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# GLEN BRAE NEWSLETTER

## September 2017



### From the Desk of Mrs. Constable

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. As our students return for a new academic year, it is our hope that each will set goals and strive towards reaching them this year. I know the staff is excited to help each child reach their full potential. This year we welcome Ms. Hagan and M. Bernard to Glen Brae. Ms. Hagan is our new grade 7 teacher and M. Bernard is filling in for Madame Ruddle-Kirk this year. Welcome!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our caretaking staff who worked so hard this summer getting the school ready for a new year. The school looks great! We were also very fortunate to have had some renovations completed over the summer. The gymnasium has been freshly painted, the carpet in the library has been replaced with tile flooring and the main office has been painted as well. It looks great!

I am extremely excited to inform you that on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>, Founder of “Think Don’t Shoot”, Leo Barbe will be at Glen Brae to present to our students. Think Don’t Shoot is dedicated to providing youth with new and exciting ways to positively change their futures. With his presentation, our youth will be able to understand what it takes to be strong and independent community leaders.

I look forward to another great year at Glen Brae.

Mrs. S. Constable

### GLEN BRAE STAFF 2017/2017

Mrs. Kew – Class 6A

Mrs. Hall – Class 6B

Madame Kelly – Class F6C

Mlle. Uhrig – Class F6D

Miss Field – Class F6/7E

Mr. Smith – C lass 7A

Ms. Hagan – Class 7B (p.m.)

M. Romero – Class F7C

Mme. Lanillos – Class F7D

Ms. Balliram – Class 8A

Mrs. McRae – Class 8B

Mme. Moon – Class F8C

M. Bernard – Class F8D

Mrs. Bikinas – Learning Resource Teacher

Mrs. Grace – Physical Education and Dance

Mrs. Sindall – Science and Technology

Mr. Berrafati – Art/Drama

Mrs. D’Costa - Music





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### First Day Packages

On Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> your child will come with a “First Day Package”. There are several very important forms for you to complete to ensure that your child is always safe at school, in our community and on our educational excursions. Please complete all forms and have your child return them no later than **Friday September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**If your child is in grade 7, you will also receive a form to complete regarding the grade 7 immunizations. These are due on September 18<sup>th</sup>.**

### Glen Brae Daily Schedule

Time	Event
8:45 am	Playground Supervision Begins
9:00	Entry and Period 1
9:50	Period 2
10:40	Period 3
11:30	Lunch
11:50	Lunch Recess
12:30	Entry and Period 4
1:20	Period 5
2:10	Period 6
3:00	End of day and Dismissal
3:15	Playground Supervision Ends

### Student Agendas

All students in all grades will receive a student agenda. This book is the main form of communication between your child’s teachers and yourself. Please make sure your child brings their agenda home every night. They should be filling in each day with the events/assignments and due dates of various subjects.

### Medications

If your child requires administration of medicine at the school. Please contact Mrs. Hallas (Office Administrator) at 905 560 6732.



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## Glen Brae Snack Program



Through government funding, Glen Brae is fortunate to offer a grab and go before school snack every day of the week. This program is always looking for volunteers to help order and prepare snacks before school begins.

## Safe and Timely Arrival

**For the safety of our students and for our priority on instructional time. You are asked to please observe the following:**

- Parking in the front of school is prohibited. This is a school bus/no stopping zone. By-Law officers may ticket violators.
- Please do not drop off your child in the staff parking lot. This is a congested high traffic area not suitable for pedestrians.
- All students enter the building either through the playground door or front door depending on where their locker is situated.
- Instructional time begins at 9 am and 12:30 pm. Students should arrive 5 minutes in advance so they can enter with the bell.
- School ends at 3 pm, all students exit via the playground doors only. Staff are on duty on the playground at dismissal until 3:15 pm
- Students leaving school for lunch (with permission only) must return on time for 12:30 pm entry.

