



Glen Williams Public School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 4—Classes Resume
 Jan. 7—French Immersion Applications going home with SK Students
 Jan. 13—Grade 1 Information Night
Jan. 20—French Immersion Information Night at George Kennedy P.S. @ 6:30pm for Grade 1 families
 Jan. 25-29—Kindergarten Registrations will be accepted
 Jan. 29—Glen Gathering @ 8:30am
 Feb. 5—French Immersion Applications Due

SCHOOL HOURS

Supervision Begins: 8:00 a.m.
 (Please do not send children to school before this time as there will be no staff on duty to supervise.)

Period 1: 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Period 2: 9:15 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.

Nutrition Break (Snack):

9:55 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

Period 3: 10:35 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.

Period 4: 11:25 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Nutrition Break (Lunch):

12:15 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.

Period 5: 12:55 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.

Period 6: 1:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.

Dismissal: 2:35 p.m.

Supervision Ends: 2:50 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Mrs. Doraty or Ms. Downton will be happy to help you.

January 2016

From the Principal's Desk...



Happy New Year to all! It did not take us too long to get back in the swing of things. The first day saw us inside all day as we experienced the first cold spell of the winter. The students are itching to be outside so please ensure they are properly dressed for the weather.

As I shared with students, this is a good time to set some personal goals. For the school we have set a lofty goal of improving our usage of Dreambox. Our usage of this learning tool is quite low compared to other schools. Please encourage your child to use this program at home, while we are doing likewise at school.

We are saddened by the departure of Ms. Downton from the office. She has accepted a position which will see her working in one location full time. We thank her for all her contributions to the school and I know that the students will miss her. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Principal:

Beverly Faulknor

Senior Secretary:

Ann Marie Doraty

Secretary:

Bailey Downton

Superintendent of Schools:

Scott Podrebarac
1-877-618-3456

Trustee:

Jeanne Grey

Attendance Line:

1-877-409-6310

Website:

glenwilliamspublicschool.weebly.com

Public Consultation: English and French as a Second Language (FSL) Programming 2015-2016

As you may be aware, the Halton District School Board is conducting a public consultation process regarding the delivery of English and French as a Second Language (FSL) programming. Public information sessions were held in October & November 2015 regarding the key issues facing the board. These sessions were videotaped and are posted on the HDSB website for your reference.

Phase I is complete and the timelines for Phase II (Public Input) are now posted on the HDSB website.

We encourage parents/guardians to participate in this process by becoming aware of the issues and providing input.

Information is posted at www.hdsb.ca. Links to the information are found on the home page under "Program & Accommodation".

We encourage all parents/guardians to provide their input.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Please remember if your child(ren) are going to be away from school due to illness, vacation, appointments etc. to call the attendance line at

1-877-409-6310.

Please try to book appointments outside of school hours.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

PREFERRED REGISTRATION JAN. 25-29/16



FULL DAY/EVERY DAY JUNIOR or SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

We look forward to welcoming your child to school!
Junior Kindergarten Children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2016 (born in 2012)
Senior Kindergarten Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2016 (born in 2011)

NOTE: If your child is currently attending school for Junior Kindergarten, you do not need to register for Senior Kindergarten.

To determine your designated home school, access our website www.hdsb.ca and click on "School Information" (school locator).

Please bring the following original documents with you to register:

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

If you are not the child's parent, or if you have sole custody, please bring proof of custody (court order). Please ensure your child is registered by February 12th, 2016.

Just call the office if you would like us to send a registration form home with your older child.



REMINDER

If you are late, please sign your child in at the office and the office staff will ensure they get to class safely. Thank you for your cooperation.



OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE 2016-2017

Halton students seeking placement at schools other than their home schools, do so by way of Optional Attendance. Applications are being accepted at your home school from:

December 1 - January 31, 2016

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 our website at www.hdsb.ca and click on Parent Info, Optional Attendance.

*Please note: Glen Williams P.S. is NOT open for optional attendance for the upcoming school year.

FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION



French Immersion Applications will be sent home January 7, 2016 with all SK students and will be due back by **February 5, 2016**. French Immersion is offered at George Kennedy P.S. **There will be an information session held at George Kennedy on Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30pm.**

2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

	2015 -2016 School Year
PA Days	February 5th April 22nd June 3rd
Winter Break	December 21st—January 1st
Family Day	February 15th
Spring Break	March 14th—March 18th
Good Friday	March 25th
Easter Monday	March 28th
Victoria Day	May 23rd
Last day of school	June 30th



WINTER IS HERE!



