

The *Glenwood Gazette*

Glenwood School

150 Lower Horning Road

May 2014

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

HOLD ON TIGHT

Each year at this time we become extremely busy. This year (2014) is no different. Leigh has included a calendar with this Newsletter, so I'd urge you to check it out. Special activities both in school and beyond will be occurring over the next number of weeks and it is important that you know about them. They include trips, special assemblies, guests and it will all wrap up with our student graduation and awards assembly during the last week of school (June 23 – 27).

OUR GRADUATES - This year we will see nine wonderful Glenwood students graduate. This is always a period of mixed emotions. As a school we are saying good-bye to people who have been a part of our lives for some time. As a community we celebrate this transition out of school and into the adult world. As families and as a community we recognize that this now brings new needs and challenges. Regardless of where our thoughts and emotions may take us, the reality is that our desire for these great people (our graduating students) is all the best as they move on in their adult lives.

NEW ARRIVALS - Throughout this school year we have had a number of students join our ranks from a variety of places. Some have come from other Hamilton Wentworth Board Schools, and some from the Catholic Board. Some students have arrived from other Ontario communities to area group homes and agencies and have come to us as special placements. We anticipate that we will soon see new students arriving from other Hamilton schools for next year as well.

GOOD TO HAVE YOU AS PARTNERS - Thank-you to each of you for the support you have given and the way you have teamed with us to provide meaningful instruction for our students. This is not a task to take on alone. The expression, "it takes a village to raise a child", is no less applicable for students with special needs. Let's keep on "village - ing" and believing that our children are worth it, and that our efforts are worth it, and that together we are making a positive difference in the lives of Glenwood students. Thank-you!

Please check the dates and look for notices about the following activities:

- ALL FAMILY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – May 14 at 7:00 p.m. (see info.)
- Victoria Day (May 19)
- Special Olympics (May 28)
- Shrek Performance (May 29)
- Spring Picnic/BBQ (May 30)
- Possible Camp Oneida Day (info. To be shared)
- PD DAY – (June 6)
- African Lion Safari (June 13)
- Final Report Cards (June 25)
- Graduation (June 26)
- Last Day of School and Awards Assembly (June 27)

**NOTE THAT THERE IS NO P.D. DAY AT THE END OF JUNE –
STUDENTS AND STAFF ALL END THE SAME DAY!**

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EVERY FAMILY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - MAY 14, at 7:00 p.m.

We are asking all families to send at least **ONE FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE** to our May 14th **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**.

You will soon receive “a gift” of a DVD from Council showing some of the great things that happen at Glenwood. Many of you have never been here during the year to see what happens, so this DVD will give you a glimpse.

School Council Members will be here to talk to you about the work of Council and how you can help. The basic qualification needed is “your LOVE and CONCERN for your child”.

We think our students (your children) are worth it and we think that you feel that way, too!
Let’s take this bit of time to become informed, “for the children”.

We look forward to having you join us on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.
If you have any questions please give us a call!

Thank-you!
Keith Muldoon, Principal
Glenwood Special Day School
905-525-2140

The City of Hamilton Public Health Services would appreciate your help by completing a short online survey about car seat safety. Please visit <http://goo.gl/t0sBeR> to complete the survey.

For questions about car seat safety please call Health Connections at (905) 546-3550 or visit us on Facebook at Healthy Families Hamilton.



Hamilton
Public Health Services

**9 out of 10
car seats are not
used correctly**

Cause of injury: loose car seat straps
Learn how to secure your child at:
www.hamilton.ca/childsafety

Glenwood Classifieds

SEEKING ADVICE/ SUGGESTIONS

Every morning is a struggle to get our daughter in the taxi to go to school. It's physically and mentally exhausting.

Suggestions

Appreciated! Please contact 905-388-0538 or mcquhae@curves.com with suggestions.

WANTED: Glenwood is looking for some items that can be used for our students in a proposed "NEW" Discovery Room. If you have a water or sand table that you are no longer using and would like to donate to the school please contact Cathy Rowe at 905-525-2140.

**YOUR
AD
HERE!**

We have the best resources for parents & guardians with kids who have special needs... OTHER parents and guardians with kids with special needs. This Classified section can be used to connect with each other. And the ads are FREE of charge!! Sell or swap equipment, experiences or advice. We're here to help one another! Forms must be sent into the school (office) by the 15th of each month to be included in next newsletter.



