

Glen Williams School



October Newsletter



Principal's Message

I would like to thank everyone who made our Community Night a successful event. Students had an opportunity to introduce their parents to their teachers, and to share some of the exciting initiatives underway in the classrooms. Many thanks to Mrs. Cullen for her circuit training workout and demonstration to all the students, staff and parents who participated and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Parents who have questions or would like to discuss their child's progress are welcome to contact teachers to organize a meeting.

Student drop offs and pickups are going fairly smoothly in the parking lot. We continue to encourage more students to walk/bike to school as it provides many benefits. Students get exercise, pollution is reduced and less traffic in and around the school creates a safer environment for everyone. If you are driving your child/children to school, please quickly drop them off at the appointed zones (Junior doors, Kindergarten area). Any parents who need to enter the school should park on the road or across the street since parking spaces for staff have been reduced due to construction. In addition, the driveway has to be kept clear for busses and emergency vehicles.

V. Cundari - Principal



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Adult Lunch Monitors Needed

We are in need of lunch monitors to supervise students for one hour from 12:00 – 1:00 daily. Fulltime or part time is available. This is a paid position. If you are interested, please call Mr. Cundari for details.

GREEN EAGLES UPDATE

Congratulations to Glen Williams students, staff and families for helping us again achieve a "Gold EcoSchool Certification" for the 2013/2014 school year! The 2014/2015 Green Eagles Club is newly forming and is in the recruitment stages for interested **green Grade 3, 4, and 5 students**. Reflecting back to the end of last year, we would like to formally thank Conservation Halton for their generous donation of a shade tree to help with our school yard greening. We would also like to express our appreciation for all of the support and donations from the Halton Peel Biodiversity Team with our 100 native tree planting, monarch butterfly planting donations and the development and implementation of our first annual Biodiversity Festival. To celebrate and further our learning on biodiversity, the students learned about native, non-native and invasive species, birds of prey, garlic mustard identification and removal, and birds of prey through an assembly followed by hands-on stations.

International Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 8, 2014. Visit our Green Eagles table for a sign-in, congratulatory sticker and surprise draw. Happy walking!

Waste Reduction Week is Oct. 20-26. Green Eagles are challenging families to pack daily waste-free lunches all year round. Think containers and re-usable water bottles. Think buying bulk. No more wrappers in the garbage cans! Litter-free lunches create less waste AND they're usually healthier too! Carry re-usable shopping bags in your car and donate old clothing/household items to charity!

Spirit Day

Thursday, October 9 is a Spirit Day. In keeping with our construction themed school year, I am designating this Spirit Day as Crazy "Construction" Hat Day. If your child does not have access to a "construction" hat, any hat will do. Hats can also be decorated and "constructed" hats from home are more than acceptable. I personally will be checking the Dollar Stores.

Pediculosis

Head lice can become a problem at this time of year. Should your child be sent home with a case of pediculosis, treat it. There are a number of treatments available and assistance is available through the pharmacy or We Care. In order to decrease the ongoing re-infection of other students in the school, parents of students sent home with an active case of pediculosis will be asked to have their child rechecked by a We Care Home Health Services' nurse. Call 905 545-2273 or 1-866-577-4499 and a receptionist will direct you to the nearest school where re-checks are taking place. Please do not call Glen Williams as we do not have the We Care schedule. Once inspected by a nurse, if the head is clear of lice, you will receive a written form signed by the nurse which indicates that your child may return to school. If you prefer, you may have your child's head checked by a medical practitioner and present the medical practitioner's letter that the head is clear of live lice, eggs and nits to the school for re-entry. The parent is responsible for any costs in this regard. Please

Choir News

This year, Mrs. Milne will start choir on Tuesday, October 7 during the second nutrition break from 12:25-12:55 pm. It will be open to all grade 2 to 5 students and our first performance will be at the Remembrance Day assembly at 11:00 am on Tuesday, November 11. We will meet every Tuesday in the gym.