Please dress your child appropriately for the weather, as students have outdoor time everyday during both of their Nutrition Breaks. Please label hats, mittens, boots and snow pants, as many children's clothing is similar and easily misplaced. Packing an extra set of clothing is helpful as well as they tend to get wet in the snow.

KIDS AND STRESS



Did you know that 1 in 5 children will struggle with poor mental health? Stress is often a contributing factor. Because of this, stress is often viewed as being a bad thing; but that isn't always true. Stress is our body's natural response to life's situations; both good and bad. Stress can energize us to try new things

or to get a job done. However, problems begin when we have too much stress and we struggle to cope with everyday expectations. For children, stress can have a negative impact on their school work self-esteem, ability to communicate with others and relationships with family and friends. Recent research shows that prolonged stress in children can also affect brain development. Stress management is an important skill for children to learn and parents play a major role in helping them develop this skill.

Spend time with your children: Laughing and having fun together as a family is a great stress buster.

- **Be a good role model:** Show your children how to stay calm, even when you are feeling stressed.
- **Maintain routines as much as possible:** Morning routines get the day off to a good start while bedtime routines help kids relax. This is often the time when kids will want to chat about their day.
- **Promote a healthy lifestyle:** Healthy food, physical activity and adequate sleep helps the body cope more easily with stress.
- **Check in with your child frequently:** Ask about things that they may be worrying about.
- **Limit extra curricular activities:** Running from activity to activity creates stress on the whole family.
- **Reserve free time:** a calendar can help your family stay organized. If you are having trouble finding down time, schedule it in.
- **Teach your child stress management techniques:** There are lots of different ways to manage stress. For example deep breathing, positive self-talk, doing a fun activity such as drawing or listening to music, and using problem solving or organizational strategies are all ways that people manage stress. Help your child find a technique that will work for them.

For more information dial 311 or call Halton Region 905-825-6000 (toll free) 1-866-442-5866 to speak with a public health nurse.

INCLEMENT WEATHER & BUS CANCELLATIONS

During the winter months, inclement weather may cause the disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. In case of inclement weather, the decision to close schools and/or cancel buses is communicated beginning at **6:30am** in the following ways:

Primary Methods of Communication:

- * Halton District School Board website (www.hdsb.ca)
- * Halton Student Transportation Services (www.haltonbus.ca)
- * Telephone recording through the Board's main switchboard at 905-335-3665 and 1-877-618-3456
- * Television Stations: CHCH, CITY TV, CP24
- * AM Radio Stations: CFRB 1010 AM, CJOY 1460 AM, CHML 900 AM, CKOC 1150 AM, CHWO 740 AM, AM680NEWS, CHAM 820 AM.
- * FM Radio Stations: CHFI 98.1 FM, WAVE 94.7 FM, Y108/107.9 FM, CING 95.3 FM, CKFM 99.9 FM, KLITE 102.9 FM, CBC 99.1 FM, CIMJ 106.1 FM

Supplementary Methods of Communication:

- * The Home Notification System will email the parents of approximately 60,000 students (between 6:30 -7:30 am) . Delays are caused by limitations of external email hosts receiving our messages, spam protections, as well as other GTA boards sending messages that morning. For those reasons, the Home Notification System is supplementary to TV, radio and website communication
- * Twitter—School closures and bus cancellations will be tweeted to followers at #HaltonDSB.

It is a parent's decision whether or not they send their child to school on inclement weather days, however your child's absence must be reported to the attendance line.

Reminders for Bus Riders:

- * When bus transportation is cancelled, it is cancelled for the entire day. Parents who bring their children to school when buses are cancelled, must make arrangements to pick them up at dismissal time.
- * Pay careful attention to the bus cancellation message if your child/children travels from one zone to another for a specialized program. If your child travels into or through a zone where the transportation is cancelled, then there will be NO transportation provided for you child that day.
- * Dress warmly on cold weather days as school buses may be delayed and your child may be waiting for the bus for a longer time than usual.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please keep our students safe by following these Parking Lot safety rules:

Please be



Alert when driving and give the

Right of way to students and

Kindly stay



In the queue and

Never overtake a bus.



Go slowly.

Let's be safe and don't

Overtake a car.



Thanks for being respectful.



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