

Glen Williams School



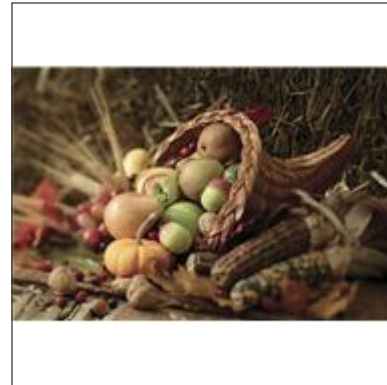
October Newsletter



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 Mr. Kingsmore for his drumming expertise and demonstration and to all the students and parents who participated and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Parents who have questions or would like to discuss issues 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 in the designated parking areas. The driveway has to be kept clear for busses and emergency vehicles.



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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.

GREEN EAGLES OCTOBER EVENTS:

[International Walk to School Month](#) - October 2012

[Waste Reduction Week in Canada](#) - October 15 to 21, 2012

[Wastefree Lunch Week](#) - October 15 to 19, 2012

Glen Williams Green Eagles are celebrating International Walk to School Month on **WED. OCT. 3**. International Walk to School Month gives children, parents, school teachers and community leaders an opportunity to be part of a global event as they celebrate the many benefits of walking. Some of the aims of this global event are:

Encourage physical activity by teaching children the skills to walk safely, how to identify safe routes to school, and the benefits of walking

Raise awareness of how walk able a community is and where improvements can be made

Raise concern for the environment

Reduce traffic congestion, pollution, and speed near schools

Share valuable time with local community leaders, parents, and children

Join your children for our official Green Eagles **Walk to School Wednesday on October, 3**.

Visit our Green Eagles table for a sign-in, congratulatory sticker and surprise draw. Happy walking!

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 remember to bring the signed form to school.

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 Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30 in the staffroom.

Library News

Miss Dowdell is looking for a parent volunteer in the library. If interested please see contact her at your earliest convenience.



Eco-School

Glen Williams achieved Gold status as an Eco-school last year. We want to maintain this momentum and improve our efforts to be environmentally more conscientious. We ask students and parents to consider the use of reusable containers, bags, etc. to greatly reduce the amount of garbage we create at school during our nutrition breaks. Talk to your children about some of the creative ways you might take on this challenge. Great job Glen Williams students and families!!!

Glen Gathering

Our October Glen Gathering is scheduled for Friday, October 26 at 8:30am. This is an 'A' day for our kindergarten friends. Everyone is welcome!!

Information on the Swim Program

The Town of Halton Hills has certified lifeguards who are also certified instructors providing the 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 first day and put into proper classes. Badges are given to children who pass each level.

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 in the water to assist if they would like to help. Parents must have a police check must be on file at the school.

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.

Healthy Snack Needs Volunteers

Our Healthy Snack program team is in need of 3-5 parent volunteers to get it up and running. The program runs twice weekly (dates TBD) during the first nutrition break (9:55-10:15). Some set up time is required before 9:55 and after 10:15 for clean up. If you can support this worthy program, please contact the school and we will forward your name and contact information accordingly.

2012 Swim Schedule **October 3 – November 28 (excluding October 31)**

Swimming - Georgetown District High School (swimming pool)
Grade 1 Mrs. Bailey-Ford
Grade 3/4 Ms. Whitehead
Grade 4/5 Mr. Hancock
8:45 – 9:25 swimming

Session 2
Grade 3 Mrs. Longworth
Grade 5 **Mrs. Boorman**
9:30-10:10 swimming

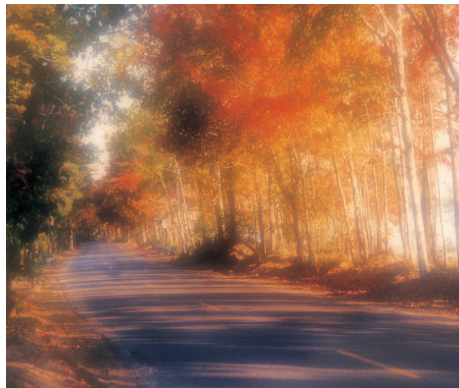
Session 3
Grade 1 Mrs. McKay
Grade 2 Ms. Dupuis
Grade 2 Mrs. Belcher
10:15-10:55 swimming



Note: Parents who wish to help at this event should be at the site 10-15 minutes before the start time.

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!!



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 in the school and 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.



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.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all our cross athletes who participated at the cross country meet in Burlington on September 25. All our athletes trained hard leading up to the event and once in Burlington performed exceptionally well and more importantly demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations on an excellent season! Thank you to our coaches Mrs. Boorman and Mrs. Milne for their support and dedication.

Student Work Study Initiative

Our school is partnering with the Ministry of Education to participate in a study that focuses on identifying the characteristics of student work at and beyond the provincial standard. The goal of this initiative is to increase student confidence, independence and achievement. In Halton, 15 schools have been invited to take part in this learning opportunity. Helping to facilitate this learning is Mrs. Greiss, a Halton District School Board teacher. She will be working alongside some classroom teachers to observe student work and help identify student learning needs. We extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Greiss.