## Allergy Alert

Within our school community there are students and staff who have potential life threatening allergies to foods, predominantly nuts. Others suffer from allergic reactions to perfumes, spray colognes and body sprays. We respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within the school community to avoid sending nuts of any kind or wearing perfume/cologne to school.



Fragrance Free Zone  
Please help us to accommodate those who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products.



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## The Glen Brae House System

While it won't quite be Hogwarts with its ancient houses, Glen Brae has adopted a "house system" to encourage school spirit, break down barriers between programs and grades and help facilitate new friendships.

The entire school – English and French grades 6, 7 and 8 are divided into three houses. In keeping with our tradition as the "Glen Brae Bears", our house names are **Kodiak** (native name for Grizzly), **Makwa** (Algonquin for Black Bear and ( Inuit for Polar Bear). Points are awarded to members of each house for achievement, participation and citizenship. Each house is sub-divided into four chapters. Thus every chapter will have 2 or 3 students from every class in the school. Each chapter has been assigned a lunch room. At the end of the year, the house with the most points will participate in a special award.



## Pizza Wednesdays

Every Wednesday, pizza will be on sale at Lunch. The cost is \$1.25 a slice and is on a first come, first served basis. It is important that students bring a lunch so that they don't go hungry if the pizza is sold out. Proceeds from pizza sales are used to pay for team sports transportation.



**This year's sales also include Pita Pit, TCBY frozen Yogurt and Kernels Popcorn –**  
**[The first Pita Pita pit lunch day is September 29<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are due September 21<sup>st</sup>.](#)**



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# SEPTEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>4 – HAPPY LABOUR DAY!</b> Go Cats Go!	<b>5</b> Welcome Back	<b>6</b> Welcome Back assembly – 9:00 a.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>11</b> Motivational Speaker – Leo Barbe presents to Glen Brae students. – 9:00 a.m. Parents welcome! First Day packages due	<b>12</b> Grade 6 IPAD roll out scheduled for this week	<b>13</b> Pizza day – Bring your money and your lunch just in case!	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> School trip to Christie’s \$10.00 cash or cash on line please
<b>18</b> Grade 7 immunization forms due Sr. Boys 3 pitch  Diwali	<b>19</b> Jr. Boys 3 Pitch	<b>20</b> Pizza on sale – \$1:25 Sr. Girls 3 pitch	<b>21</b> Parent Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. in the school library  Pita Pit orders due  Jr. Girls 3 pitch	<b>22</b> P.A day - no school for students.
<b>25</b> Rain Date for Boys 3 pitch	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Rain Date for Girls 3 pitch	<b>28</b> Social Justice Team attends Me to We in Toronto	<b>29 – Terry Fox Run – p.m.</b> Principal’s Awards Assembly – 9:00 a.m. Pita Pit Lunch Day

**Meet the teacher – Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**





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## School Council Election and Parent Candidate Nomination Process

### First meeting: Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the school library

All parents /guardians that have a child enrolled at Glen Brae Middle school are welcomed and encouraged to attend School Council meetings

- The ministry of Education requires all Ontario schools to have School Councils. The role of the School Council is to advise the principal and staff of recommendations for the school improvement plan and further the effective environment for students.
- If a parent/guardian would like to be a voting and serving member on the School Council, they must be elected to the role. Submission of a nomination form is required (see below).
- On Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>, we will hold our first School Council meeting for this school year. At this time, we will review the number of candidates that have put their names forward to serve on the Council. If there are more than 12 names, we will hold an election; the process will be reviewed at the meeting. If there are less than 12 people who wish to serve, all names will be acclaimed.
- Individuals putting their names forward must be at the meeting on Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup> if they would like their name to stand.
- From the School Council, an executive consisting of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary will be determined. The whole School Community will be notified of the new School Council.

### Nomination Form for Glen Brae School Council Meeting – Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Glen Brae School Council.

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ in grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the executive position checked below (optional)

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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