

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. Bland for her dancing 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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Adult Lunch Monitors Needed

We are in dire 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:

2013-2014 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 help with our school yard greening shade tree project. Students watched and Green Eagles helped plant a burl oak tree in the kindergarten play area and a maple tree out near the baseball diamond. These trees can easily be identified by their protective fence cages that were also donated. We look forward to future planting endeavors with Conservation Halton and will also continue to further our relationship with POWER (Protect our Water and Environmental Resources).

International Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 9, 2013. Visit our Green Eagles table for a sign-in, congratulatory sticker and surprise draw. Happy walking!

Waste Reduction Week is Oct. 21-25 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!

Choir News

This year, Mrs. Milne will start our choir on Tuesday, October 8 during the second nutrition break from 12:25-12:55 pm. It will be open to all grade 3 to 5 students and our first performance will be at the Remembrance Day assembly at 11:00 am on Monday, November 11. We will meet every Tuesday in the music room.

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 Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 in the staffroom.

Library News

Mme Waitson is looking for parent volunteers in the library. If interested please see contact her at your earliest convenience.



Glen Gathering

Our October Glen Gathering is scheduled for Friday, October 25 at 8:30am. This is a 'B' day for our kindergarten friends. Everyone is welcome!!

Cross Country

Congratulations to all our cross athletes who participated at the cross country meet in Burlington on September 30. Our athletes trained hard leading up to the event and once in Burlington performed exceptionally well and more importantly demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. Earlier in the month, our athletes participated at the Cedarville Park Cross Country Meet, a community event organized by the Optimist Club. Congratulations on an excellent season! Thank you to our coach Mrs. Boorman for her support and dedication.

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

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 (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.

2013 Swim Schedule

Wednesdays October 16 – November 27(except October 30)

Georgetown District High School (swimming pool)

Session 1

Grade 2 MBF

Grade 3 SL

Grade 2 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

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

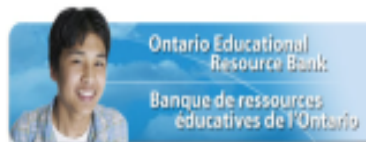
When writing cheques to the school please do not post-date them. Also refrain from stapling cheques to forms being returned to the school. The bank scanning process will not accept them and therefore they have to be removed manually. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 **Ontario Resource Bank (OERB)** 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

Tuesday, October 1 - Parent Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Friday, October 4 - Pizza Day
 Monday, October 7 - Picture Day for "A" Day Kindergarten & 1-5 Students
 Tuesday, October 8 - Picture Day for "B" Day Kindergarten
 Wednesday, October 9 - Walk to School
 Friday, October 11 - Professional Activity Day - No School for Students
 Monday, October 14 - Thanksgiving Day
 Wednesday, October 16 - Swim Program Begins
 Friday, October 18 - Pita Day
 Friday, October 25 - 8:30 a.m. Glen Gathering
 Friday, October 25 - Sub Day
 Wednesday, October 30 - M/W Kindergarten Halloween Parade
 Thursday, October 31 - Halloween Parade
 October 28-November 1—Jungle Sports

October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Parent Council Meeting	2	3	4 Pizza Day	5
6	7 Picture Day	8 Picture Day	9 Walk to School Day	10	11 PD Day	12
13	14 Thanksgiving	15	16 Swim program	17	18 Pita Day	19
20	21	22	23 Swim Program	24	25 Glen Gathering Sub Day	26
27	28 Jungle Sports	29 Jungle Sports	30 Hallowe'en Parade (Kindergarten-M/W) Jungle Sports	31 Hallowe'en Parade	1 Jungle Sports	