Let's Explore Math! Activities for the Home

Mathematics is everywhere, and every day is filled with opportunities to help children experience it. The following activities are designed for home use so that you and your child can explore math and have fun at the same time. They are reproduced from the U.S. Department of Education publication, *Helping Your Child Learn Math*, and are available online at: www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Math/

Fill It Up Grades K-2

Materials: a measuring cup, 4 glasses of equal size and water

What to do:

1. Pour water at different levels ($\frac{1}{3}$ cup, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup and 1 cup) in each glass. Put the glasses next to each other. Ask your child: Are all the water levels the same or different?
2. Ask your child questions to encourage comparison, estimation, and thinking about measurement. Which glass has more water? Which has less?
3. Pour more water into one of the glasses to make it equal to the amount of water in another glass. Move the glasses around so that the glasses that have the same amount of water are not next to each other. Ask your child: Which glasses do you think have the same amount of water?
4. As your child begins to understand more, do activities using different-shaped containers that hold the same amount of substance (water, rice, and popcorn kernels). This helps your child see comparisons, as well as the various capacities of different-sized and shaped containers.

Mental health and well-being is everyone's responsibility

The Halton District School Board has produced a mental health video for parents and guardians as part of its strategy to improve awareness and promote positive mental health and well-being. The two-minute video is linked from the main page of the Board's website at www.hdsb.ca (Mental Health and Well-being) as well as posted on *YouTube* and on *HDSB TV* for staff.

JungleSports For Parents

As promised in the September newsletter, a parent evening where moms and dads can come see what your kids are raving about and show your own climbing prowess has been set up. The session will run on Wednesday, October 15 from 6:30-7:30.



IMPORTANT: REMINDER OF DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

As all or most of you know, our school consists of one hallway where at dismissal time some 230 kids 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 Kindergarten guardians who must come from the other end of the hall to collect our Kindergarten friends and escort them to the buses. Thus, the corridors are crowded at this time of day and we are looking to reduce the amount 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(ren) dismissed before the bell, please see Mrs. Doraty who will call down to the classroom and have the child(ren) meet you in the foyer area. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Anaphylaxis Protocol

There are students in our school who are highly allergic to nut and dairy products. We have developed a Protocol to reduce risks and to establish emergency procedures should they ever be necessary. We ask for your cooperation in remaining diligent when sending food to school for lunches, etc. In addition, please consult with your child's teacher if you want to send in food to be shared among classmates.

Parent Council Meeting

Everyone is cordially invited to our first Parent Council meeting of the year. We will be meeting on Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30pm in the gym. A representative from the school board will be present to speak to the construction project and answer questions.

Glen Gathering

Our October Glen Gathering is scheduled for Friday, October 24 at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome!!

Cross Country

Congratulations to the Cross Country Team, which consists of a total of 60 runners in grades 3, 4 and 5. Our athletes trained hard this fall and participated at the Cedarville Park meet, a community event organized by the Optimist Club. Glen William's athletes represented the school with determination and pride. On September 29, the team attended another meet at Sherwood Forest in Burlington. Our athletes performed exceptionally well and more importantly demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations on an outstanding season! Thank you to our coach Mrs. Boorman for her support and dedication.



Information about the Swim Program

The Town of Halton Hills has certified lifeguards who are also certified instructors providing the swim lessons. The ratio of lifeguards to children depends on the number of students going and parents/teachers etc, in the pool. Less able swimmers have smaller groups and there are no more than 10 to 1 in the more able groups. Children are assessed on the first day and put into proper classes. Children are bussed to the Georgetown District High School swimming pool. Children will need to bring towels and bathing suits. Extra adults assist in the organization of bathing suits and towels for children. Parents can also go into the water to assist if they would like to help. Parents must have a police check on file at the school. Students are encouraged to wear their swim suits to school on those days as this would reduce the amount of time spent changing into their swim gear.

Library Update

With the delay of the renovations/construction to the school and one of the kindergarten classes being housed in the library, a mobile library is being set up. We are hopeful to have the mobile library operational by the end of October.

Thank you for your patience.

Madame Waitson

Teacher-Librarian

Tribes Agreements

APPRECIATION/NO PUTDOWNS - This particular agreement allows you to treat others kindly; to state appreciation for unique qualities, gifts, skills and contributions; to avoid negative remarks, name-calling, hurtful gestures and behaviours.