Classifieds Request Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Contact phone or email:

Title of "Ad": _____

Body of "Ad" (please keep ad to approximately 250 Characters:

Please keep in mind that contact information must be included in the body of the ad. Ads are to be used by Glenwood families to offer first grab at available equipment, etc that could be used by another student, or services available to them. All Ads will be reviewed by Principal before being entered into newsletter.

Office Use

Ok to Run

COMMUNICATION FROM OUR CDA



Speech & Hearing Month
Speak well. Hear well. Live well.



As a Communicative Disorders Assistant, every day for me is about helping our kids improve their communication. The same goes for the school board Speech-Language Pathologists (S-LPs) who are involved in our school, Monica Knott (AAC Team) and Anissa Hersh (ASD Team).

For many people though, communication including speech and hearing are things that are taken for granted, and their improvement are not commonly thought about. This is why Speech-Language and Audiology Canada (SAC-OAC), celebrates May as Better Speech and Hearing Month and invites you to as well.

Attached to the newsletter this week are 2 handouts –a Speech and Language handout, and a Hearing handout. They are full of ideas and tips for improving your communication with those around you, no matter their speech, language, or hearing skills and abilities. Feel free to share them with anyone you know who may need them.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child's speech, language and communication programming here at Glenwood, please contact myself, or your child's SL-P to discuss them.

SL-P Contact Information

Monica Knott,
Speech Language Pathologist,
Augmentative Alternative Communication Team
905-385-3257 ext 267

Anissa Hersh,
Speech Language Pathologist,
Autism Spectrum Disorders Team
905 667 8731 ext. 154



Day 4 Activities





We love doing our Day 4 Activities!

Thank you School Council for helping to make them possible with your fundraising! We learn so much and love getting together as a whole school for these fun activities.



If you would like to become a part of School Council and help to raise money that we can use towards these awesome days please come to the School Council Meeting on Wednesday May 14 at 7pm to learn more about how YOU can put a smile on our faces.



**Thank you from the bottom
of our hearts,
From All of us here at
Glenwood!**



Health and Safety During a Heat Event

A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40 or higher humidex reading. The City of Hamilton Public Health Department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event.

Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- Limit physical outdoor activities
- Ensure access to water
- Close drapes and blinds
- Move pupils through cooler areas of the school
- Monitor students for symptoms of heat stress

For more information, or steps you can take to reduce risks during heat events, please visit the following websites:

City of Hamilton

www.hamilton.ca/healthandsocialservices/publichealth

<http://bit.ly/nB4ZQp>

Health Canada

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/climat/index-eng.php>





From Glenwood Library

May is a great month for learning about transportation.
Here are a few good books and apps on this theme.

APPS



Planet Go



Trucks HD

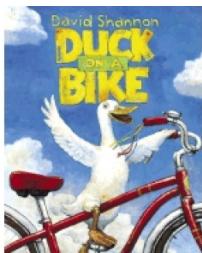


Train Puzzles

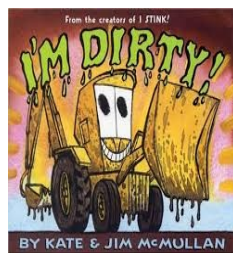


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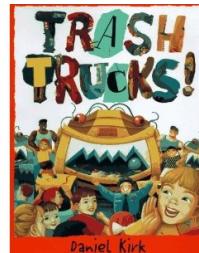
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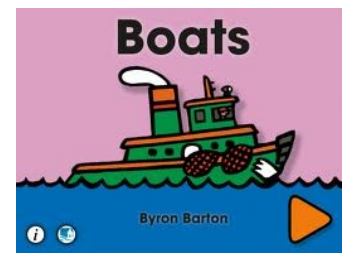
Duck on a Bike
By David Shannon



I'm Dirty
By Kate & Jim
McMullan



Trash Trucks
By Daniel Kirk



Boats
By Byron Barton

GLENWOOD SCHOOL

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 <i>Day 4 Activity</i> Spring Flower Craft	2
5	6 Mary Moore – Westdale Library	7	8 <i>Day 4 Activity</i> Spring Mural	9
12	13	14 <u>School Council Meeting 7pm</u> Jesse Visits 	15 <i>Day 4 Activity</i> Spring Fling Stations	16 Break Dancers 
19 Victoria Day	20	21 Walk and Roll-a-thon  	22	23 Bowling Trip  <i>Day 4 Activity</i> Ballroom Dancers
26 Jesse Visits 	27	28 Special Olympics 	29 SHREK the musical 	30 Special Olympics Rain Date  <i>Day 4 Activity</i> Picnic