



# Glen Williams Public School

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## *Newsletter - January 2013*

### ***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

### ***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 January Parent Council meeting. We will be meeting on Wednesday, January 16 at 6:30 in the staffroom.

### ***Holiday Food Drive and Toy Mountain Initiative***

Thanks to your generous donations this year we brought more than 20 boxes of food to the Georgetown Food Bank. This will certainly help the less fortunate families in our area. In addition, we provided the Salvation Army Church with over 15 boxes of Toys to be donated to needy families within our surrounding community during the holidays. Many thanks to Mrs. Boorman and her class for overseeing these very worthy causes.

### ***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.

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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 Wednesday, January 9th 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, 2013**

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](http://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/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 endeavour to keep the walkways clear, however, our first priority is to clear entrance points. Your cooperation is appreciated.

We would remind parents/guardians that supervision of students in the morning does not begin until 8:00 a.m. We ask for your cooperation in this matter to ensure that students are not being dropped off any earlier.



### ***Kindergarten Registration***

The Halton District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for the 2013-2014 school year. Ads will be in community papers during the first couple of weeks in January. Also, consult the board website. Parents/Guardians should pick up registration forms from the office. 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 2013-2014: Children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2013**

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 15, 2013.

**Please Note: The difference once again this year is a deadline of Friday Feb. 15th, 2013.** 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

### **The Swim Program**

#### **Student Reflections**

This year our school did a swimming program at G.D.H.S and it was very successful. Every student loved it. One student said they loved it so much they want to do it every year they are here. And our teacher Ms. Whitehead said: "Wow the kids had so much fun!!!!"

By Charlie Winser and Matthew Bowman.

### ***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.



## Taekwondo

Once again this year all our students from Kindergarten to grade 5 will have the opportunity to participate in a Taekwondo program at the school alongside 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 weeks during the school day beginning on February 4.

# January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 First Day	8	9	10	11 Pita	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Pizza	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Sub	26
27	28	29	30	31 Term 1 Milk ends		

