



Glen Williams Public School

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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.todayparent.com



V. Cundari, Principal

Candlelight Tribute

On Thursday, May 2 2013 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



Parent Council Meeting

Everyone is cordially invited to our May Parent Council meeting. We will be meeting on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 in the staff room.

Principal - Mr. V. Cundari
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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.

Lunchtime Emergency Snacks

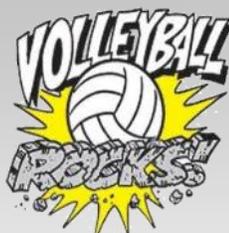
From time to time students forget to bring their lunch and the school is unable to contact their parents requesting a lunch be delivered before lunchtime. On these occasions, we're usually able to provide an adequate lunch from a small supply of food kept in the office as part of the Healthy Snack Program. Please tell your children that the food in the office is for emergency purposes only and that they are not to come to the office requesting food just because they don't like the lunch provided by their parents on a particular day.



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 29 at 7:00 p.m. The orientation will be held in the school gym. Please join us!

Volleyball News



Congratulations to both the boys' and girls' volleyball teams. Our students demonstrated great determination, commitment and fair play at the Silver Creek tournament held on April 30. Our school team participated in a mini tournament where teams from Joseph Gibbons, Silver Creek and our school played each other. We would like to thank our volunteer coaches Mrs. Brabant, Mr. Francis and Mr. Muscat for their commitment to our teams.



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.



Moving???



If you know you'll be moving over the summer and your son or daughter will not be returning to Glen Williams for the September 2013-2014 school year, please contact Mrs. Doraty at school. We will soon be organizing for next year and this information will help us.

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).

Music Monday

On Monday, May 6th 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 'Is Somebody Singing' lyrics by Ed Robertson & Chris Hadfield. Downloadable at www.musicmonday.ca



'Tell Them From Me' Parent Survey 2013 is up and running

Board invites students, staff and parents to complete survey about school effectiveness

Beginning April 17 through to May 17, 2013, parents/guardians with children in the Halton District School Board are invited to complete the 'Tell Them From Me' Parent Survey.

The Board is asking for feedback about issues related to school effectiveness such as learning opportunities; communication; school culture and climate. The results of the survey provide important data, which are used to shape system and school effectiveness planning to improve student learning. Students and staff will complete the 'Tell Them From Me' Survey at school. Parents may complete their survey online from wherever Internet access is available. If parents do not have Internet access, they are asked to discuss alternatives with their child's school administrator.

An invitation and link to complete the survey was emailed to parents/guardians.

Contact Frank Nezavdal, Department of Research and Accountability, with any questions at 905-335-3663 Ext. 3381 or by e-mail: nezavdalf@hdsb.ca. If you have any difficulties with the survey please contact the Information Centre at 905-333-4372 (HDSB) or 1-888-432-4372 (HDSB), Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or by e-mail: informationcentre@hdsb.ca



Tribes Agreements

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 12th at 5:30 p.m.** The students will tour Centennial on May 29 at 8:30am and then also have an opportunity to visit the school and listen to a presentation on Thursday, June 20th as part of their transition process.



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 Organization. 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:

Organization

- I will have the tools I need to do my work ready to go.
- I will use my time wisely.
- I will keep my desk and work books neat and tidy.



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 6. 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.



Parking Lot Concerns

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.



ALS WALK

The Acton/Georgetown ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Walk will take place on June 1st this year at CTK High School and Dominion Gardens Park. Over \$700,000.00 has been raised to fund research and equipment support for local families coping with ALS. ALS is a motor neuron disease that gradually robs a person of his/her ability to walk, use their hands, talk and swallow eventually causing death. There is no cure to date although research is ongoing. There are several families in our community currently living with ALS.



**6th Annual
PIC Conference**

Parents/guardians are invited to attend the 6th annual PIC Conference on

**Saturday, October 19, 2013
8:00 a.m – 2:30 p.m.**

M.M. Robinson High School
(2425 Upper Middle Rd., Burlington L/P 3N9)

**Key Note Speaker: Michael Reist
Raising Emotionally Healthy Children**

Registration opens in August
<http://registrations.ldsb.ca/picreg/>

Free child-minding available on request.

For more information contact Denise Pearson at
905-335-3665 ext. 3507 or pearsonde@ldsbc.ca.





Green Eagles Soar



It's
**Good
to Be
Green**

"GREEN" INITIATIVES"

As part of Earth Week in late April, GW students participated in the 22-minute makeover. Armed with garbage bags, donning gloves and, at times, even braving wet weather, we were able to clean up the school yard and neighbouring community area! We have also added mulch to our Berry Planting (near the primary doors) and given our trees in the school backyard an overdue mulching to help with protection and moisture. The month of May holds additional promises of planting such as the addition of shade tree(s) and gardening opportunities. Thanks again for your diligence in sending litter-free lunches as it can be quite challenging as a consumer faced with so much over-packaging!

Lost & Found

All items will be displayed in the front foyer area the last Friday of each month. 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.



BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Summer is just around the corner and it is important to remember that a change in season brings with it a whole new set of safety concerns.

If you plan to bike this summer, remember these simple safety tips:

- Make sure someone knows where you are
- Wear reflective gear at night
- Drive in the direction of traffic
- Never ride two on a bicycle



**Friends
don't let
Friends
Ride without a
Helmet**

Give proper hand signals and obey all traffic signs

By law, all bicycles must have a bell or a horn, a white or amber front light and a red light or reflector. Ride safely and always wear a helmet. Helmets should touch the head at the front, back, sides and crown and should cover the forehead just above the brow line. The straps should be snug and the helmet shouldn't move when you shake your head.

Avoid the risk of having your bicycle stolen by locking it when leaving it unattended in the schoolyard, shopping plaza or any other location. By observing a few safety rules and common-sense precautions, this biking season will provide you with a lifetime of precious moments. ENJOY!

May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2  Candlelight Tribute Student of Excellence Evening 	3 Sub Day (A day) 	4
5	6 Music Monday 1:00 p.m.  Healthy Snack 	7	8	9	10 Pizza Day (B day) 	11
12	13	14 Healthy Snack 	15 Volunteer Tea 	16	17 Pita Day (A day) 	18
19	20 Victoria Day 	21 Healthy Snack 	22	23	24 Pizza Day (A day) 	25
26	27 Healthy Snack 	28	29 Grade 5's To Centennial  7:00pm Kindergarten Orientation	30	31 Sub Day (B day) 	