

Glen Williams School



May Newsletter



Principal's Message Choosing Books

Consider:

- ⇒ age and interest of the child
- ⇒ check the illustrations and the story line for stereotypes (e.g., sexism, racism)
- ⇒ appropriate, appealing illustrations
- ⇒ interesting text that is at or above child's reading ability
- ⇒ well designed page set up
- ⇒ patterns and predictable plot
- ⇒ issues to which students can relate
- ⇒ Canadian content and authors

Related Websites

www.memfox.com
www.trelease-on-reading.com
www.todaysparent.com

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.

Candlelight Tribute

On Thursday, May 3 2012 at 1:00 p.m., our students will participate in a Candlelight Tribute Commemorative Ceremony at the Glen Williams Cenotaph. Our students will be accompanied by Veterans, and with their support, will place a lighted LED candle in a symbolic Passing of the Torch Remembrance at the Glen Williams Cenotaph.



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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 your school. Our fundraiser!!

Glen Athletics

Volleyball News



Congratulations to both the boys' and girls' volleyball teams. Our students demonstrated great determination, commitment and fair play throughout the season. Our school teams participated in a mini league where teams from Limehouse, Joseph Gibbons, Robert Little, Harrison, MacKenzie-Smith Bennett and our school played each other. In addition, our team was entered into three tournaments. We would like to thank our coaches, Mrs. Waitson, Mr. Hancock, Mrs. Boorman, and Miss. Boreham for their commitment to our teams.

Kindergarten Orientation Evening

Parents of students who will be new to both Junior and Senior Kindergarten classes are invited to attend an orientation evening on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. The orientation will be held in the school gym. The Kindergarten teaching team will present information on considerations such as: class building, school routines, curriculum, communication, bussing, etc. Please join us!

Calendar/Events

Upcoming events in May can be viewed on the Glen Williams website for you to track. Check back weekly on the 'Calendar' page as new events are being added!

Dressing For School



We are hopeful that warm weather will arrive in the not too distant future. When it does, students are reminded to wear proper attire. Clothing should be safe, comfortable and appropriate. That means that shoulders and midriffs are covered. Hats should be worn outside for protection but are to be removed when students enter the school.

Clothing should not advertise or have any logos that promote inappropriate messages. The principal shall determine the appropriateness of a clothing item should a dispute arise.

Please Don't Idle At School



Our students and staff are working hard to be an Environmentally Friendly School. You can help. If you need to stop and park for a minute or so, please turn off your car engine. Ten seconds of idling uses more fuel than restarting the car. It also contributes to the emissions of greenhouse gas as an idling car produces twice the exhaust fumes as a moving one. Idling is also hard on the engine as it is not performing at its peak temperature. Many thanks for your efforts to maintain an Environmentally Friendly school (Eco-school).

Tell Us About Teaching and Learning in Halton Schools: School Effectiveness Survey 2012

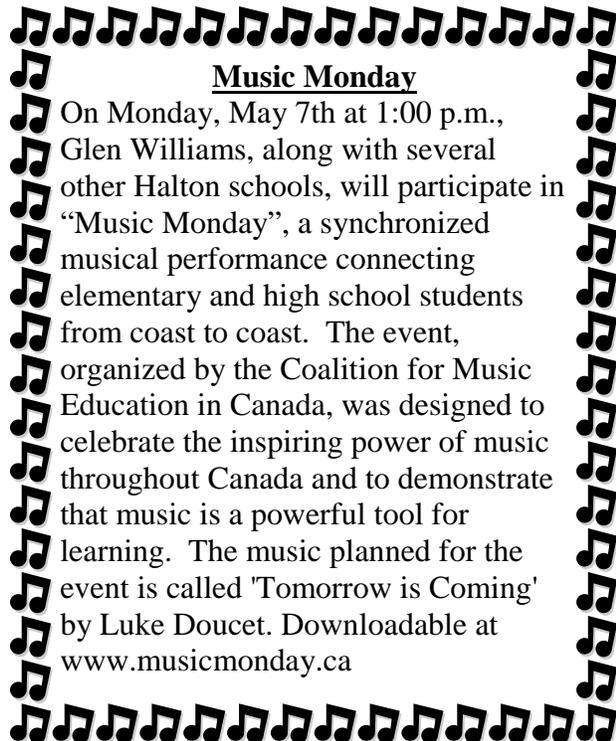
This spring, all teaching staff, other school staff and parents will once again be invited to complete *School Effectiveness Surveys*. The results of the survey provide important data, which is used to shape system and school effectiveness planning to improve student learning.

The survey will be available at www.hdsb.ca from April 16th – May 18th, 2012.

Parents may complete the survey on-line from wherever Internet access is available (home, work, or at your child's school). If you do not have Internet access, please discuss alternatives with your child's administrator.

No additional information is required to complete the Parent Survey. Simply access the Halton District School Board website at www.hdsb.ca. Go to the "Parent Info" page and click on the survey link to begin.

Further information is available through your child's school or the Research Department, Halton District School Board at (905) 335-3665, ext. 3280.



