



# Glen Williams Public School

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## Newsletter - November 2013



### *Reading with Expression*

We can do many things with our voices to keep our listeners engaged. Six of these seven vocal gymnastics are contrasts: loud and soft, fast and slow, and high and low.

And we can "p-a-u-s-e."

A loud or soft voice can be used to emphasize certain parts or to differentiate characters' voices.

A slow voice is best used for the darkest moments in a book.

A fast voice, needless to say is for the speedier parts of a text, or for any other section filled with excitement and drama.

The high voice, as with the fast voice, can also be used in moments of great excitement or drama.

Low voices are terrific for frightening parts of a story or for voices that should be low, like the voices of pirates or giants.

The pause can be a great effect used before a dramatic mood change in the story or if there is an obvious pause in a character's speech.

Mr. V. Cundari - Principal

### **Parent Council Meeting**

Everyone is cordially invited to our November Parent Council meeting. We will be meeting on Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30 in the staffroom.

### **Inclement Weather**

Halton District School Board

We have experienced the usual variety of Autumn weather so far this year; some wet, some dry, some cool and some warm. However, the arrival of winter weather is inevitable and should the weather be so inclement that it affects the operation of schools and/or busses, parents need to be ready. The Halton District School Board will post bus and school cancellations on the web site [www.hdsb.ca](http://www.hdsb.ca). The Board endeavors to have this information posted by 6:30 a.m. This information will also be available through local radio and television stations.

If you hear that busses for the Halton District School Board have been cancelled, the school will remain open but parents will be responsible for dropping off and picking up their children by 8:15 a.m. and 2:35 p.m. respectively.

Should school be closed after students have arrived, parents will be notified via a school-wide mass e-mail. We will then wait for all students to be picked up from school.

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### ***Important: Reminder of Dismissal Procedures***

As all or most of you know, our school consists of one hallway where, at dismissal time, some 240 students must prepare to leave for the day. Students are busy changing into outdoor shoes (boots in a month, oh no!!) and putting their homework and agendas into their backpacks. We also have the grade 5 Kinder-guardians who must come from the other end of the hall to collect our Kindergarten friends and escort them to the busses. Thus, the corridors are crowded at this time of day and we are attempting to reduce the number of people in the hallways to facilitate a safe exit for the students.

**It is thus extremely important that the hallway be kept clear at dismissal time.**

For safety and security, parents of students in grades 1-5 are asked to wait outside the school, at the junior doors, at the end of the day to pick up their children. Kindergarten parents are asked to pick up their children outside the primary doors. As well, strollers and other large items should be parked outside as our hallways are not big enough to accommodate them. However, if you need your child/children dismissed before the bell, please see Mrs. Doraty who will call down to the classroom and have the child/children meet you in the foyer area. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### ***Reporting***

***Progress Report Cards*** will go home on Monday, November 18th. The report describes a student's progress up to this point in the year. Parents are encouraged to always communicate with teachers to discuss their child's progress.

The purpose of the progress report card conference is to examine student work that relates to your child's learning goals and demonstrates his/her application of the learning skills. Through collaborative discussions your child will set learning goals and next steps and develop an action plan. A copy of the goals and action plan will be sent home after the conference.

Parents will have an opportunity to meet with teachers on Thursday, November 21st and Friday, November 22nd. Alternate arrangements can be made if these dates are not convenient.

Kindergarten teachers will contact parents to discuss the reporting process for their students.

### ***Glen Gathering***

Our November Glen Gathering is scheduled for Friday, November 29 at 8:30am. This is an 'A' day for our kindergarten friends. Everyone is welcome!!

### ***Remembrance Day***



The Glen Williams Choir has begun to practice. The students are rehearsing every Tuesday. The choir will perform at the Glen Williams Remembrance Day Assembly. Community members are welcome to join us on Monday, November 11th at 10:45 a.m. in the gymnasium for this special occasion.

### ***Parent Council Executive***

Congratulations to the following people as they were acclaimed to the Parent Council positions below for the 2013/2014 school year.

- Chair - Sheri Binsell
- Co-Chair - Lisa Gombocz
- Treasurer - Tracey Bastedo
- Secretary - Joanne Collier



### *Movie Night*

The first Glen Williams Movie Night of this year will take place on Friday, November 15th. Come out with your family and enjoy a great evening. Participants will have an opportunity to enjoy pizza and other food at 6:00 p.m. before they settle in to watch "Planes". Students are encouraged to bring sleeping bags and pillows to create a cozy viewing area. Order forms will be sent home soon.