If you would like more information about the Student Work Study Initiative, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Cundari.

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Annual PIC Conference for Parents

Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 8:00 am - 2:15 pm

MM Robinson High School, 2425 Upper Middle Rd., Burlington L7P 3N9

Keynote Speaker

David Booth



David Booth is Chair of Literacy at Nipissing University, and Professor Emeritus and Scholar in Residence at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto,

where he works in the arts in education and literacy education. He was educated in Ontario, and completed his graduate work at Oxford University and Durham University in England.

A popular international speaker, David Booth has addressed educators and parents in every province of Canada, throughout most American states, and in the UK, Germany, Asia, the Mid East, New Zealand and Australia. He has participated in hundreds of conferences, speaking and presenting workshops in all areas of language learning, and has won several awards for his classroom teaching, for his contributions to the teaching of reading, and for his books for young people. He has been given Lifetime Achievement Awards for his contributions to Drama Education from national organizations in Great Britain, the United States and Canada.

David's keynote will address **Parents, Technology and Literacy: How can we best prepare our children for a wireless future so that they will become literate citizens who will be able to critically and creatively understand the variety of texts they will meet in their lives?**

The Parent Involvement Committee is pleased to host our 5th Annual PIC Conference for Parents. This is a FREE conference.

On-line registration begins August 15, 2012 at <http://registrations.hdsb.ca/plcreg/>

or you can register at your child's school. For inquiries, please contact Denise Pearson at 905-335-3665 ext. 3307

- We offer FREE child minding, upon request, at MM Robinson High School
- A light breakfast and lunch will be provided (FREE)
- Interpreters will be provided upon request - American Sign Language
- Community awareness displays


Parent • Involvement • Committee



Halton District School Board

WORKSHOPS (Open Format)

A New Kind of Parenting for Teens

Answering Parents' Top Questions
About EQAO Assessments

Beating the Blues - The Importance of Adding
Musical Colour to Our Black and White World

Collaborative Problem Solving

Course Selection 101

Equity and Inclusion-We All Belong

HDSB Learning Centre

Helping Your Teen Succeed in High School

Information and Communication
Technology (ICT) at HDSB

Meeting the Learning Needs of all Students

Pass the Scalpel: Helping Parents Dissect
the Ontario Elementary Math Curriculum

Play-based Primary Science and Technology

Preventing Bullying:
The Vital Role Parents and Guardians Play

Reading and Writing that Matters
Ten Comprehension and Communication
Activities for Parents of 10-14 Year Olds

Special Education-LD to Gifted

The Value of Libraries

Transitioning from Elementary to
Secondary School

What about Weed: Dispelling Myths
About Marijuana

Schedule of Events

8:00 - 8:45 am

Registration & Breakfast

8:45 - 8:55 am

Welcome

8:55 - 9:00 am

Community Partner

9:00 - 10:00 am

Keynote Speaker

10:15 - 11:15 am

"A" Session

11:30 - 12:30 pm

"B" Session

12:30 - 1:00 pm

**Lunch and
Community Displays**

1:15 - 2:15 pm

"C" Session

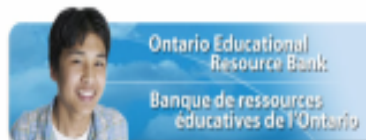
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Closing Remarks

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, a next generation 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

Tuesday, October 2 - Electrical Safety Presentation
 Tuesday, October 2 - Grade 4 "Gifted Testing"
 Wednesday, October 3 - Walk to School
 Wednesday, October 3 - Swim Program Begins
 Wednesday, October 3 - Parent Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Friday, October 5 - Professional Activity Day - No School for Students
 Monday, October 8 - Thanksgiving Day
 Wednesday, October 10 - Picture Day for "A" Day Kindergarten
 Thursday, October 11 - Picture Day for "B" Day Kindergarten & 1-5 Students
 Friday, October 12 - Sub Day
 Friday, October 19 - Pita Day
 Friday, October 26 - 8:30 a.m. Glen Gathering
 Friday, October 26 - Pizza Day
 Tuesday, October 30 - T/T Kindergarten Halloween Parade
 Wednesday, October 31 - Halloween Parade

October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Electrical Safety Presentation Gr. 4 Gifted Testing	3 Swim Parent Council Mtg. 6:30 Walk to School	4	5 Professional Activity Day	6
7	8 Thanksgiving	9	10 Swim Picture Day "A" Day Kdg.	11 Picture Day "B" Day & 1-5 Students	12 Sub Day	13
14	15	16	17 Swim	18	19 Pita Day	20
21	22	23	24 Swim	25	26 Pizza Day 8:30 Glen Gathering	27
28	29	30 T/T Kdg. Halloween parade	31 Halloween Parade			