

# Glen Brae School Newsletter



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## From the Desk

### Of Mrs. Constable



Did you have a refreshing March Break? Are you ready for the final term of the school year? There was a noticeable increase in energy and excitement as students and staff returned to school on March 23. The break was good for all of us. Whether we traveled or just stayed home to catch up on sleep and relax with family.

As spring arrives, the weather gets warmer (we hope) and the daylight lasts into the evenings, there is a tendency to think that the school year is over. The truth is that April to June are incredibly important months for students. Teachers complete assessments, review work completed earlier in the year to prepare their students for the next grade. The last months give all the opportunity to really focus on learning and improve results before the June Report Card. It is of utmost importance that you continue to hold your children to a consistent time and place for homework, review and/or silent reading Monday through Thursday.

## 2017/2018 CLASS PLACEMENTS

Every effort is made to place students in classes where they will have the greatest opportunity for meeting with success.

All requests for class placements must be made **in writing or email to Mrs. Constable (sconstab@hwdsb.on.ca) no later than June 1**. Although we will try to honor these requests it is not always possible. When teachers meet for class placement meetings, they combine the information they have gathered working with the students and information provided by parents. This is not an easy task. When class change requests are made at a later date it is even more difficult as moving one student may have a domino effect on many others.

## HOUSE POINTS TO THE END OF MARCH

MAKWA



861

NANUK



748

KODIAK



748

**The winning house will get to go out for lunch in June!**

## International Day of Pink

**Wednesday April 12th is international day Pink in support of Anti-bullying**

Our school police officer will be visiting Glen Brae on this morning to speak to our grade 6 and 7 students about Bullying and Cyber Bullying.

All students and staff are encouraged to wear pink on this day.



## 2017 GRADUATION Thursday June 22, 2017



### Ceremony

**4:30 pm at Glendale Secondary**  
4 tickets per grad due to fire regulations



### Dinner & Dance

**7:00-10:00 pm at Croatian Hall**  
Barton Street (beside Lowe's just west of Woodward)  
Tickets (for sale in early June) \$25 per graduate (only)

## Caring Cupcakes raise \$420.00 for the Hamilton SPCA

Mrs. Kew, Ms. Field and a group of animal loving students and parents baked cupcakes which were sold for \$1.00 to help support the Hamilton SPCA. Way to go team. Every animal deserves a loving home.



**Making the Best Better - Promouvoir L'Excellence**



## Critical Learning Time in the Classroom

Uninterrupted student learning time is essential in order for students to meet with success. Although cell phones may be permitted to be in the classroom, they should be turned off or on silent mode. Students should not be receiving text messages during instructional time. If you have an important message to give to your child, please call the school and we will ensure your child receives the message. We thank you for your support.



**The Let's Talk Science Challenge is taking place on May 16th with 4 teams for Glen Brae attending!**

**Good Luck Glen Brae!**

## Vaccinations

Glen Brae grade 7 and 8's will receive their second round of vaccinations on April 18th and 19th.



## Glen Brae School Council Meeting

The next Glen Brae School Council Meeting on Thursday May 4th at 6:30—8:00 in the school Library



Please note the following dates for the **EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments**. These assessments, for Grade Three and Grade Six students, will be administered from May 23rd - June 3rd, 2017

**"EQAO Tests: What Parents Need to Know"** - This presentation, available on the EQAO website, provides an overview of the provincial testing program and of how the results can be used by parents and school communities. To access this presentation click on the following link:

[http://www.eqao.com/pdf\\_E/10/WhatParentsNeedtoKnow.pdf](http://www.eqao.com/pdf_E/10/WhatParentsNeedtoKnow.pdf)

**"Tracking Your Children's Progress: The Power of Good Information for Parents"** - This presentation, available on the EQAO website, is designed to encourage parents and guardians to track their children's literacy progress and talk with their children's teachers about how best to provide the support that's needed. To access this presentation click on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTFNV-YXruQ>

Math, Reading and Writing are components on both the Primary and Junior Assessments.

Here are some suggestions that you might find helpful in supporting your child's learning in Reading at home.

### PRIMARY

- Talk with your child daily about what he or she is reading. Ask your child to compare people he or she reads about with people he or she knows.
- Listen to your child read aloud or read aloud to him or her. Ask your child for his or her opinion about people or situations.
- Talk about the details in the text that can be used to support his or her opinions.

### JUNIOR

- Ask your child to explain and tell the meaning of what he or she reads.
- Have your child provide reasons for a person's thoughts, feelings or actions.
- Listen to your child read aloud.
- Have your child summarize the main idea and supporting details after reading.

## Warmer Weather and School Dress Code

**As the warmer weather approaches please remember that student undergarments should not be visible at any time.**





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DAY 3 3	DAY 4 4	DAY 5 5	DAY 1 6	DAY 2 7
	Grade 7 classes participate in the Swim To Survive Program			
DAY 3 10	DAY 4 11	DAY 5 12	DAY 1 13	Good Friday Holiday 14
Grade 7 classes participate in the swim to survive program		International Day of Pink		
Easter Monday Holiday 17	DAY 2 18	DAY 3 19	DAY 4 20	DAY 5 21
	Grade 7 and 8 vaccinations	Grade 7 and 8 Vaccinations		
DAY 1 24	DAY 2 25	DAY 3 26	DAY 4 27	DAY 5 28
				Spring Dance \$5.00

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 2	Violin concert—1:30
May 4	School Council—6:30
May 10	Grade 8 trip to Ottawa
May 12	Grade 8's return from Ottawa
May 16	All Science Challenge
May 22	Victoria Day Holiday
May 23	EQAO grade 6

## ALLERGY ALERT

Don't forget - no peanuts/nut products & no perfumes, colognes or body sprays at Glen Brae Middle School.