Music Monday

On Monday, May 7th at 1:00 p.m., Glen Williams, along with several other Halton schools, will participate in "Music Monday", a synchronized musical performance connecting elementary and high school students from coast to coast. The event, organized by the Coalition for Music Education in Canada, was designed to celebrate the inspiring power of music throughout Canada and to demonstrate that music is a powerful tool for learning. The music planned for the event is called 'Tomorrow is Coming' by Luke Doucet. Downloadable at www.musicmonday.ca

Are You Moving?



If you know that you will be moving over the summer and your child(ren) will be changing schools for September 2012, please contact Mrs. Doraty at school. We will soon be organizing for next year and this information will help us.

May Glen Gathering

The next Glen Gathering will be hosted on Friday, May 25 at 8:30 a.m. This is a "A" Day for Kindergarten children. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tribes Agreements

Tribes Agreement - Attentive Listening

Attentive listening is a gift to be given. It depends upon:

- Acknowledging the person who is speaking with full attention and eye contact.
- Withholding one's own comments, opinions, and need to talk at the time.
- Paraphrasing key words to encourage the speaker and to let them know they have been heard.
- Affirming through body language that the speaker is being heard.
- Paying attention not only to the words but also to the feelings behind the words.



Centennial Open House

Centennial Middle School is hosting an Open House for the parents of our grade-five students who will be attending there in September. The Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20th at 5:00 p.m. The students will also have another opportunity to visit the school and listen to a presentation on Wednesday, May 23rd in the morning.

Self-Defense Classes

Our students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 will have an opportunity to receive instruction in martial arts during the month of May. This program helps to support our Daily Physical Activity requirements for our students. The instruction is provided, free of charge, by certified instructors from Ayensu's Tae Kwon Do school. Classes will have the opportunity to participate once a week over a four-week period.

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. **Please Note:** food and drinks will be available for purchase between 5:00pm and 7:00pm.

Ontario Fun Passes

The Online Fun Pass is back for 2012, featuring great offers from some of Ontario's sizzling summer attractions.

Valid June 30 – November 2, 2012**

Starting in early June, please go online to www.ontariofunpass.com and enter your name, email address and school name – and your coupons will be ready to download and print. It's that easy. Get ready to start your summer of fun today!

Note: The Halton District School Board assumes no responsibility for any activities occurring in connection to the Fun Pass, nor for any mishap or injury incurred by any person visiting one of the participating Ontario provincial attractions. No person or group may claim to be sponsored by the Halton District School Board when using the Fun Pass.

Parking Lot Concerns



Reminder:

As I am sure you are aware, our parking lot space is very tight at Glen Williams. We have many cars and busses trying to negotiate their way around and we have children and parents walking to school and then home again. This all makes for a busy lot. To help alleviate congestion and to ensure the safety of our children, I encourage parents to park off school property when dropping off and/or picking up their child. Parents can then accompany their children onto or off the school grounds. Furthermore, I am asking that all drivers follow the correct entry and exit signs and procedures. Entry to and exit from the parking lot must be through the appropriate areas only. **No one should be backing in to the exit area.** Thank you for keeping our children safe within the confines of the parking lot.

Community Shred-It Event

Don't make your trash an identity thief's treasure...
dispose of household documents safely and securely.

Saturday May 12, 2012

10 am - 2 pm

Donation of \$10 / bag or \$15 / bankers box

Locations:

Georgetown Market Place (North west lot in front of Winners/Homesense)

Burlington Mall (North parking lot near The Bay)

Oakville Place (South west parking lot near The Bay)

Milton Mall (North west parking lot beside Zellers)

Event organized by Crime Stoppers of Halton, in partnership with the Halton Regional Police Service and Shred-it

Middle of the Week?

Feeling Tired?

Don't want to make dinner?