### *Scholastic Book Fair*

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to Glen Williams from November 26 to November 28. On November 27th, the book fair will run until 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you to support our Book Fair as a large portion is donated back to our library.

Thank you,  
Mme. Waitson, Teacher-Librarian

### *Picture Re-Take*

Please note on your calendar that picture re-take day will be Thursday, November 14th.

The photographer hopes to have all re-take pictures back before the Christmas Break.

### *Trade and Save*

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> is the date for this year's Trade and Save! Each student may bring in **ONE or TWO** gently used items such as: board games, puzzles, books, action figures, dolls, stuffed animals, cars/trucks, DVDs, video games, building sets etc. on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Each class will go down to the gym to place their item(s) on the appropriate table. When all items have been accumulated in the gym, classes are brought down to select what they would like to take home (one item brought in = one item to take home). Students receive a new item, the old item is enjoyed by someone new and items don't end up in the land fill. Help us be eco-friendly on December 6<sup>th</sup> by re-using your unwanted "toys".

### *Mabel's Labels Reminder*

Glen Williams Public School is continuing to run a fundraiser with Mabel's Labels! Please visit: <http://www.glenwilliams.mabel.ca> to place your order and support our fundraiser!!

### *Terry Fox Run*

The Terry Fox run took place on Thursday, September 26th. Again, we had great weather. Students, teachers and parents ran or walked the course across the street at the park. We would like to thank Ms. Dupuis and Ms. Nowack and the parent volunteers who ran such a successful event. Together, as a community, we raised over \$2100.00 for this extremely worthy cause.

Thank you everyone!!



### Reading Strategies

Over the next several months, I will be sending along reading strategies that are part of the All Star Reading concept. Share/try these to help support student literacy skills (if appropriate).

#### Check out the book:

This involves reinforcing the understanding of how to approach a book (eg. Where is the front cover? Where is the title? Where is the back cover? Where do you open the book to start?). Pass the book to the child and ask them to show you the parts of the book.

#### Which way do you go:

Readers need to recognize where to start when a book is opened. They need to know that it is the print that they will be interpreting or reading and that the message goes from left to right on the page. Finger pointing/following the words is beneficial for young readers. If the student is reluctant to finger follow, try putting a mini sticker on the child's following finger to encourage proper tracking.

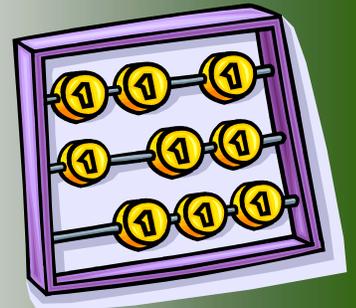
### MATH NIGHT

Is Math homework frustrating you? Would you like some information on how to help your child? Then come join us on Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30pm in the gym to see what and how the children are learning math and how you can help at home.

Child-minding will be provided.

Note: this is for PARENTS only.

More info to follow.



### *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 Responsibility. 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:

I will work hard to get my work done.

I will do my best work.

I will return homework and notes on time.



### TVOKids Homework Zone

Homework Zone is a TVO segment that invites students to call or email questions to a teacher who provides answers, solutions and tips on air. The focus of the segment is on literacy, math and science, and an archive of the videos is made available online for students, parents and educators.



### New Online Reporting Tool

On November 18, 2013, the Halton District School Board will launching its new online reporting tool for students to report bullying behaviours. This reporting tool will allow students to confidentially report incidents of bullying behaviours directly to the principal and vice principal. Students are still encouraged to talk to an administrator or a trusting adult at school to report incidents of bullying and not feel this is the only method of reporting available to them.

The reporting tool was developed with input from several stakeholder groups including student focus groups, members of the Safe Schools Advisory team and administrators, in addition to consultation with other school boards who have developed similar reporting tools. The tool will be live on individual school websites on Monday, Nov. 18, which coincides with Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week Nov. 18-22, 2013.

Students may access the reporting tool from a computer or mobile device through your school website by clicking on this icon,. This will link to an online form they will complete. Once submitted, the form is sent directly to the principal/vice principal's inbox. The principal will then investigate and respond to the incident to ensure students feel safe and receive the most appropriate support.



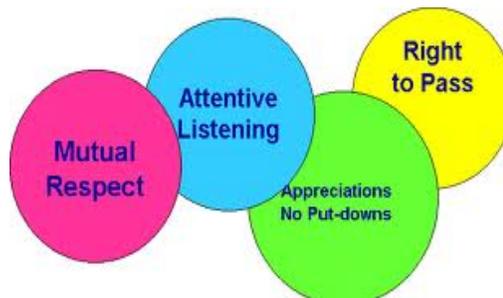
Glen Williams P.S. is a TRIBES school. This means we are a learning community where students, teachers, administrator and parents all enjoy the mutual respect and caring essential for growth and learning. Your child will be learning about the positive TRIBES Community Agreements (see below) and they are expected to try their best to "live by" this caring process each day.