## Homework Help

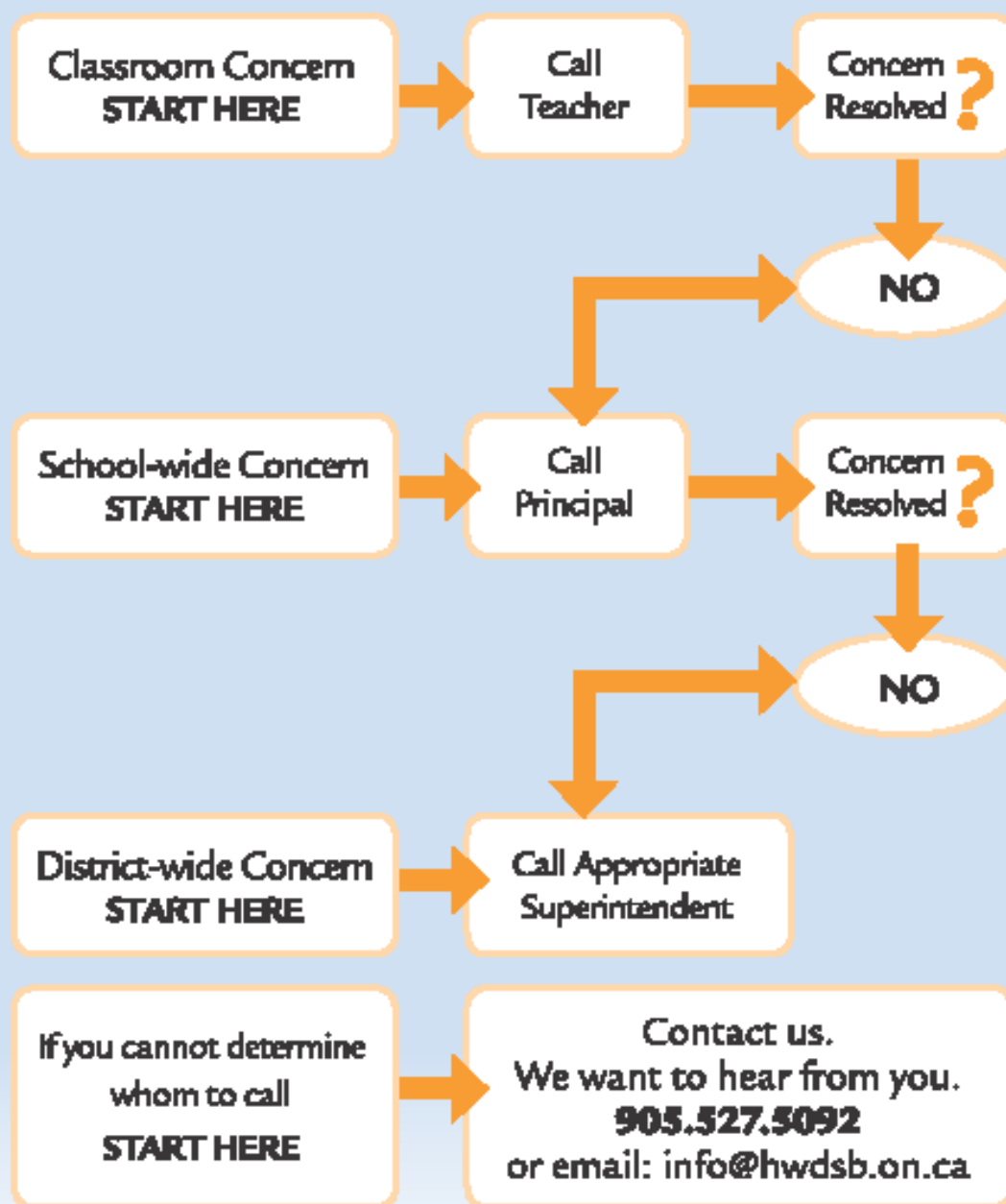
Are you in grades 7 to 10? Need help with math homework? Then why not get live, online math tutoring from an Ontario teacher? It's free and easy to sign up.

Go to [ontario.ca/HomeworkHelp](http://ontario.ca/HomeworkHelp) to register for this free service. You will need your Ontario Education Number (OEN). Your OEN is a nine digit number found near your name at the top of all report card pages.

You can also join your grade's tutor room to see what questions other students are asking and then watch teachers walk through problems on the group whiteboard. Since only the tutor sees your username. Available Sun. to Thurs. 5:30 to 9:30 pm.



# Parent Guide for SCHOOL CONCERNS



**Your Trustee can guide you  
through this process.**

Find your Trustee and/or Superintendent online at your school's website:  
**[www.hwdsb.on.ca/yourschoolname/contact](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/yourschoolname/contact)**