbing down the fire pole and using the flutter boards. It was a fun time going swimming.

Avery Untinen

My experience in the swim program was fun. I liked that we learned how to swim and we played some games. We also learned how to throw a rope and get off slippery places in water. The first day we went we did a swim test. The instructors would then tell us to go to a level. It is a very good program. The instructors were very nice they taught us stuff and when you are in level six (I think) or up you get to start learning how to save people. It was very very fun. My class and I loved it.

Connor Gentes



Tribes Agreements

Attentive Listening: This agreement calls for all of us to pay close attention to one another's expression of ideas, opinions, and feelings, to check for understanding and to let others know they have been heard.

Trade and Save

Thank you to all who participated in our Trade and Save at school on December 6th. It was a successful day when students brought in gently used toys, books, games, dolls and puzzles that they exchanged for something new to them! Together we reduced the amount of items going to our landfill, we revitalized our "toy" rooms, everyone involved saved some money swapping instead of buying, we saved a significant amount of energy and resources it would have taken to make new items and it looked like students had fun doing it. Thank you for helping the planet by re-using instead of buying new!

Sincerely,

The Green Eagles

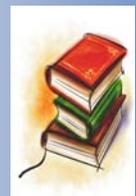


Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success the last week of November, exceeding our sales goal. Thank you very much everyone and especially the volunteers for contributing to the success of the fair. Your hard work and patience and all the student purchases will help us to bring current fiction novels and picture books, add to our graphic novel section and replenish our nonfiction shelves.

Mme. Waitson

Teacher-Librarian



Anti-Bullying Magic Show - January 24

In this interactive school program Brent and Sarah use their unique story and performance experience to engage and empower your students by sharing their secrets of self confidence.

This program will effectively:

- ◆ Demonstrate the power and importance of **healthy self confidence** and **overcoming self doubt**.
- ◆ Offer advice on how to develop a **positive self image**.
- ◆ Share personal stories that illustrate how to **overcome bullying** and **stay positive in the face of negativity**.
- ◆ **Explain what bullying is and why it occurs**.
- ◆ Help students understand that being bullied is **not your fault**.
- ◆ Break down gender stereotypes and feature both **male and female role models**





Taekwondo

This year our students from Kindergarten to grade 3 will have the opportunity to participate in a Taekwondo program at the school along side the Martial Arts Grandmaster instructor Felix Ayensu a 7th Degree Black Belt, a five time World TaeKwonDo championship contestant and a 1988 Seoul Olympic games contestant. We are very honoured to have him with us once again.

Our students will participate in this valuable youth awareness program promoting life skills education, character development, positive attitude development, respect for self and others and Martial Arts fitness for alertness.

Children will discover an increased awareness of self-discipline, respect for self and others, confrontational and peer pressure management skills, increased concentration with focus and an unshakable confidence for improved academic achievements.

The program also empowers children on how to handle the schoolyard bullies. Felix Ayensu's institution is extremely excited and enthusiastic about continuing the partnership with our school in building a greater focus, respect and discipline for a well-balanced child.

There is no fee for students to take part in this program.

This program is recognized and approved by the Ontario educational services, which is linked with the school boards across Ontario.

The program will run once a week for four—six weeks during the school day beginning in February or March.

January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 First Day of classes	7 Comic Art Presentation	8	9	10 Sub	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Pizza	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Glen Gathering Anti-Bullying Magic Show Pita 	25
26	27	28	29 Bus Safety Presentations	30 Term 1 Milk ends	31 PA Day - No School for Stu- dents	