Attentive Listening- means listening with your eyes, your ears and your heart.

Appreciation/No Put Downs- means using kind, complimentary, encouraging words to address and recognize each other.

Right to Pass- means that a person has a right to choose the extent of the involvement that he or she will share personal feelings or information when involved in an activity.

4. Mutual Respect- means that everyone considers and honours an individual's cultural values, beliefs and needs. It means respect for oneself and for the privacy and property of others.



Hi There,

Thanksgiving has come and gone. Time for some reflection. Not only am I thankful to live in Glen Williams, but I am also very proud to be a resident of this incredible community of wonderful people. I have never lived in a place where the people care so much for one another and take the time to consider helping their neighbours with both big and small challenges that may come their way. There are so many remarkable Glen stories of how others have offered a strong back, a place to stay, a warm meal, financial assistance, a listening ear (the list is endless) to a neighbour in need. Someday, we should have a party celebrating all the generous acts of kindness that go on here in Glen Williams. Anyway, in that vein, something you may not know, is that every Tuesday, a group of your neighbours gather to help out with Food For Life. What is Food For Life? Well, since you asked.....

Food for Life (FFL) is a food recovery organization that was founded in 1995. Seven days a week, they collect surplus perishable food (baked goods, fruit and vegetables, prepared foods, dairy and meat) from grocery stores, restaurants and the corporate food sector in the Halton region. They deliver this food the same day to over 50 community social service organizations and to 36 outreach programs in low-income neighbourhoods in Oakville, Burlington, Milton, Georgetown and Acton. FFL bridges the gap between social assistance and living costs by providing nutritious perishable food to families on a weekly basis, and helps over 20,000 individuals per month in the Halton Region. If you want to learn more check out <http://www.foodforlife.ca>

Just an FYI - Charity Intelligence's, an independent charity rating organization, research and analysis on Canadian charities to help donors make their own giving decisions, has rated FFL 3<sup>rd</sup> of all the food directed charities in Canada. St. Alban's and St. John's Churches distribute food to the greatest number of people in need right here in our own backyard! They provide food to almost 200 people every week. Most of them are families with children. St. Alban's has gone even further to supplement the food provided, by starting community gardens (you can see them at the back of the church) which enables them to provide a bounty of fresh grown produce to those in need. Talk about putting the 100 mile diet into practise. Way to go St. Alban's!

So here's the reason I'm telling you all of this. Our Glen Williams Food For Life program needs some fresh volunteers. The job entails receiving, sorting and packing boxes of food and then making deliveries on Tuesday afternoons from approx. 1:00–3:30pm. All deliveries are within the GGWA. (Greater Glen Williams Area. Passports not required for deliveries to Norval, no matter what Ernie Dawson tells you.) Whether you are able to come every week or once every 2 or 3 we need your help. If you are only interested in doing the deliveries for an hour we still need your help. Please contact Aaron+ for more information. [mailto:rector\\_saintalban@cogeco.net](mailto:rector_saintalban@cogeco.net)

So that's it for today. If you have a couple of hours to spare once a month (or more), get in touch with Aaron at St. Alban's. He would be very happy to put you on the schedule.

Thanks for taking the time to consider this worthwhile effort.

All the best,

Janet

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Jungle Sports Special Lunch (B day) Pizza	2
3	4 Bowling (Gr.4-5) Healthy Snack	5 Parent Council 6:30	6 Swimming (Gr. 1-3)	7	8 Special Lunch(A Day) Sub	9
10	11 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 	12 Health Snack	13 Swimming (Gr. 1-3) Scientist in the School/Dairy Presentations (Kindergarten)	14 Picture retake day Scientist in the School/Dairy Presentations (Kindergarten)	15 Special Lunch (B Day) Pita Movie Night	16
17	18 Bowling (Gr.4-5) Progress Reports Coming Home Healthy Snack	19	20 Swimming (Gr. 1-3)	21 Student-Led Conferencing (Evening)	22 PA Day Student-Led Conferencing (Day)	23
24	25 Bowling (Gr.4-5)	26 Book Fair Healthy Snack	27 Swimming (Gr. 1-3) Book Fair	28 Book Fair	29 (A Day) Pizza Glen Gathering 8:30 Oral Hygiene Program (Kindergarten)	30 