

Glen Brae School Newsletter



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From the Desk

Of Mrs. Constable



It doesn't seem possible that it is already May! Time flies when you keep busy. At Glen Brae May looks like it will be a fun filled month - Gr. 8 Ottawa Trip, Open House, Science Challenge, Soccer practices and tournaments and even the Junior E.Q.A.O. Help keep your son/daughter focused on school work even as the days get warmer and the evenings get longer. Summer will be here soon enough, for now school needs to be priority #1.

Hope to see all of you at our Open House on Thursday, May 4th from 6:00—7:30. Classrooms will be open for you to see the work your child has been doing. Feel free to come and see the Talent Show as well beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be a bake sale and Rafiki bracelet sale as well.



OPEN HOUSE - THURSDAY, MAY 4th

Classrooms open - visit with teachers, view school work
(6-7:30 pm)

Talent Show—6:30 p.m.

A donation of a toonie or loonie would be greatly appreciated and will go towards the grade 8 trip to Ottawa Bake Sale and Rafiki Bracelet Sale. All proceeds go to supporting Health Initiatives in Nicaragua.

2017/2018 CLASS PLACEMENTS

Every effort is made to place students in classes where they will have the greatest opportunity for meeting with success. Parent input into these decisions is very valuable. Parents often request that their child not be placed with a student who they have had ongoing conflict, or away from friends to avoid social distractions.

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. Keeping a balance of gender and ability in each class is important. 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.

Rainbow Schools A FSL resource for parents and students in Ontario




FSL
Homework Toolbox
Trousse pour les devoirs

ELP FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN FRENCH IMMERSION

This site supports parents who have children in a "French Immersion" (FI) program and wish to assist them with homework in French. It is also a resource for FI students who require an accessible user friendly reference tool to help with homework. Learners and educators in other FSL programs will also find it helpful.

This website will enrich the FSL learning experience and will engage parents in their child's journey towards "la francophonie".

Which house is in the lead?

MAKWA	NANUK	KODIAK
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Gr. 7/8 Literacy Worx & Math Worx (for students currently in Gr. 7 and 8)

Designed for students who would benefit from the extra help and review over the summer in preparation for September. Taught by bilingual teachers so program is of benefit to both English and French Immersion students. Programs will be offered in the Glen Brae library (air conditioned!). Literacy - July 13-17 (daily 9 am to noon) and Math - July 20-24 (daily 9 am to noon). For information and registration - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HTRwE575tk93yypcD5b3rlwMIyao2NRfKj0M1ItYEDM/viewform>

Violin Concert
Tuesday May 2nd - 1:30 p.m. in the Gym



Making the Best Better - Promouvoir L'Excellence



2 SAFE ARRIVALS - EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Why does Mrs. Hallas (Office Administrator) call you when you forget to inform the school that your child will be absent? If she cannot reach you, why does she call your child's emergency contacts?

Many years ago, a child in another school district in Ontario did not show up for school in the morning. At that time, schools just assumed that the child was home ill and no call was made to confirm the child's whereabouts. In reality, the young child had been abducted by a predator on their way to school. Nobody realized that the little girl was missing until she failed to return home at the end of the day. By that time terrible things had been done and it was too late for the girl to be returned home to her parents safely.

In response to this tragedy, all school boards were mandated to create and implement a Safe Arrivals protocol. When a parent forgets to let us know that their child will be absent, we must call the parent to confirm that the child is safe. If we are unable to reach the parent, we call the child's emergency contacts as an added precaution.

The emergency contacts of some students have become very frustrated by the number of calls they have received. Some have even asked to be removed as emergency contacts. This is most unfortunate as it removes a vital "lifeline" for the student. **To prevent this from happening, please call us if your child will be late or absent.** It is necessary to do this for everyday they are absent unless you know in advance that the absence will be for a period of time (then only one call is necessary). There is a message function on the school phone, so messages can be left 24 hours a day.

Thanks for your support and understanding.

During the month of May, students in Grade 3 and Grade 6 will take part in the **EQA Primary and Junior Assessments**. These assessments will be administered from Tuesday May 23rd, 2017 – Tuesday June 6th, 2017.

The resource, "**Questions and Answers for Parents**" provides detailed answers to commonly asked questions by parents about the Primary and Junior EQAO assessments. This resource is available in 20 languages. To access the list of available languages, click on the following link and select a language:

<http://www.eqao.com/Parents/FAQ.aspx?Lang=E&gr=036>

To access this resource in English click on the following link:
<http://www.eqao.com/Parents/FAQ.aspx?Lang=E&gr=036>

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

Have your child read his or her writing aloud and talk about:

- how to group similar ideas into a paragraph.
- which details make the ideas clearer and which are confusing or repetitive.
- words and phrases that can make the writing more interesting and easier to understand.
- how to check to make sure the writing makes sense.

NUT SAFE SCHOOL

Just a reminder that Glen Brae is a "nut safe school." While we cannot guarantee the school is "nut free," working together we'll make the school safe for those with allergies.

Recent incidents revealed the need to review the importance of leaving nuts and nut products at home.

- Nuts of all kinds (not just peanuts) are prohibited at school. Please do not send nuts, nut products or items containing nuts to school with your child as part of their lunch or as a snack.
- If peanut butter or any other nut product is consumed at home, wash your hands with warm water and soap before school. Residue left on fingers can be transferred to surfaces at school putting those with nut allergies at risk.

There are a number of members of the Glen Brae community who have very serious nut allergies. Carelessness on our part can create a life threatening situation for them. That is why we take very seriously our responsibility to keep Glen Brae as "nut safe" as possible.



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)

Keeping your child's IPAD safe.

Please remind your child to keep their IPAD in its protective case when not in use. The board may not replace broken IPADS.





Warmer Weather Dress Code.



As the weather becomes warmer, we wanted to remind parents of our dress code protocol.

We realize the school is not air conditioned and will be quite warm but we ask that girls try their best to avoid clothing that reveals undergarments. Shorts must be long enough to completely cover their bottoms.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DAY 1 1 Swim Meet P.M at McMaster	DAY 2 2 VIOLIN CONCERT 1:30 P.M.	DAY 3 3 All Science Challenge today Chase the future today	DAY 4 OPEN HOUSE 4 6:00—7:30 P.M. FI Grade 8 trip to Zacada in the afternoon School Dance workshops today in the gym	DAY 5 5 7 A AND 7B TO DUNDURN CASTLE TODAY
DAY 2 8 Glen Brae Grade 8 FI students to Sherwood today to see a play- 11:00—1:00 p.m.	DAY 2 9 Think First Presentations today . All English classes at 12:30 and all FI classes at 1:30	DAY 3 10 GRADE 8 TRIP TO OTTAWA 	DAY 4 11	DAY 5 12
DAY 1 15	DAY 2 16	DAY 4 17 Grade 8 Math Gauss Contest periods 1 and 2 	DAY 4 18	DAY 5 19 Glen Brae Westdale stu- dents go to Westdale today
Victoria Day Holiday 22	DAY 1 23 Grade 6 EQAO	DAY 2 24 Grade 6 EQAO 	DAY 3 25 Grade 6 EQAO	DAY 4 26 Grade 6 EQAO
DAY 5 29 Grade 6 EQAO	DAY 1 30 Grade 6 EQAO	DAY 2 31 Grade 6 EQAO 		

ALLERGY ALERT

Don't forget - no peanuts or nut products and no perfumes, colognes or body sprays at Glen Brae.