Then bring your family to our Glen Williams School Community Night at

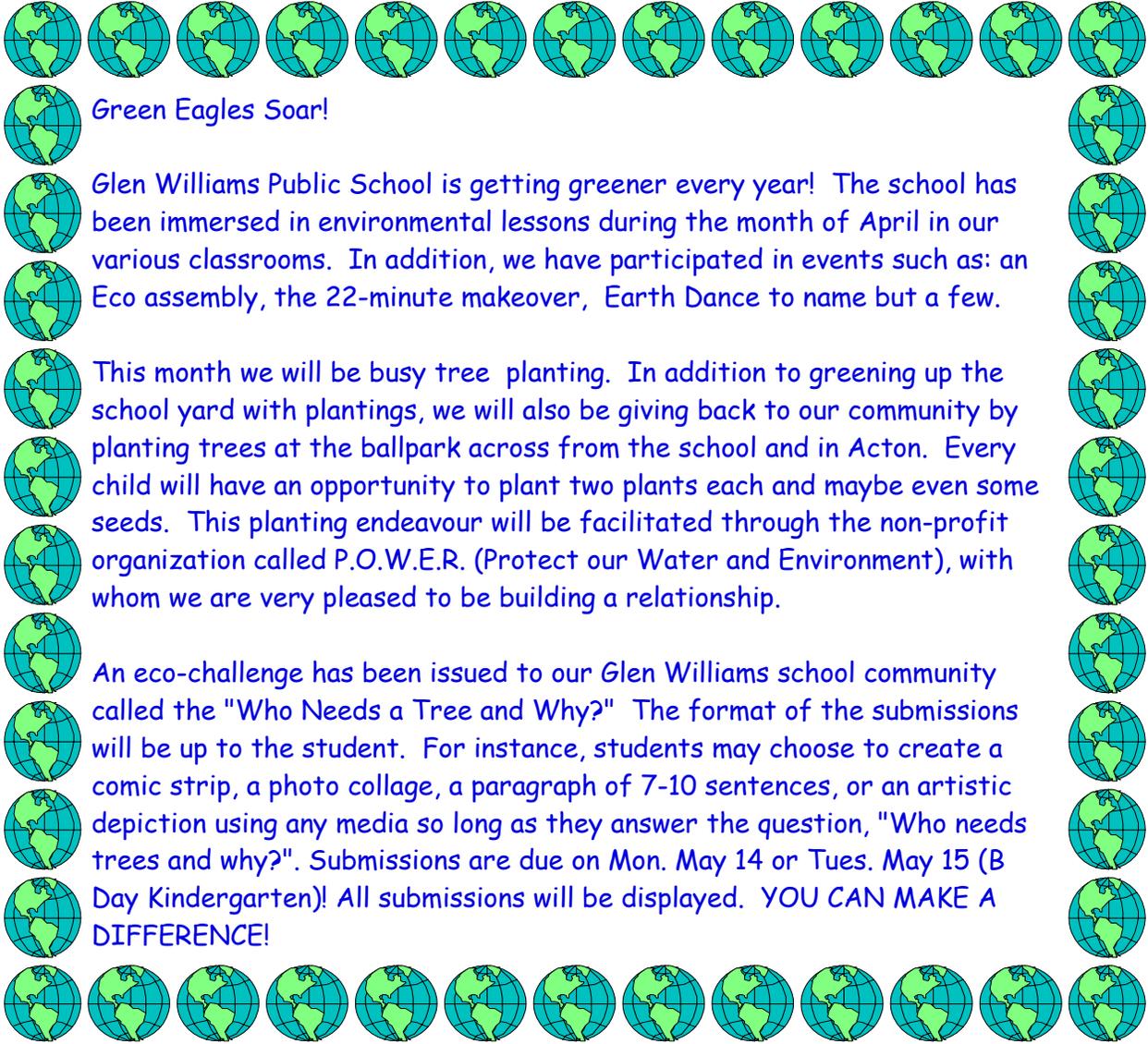
Boston Pizza!

Come and join us on Wednesday May 2nd from 5-8 pm at Boston Pizza in Georgetown.

10% from every receipt will be given back to the school.

Students can wear their Spirit Wear/Glen Clothing and the school receives 15% from every receipt.

Look for some familiar faces from the school who may be helping to serve your table!!!



Green Eagles Soar!

Glen Williams Public School is getting greener every year! The school has been immersed in environmental lessons during the month of April in our various classrooms. In addition, we have participated in events such as: an Eco assembly, the 22-minute makeover, Earth Dance to name but a few.

This month we will be busy tree planting. In addition to greening up the school yard with plantings, we will also be giving back to our community by planting trees at the ballpark across from the school and in Acton. Every child will have an opportunity to plant two plants each and maybe even some seeds. This planting endeavour will be facilitated through the non-profit organization called P.O.W.E.R. (Protect our Water and Environment), with whom we are very pleased to be building a relationship.

An eco-challenge has been issued to our Glen Williams school community called the "Who Needs a Tree and Why?" The format of the submissions will be up to the student. For instance, students may choose to create a comic strip, a photo collage, a paragraph of 7-10 sentences, or an artistic depiction using any media so long as they answer the question, "Who needs trees and why?". Submissions are due on Mon. May 14 or Tues. May 15 (B Day Kindergarten)! All submissions will be displayed. **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Lost and Found

Due to Fire Code restrictions and regulations, our "Lost and Found" box is now located in the gym equipment room. All items will be displayed in the front foyer area the last Friday of each month from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Students and parents may look for missing items at these times. Parents may check for lost items at any time. All personal items should be clearly labeled with your child's name to ensure their return if lost. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of June.

Wednesday, May 2	Boston Pizza Fundraiser 5:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday May 3	Candlelight Tribute Commemorative Ceremony
Thursday May 3	Student of Excellence Iroquois Ridge High School
Friday, May 4	Pita Day
Friday, May 11	Pizza Day
Tuesday, May 15	Parent Council Meeting 6:30pm
Friday, May 18	Pita Day
Wednesday May 23	Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday May 23	Grade 5 visit to Centennial
Thursday May 24	Lamb Junior Relays
Friday, May 25	Glen Gathering at 8:30am and Pizza Day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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