2014 Swim Schedule

Wednesdays October 22 – November 26

Georgetown District High School (swimming pool)

Session 1

Grade 1/2 MBF

Grade 3/4 SW (only the 3's)

Grade 2/3 RD

8:45 – 9:25 swimming



Session 2

Grade 1 KM

Grade 3 KB

9:30-10:10 swimming

Mabel's Labels

Glen Williams school is once again running a fundraiser with Mabel's Labels! Please visit www.Glenwilliams.mabel.ca

to place your order and support our fundraiser!!

Progress Report Card Conference

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. You will be invited to a conference to provide an opportunity for you, your child and the teacher(s) to discuss his/her learning to date. 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. Look for a memo coming home about setting conference times to meet with your child's teacher.

Lost and Found

Our “lost and found” box is located in the gym equipment room. All items will be displayed in the front foyer area the last Friday of each month from 8:00am until 5:00pm. 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 in December, March and June.

READING – HOME STRATEGIES – TIPS FOR PARENTS

Read to your children in a variety of ways – a book at night, newspaper stories, recipes, mail, directions, street signs, e-mails, traffic signs and billboards.

Children may prefer different types of reading materials, such as magazines, newspapers and comic books. Ensure they are age and content appropriate and make them available at home.

For parents who are not fluent in English and may not be able to read to their children, find out if your local library, community centre or bookstore offers a “Story Time” that students can attend after school or on the weekends. Students reading to their parents also promotes cross learning.

Repeating words, sounding out words, looking at corresponding pictures and reading the same stories over and over again are vital steps in the “learning-to-read” 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 **Initiative**. 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:

Initiative

I will try new things with a positive attitude.

I will show interest in my learning.

I will help myself and others to do their best.

Cheque Writing

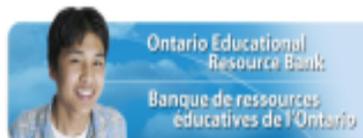
When writing cheques to the school please do not post-date them. Also refrain from stapling cheques to forms being returned to the school. The bank scanning process will not accept them and therefore they have to be removed manually. Thank you for your cooperation.



Looking for Extra-Help for your Child?

Here are two excellent resources for enhancing learning:

1. **Homework Help** provides live one-on-one confidential online access to certified Mathematics teachers Sunday – Thursday from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm. And access to a wide range of support resources available 24/7. For more information scan the QR code or go to the URL below:



<https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>

2. The **O n t a r i o R e s o u r c e B a n k (O E R B)** provides over 50,000 resources on any subject and any grade. You can find interactive tutorials, educational games, an extensive video library
3. (LEARN360), complete on-line course material just to name a few. For more information scan the QR code or go to the URL below:



<http://resources.elearningontario.ca/>

You will need to obtain the username and password from a HDSB teacher.

If you require more information contact Scott Dykes (HDSB e-learning Contact) at:

dykesd@hdsb.ca

Month at a Glance

Friday, October 3 - Pizza Day
 Monday, October 6 - Picture Day
 Wednesday, October 8 - Parent Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, October 8 - Walk to School Day
 Wednesday, October 8 - Dairy Presentation—Kindergarten
 Friday, October 10 - Professional Activity Day - No School for Students
 Monday, October 13 - Thanksgiving Day
 Tuesday-Friday, October 14-17 JungleSports
 Wednesday, October 15 @6:30 JungleSports Parent Evening
 Friday, October 17 - Sub Day
 Wednesday October 22 - Swim Program
 Friday, October 24 - Pita Day
 Wednesday, October 29 - Swim Program
 Friday, October 31 - Pizza Day

October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Pizza	4
5	6 Picture Day	7	8 Parent Council at 6:30pm	9 Spirit Day	10 PA Day	11
12	13 Thanksgiving	14 JungleSports	15 JungleSports 6:30 - Jungle Sports-Parents	16 JungleSports	17 JungleSports Sub	18
19	20	21 Author Visit Celia Godkin	22 Swim Program	23	24 Pita	25
26	27 Bus Evacuation Practice	28	29 Swim Program	30	31 Pizza 1:00 Hallow- e'en Parade	