

The *Glenwood Gazette*

Glenwood School

150 Lower Horning Road

November 2013

Message from the Principal

GLENWOOD IS FAMILY

Greetings to our Glenwood Families and Friends! Glenwood is a special place for all of us. Your children are our students, but they are also our children. Because of the level of care we provide within the context of their programs, and because they are often with us for a long time, we really become a larger family. Our focus is on helping our young people to gather skills and “move toward independence”. We’re a team!

Teams and family, talk! They communicate! And they don’t forget each other, because they have a meaningful connection to one another! Having said that, we would like to make an effort to improve and sustain our communication with students and families. Yes, we have your phone numbers (hopefully) and can reach you any time a need arises. We also communicate by way of telephone calls and notes in the communication book. We send flyers home periodically as well. For those of you with an e-mail address we’d like to invite you to share it with us. This could, in some cases allow us to pass along some information and messages more quickly. (Don’t worry! This will not take the place of usual communication with the home.) We want to be connected! We would like to continue to do these things, but would like to take our relationship with homes to another level.

When you think about it, we have been “family”, that is the home and the school teaching and caring for our students, for many years. When students leave us at graduation, they are “our children” graduating, and often we lose touch with them. That shouldn’t happen. We would like to keep in touch with you and with all of our families after graduation. We want to know how “our children” (and you) are doing. We want you to know how we are doing! We want to continue to share important information that could be useful to you, and we’d like you to share with us as well. So, to all of the Glenwood Family (families and staff) and to our alumni and their families... Let’s stay connected!

SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO SCHOOL COUNCIL

I’d like to commend and thank our School Council on their ongoing efforts on behalf of students. These people, ladies and gentlemen, are spending hours of time on activities, projects, and fund raising so that our children can enjoy wonderful enriching experiences and opportunities. Each Thursday morning special events take place at Glenwood the costs of which are covered by School Council. Special assemblies, trips and events, like our Family Fun Night are possible because of these caring, hard-working people. Thank-you to all of our Glenwood Family who supported or made contributions to our recent Wine Tour Fund Raiser.

Please give some consideration to joining this great group of parents (School Council) who do so much for our young people!! If you’d like more information, call the school, or send us a note and one of our Council members will get in touch with you.



Saturday November 2nd!

**Don't forget to set your
clocks back 1 hour!**



Retakes and Grad Photos

November 12, 2013

Family Fun Night

**WEDNESDAY
NOV 20TH
6-8 PM**

**Glenwood's School
Council invites you to
join us for a Great
Evening of Irish/Celtic
Music, games, prizes and
FUN FOR ALL!**

TIS THE SEASON

No! I am not talking about Christmas, or Summer, or the rainy season. It is cold and flu time. We would like to remind everyone that we all share the responsibility for keeping Glenwood students healthy and well. Whether it's a cold or flu or something else, we'd ask that you REMEMBER to keep your child home if they are displaying symptoms of illness. Without exaggeration, we can tell you that a child's cough or sneeze can put another Glenwood child into the hospital, jeopardizing their health and even their life.

Our students can't tell us that they are not well. Many of them are unable to cover a cough or sneeze, and both their peers, and the staff of the school pay the price when someone is sent to school, ill.



To report your child's absence please call the school at 905-525-2140 and either speak to the office or leave a message on the answering machine.

Your consideration and vigilance is greatly appreciated.

WINE TOUR FUNDRAISER WAS A SUCCESS!

A great big **Thank You** goes out to the members of our School Council for organizing the First Annual Glenwood Wine Tour and Dinner. A fantastic time was had by all and best of all we managed to raise some money for our school and students. Funds raised by our school council go towards many great events for our kids including our Thursday Activities, buses for our field trips, contributions towards purchases made for the school that greatly increase the learning and growth opportunities for every Glenwood student. We couldn't have the amazing school, equipment and experiences for your children without the amazing team that is the school council.

If you would like to be a part of our school council and help to make Glenwood awesome please contact the school for more information. We'd love to have you as part of our team!

Best Wishes and a Fond Farewell to Brennen Walker!



We are sad to say good bye to Brennen this month but we wish him and his family all the best as they move to another district.

This is Brennen's fourth year in room 11. Brennen is an extremely hard

worker and loves helping out. He is always thoughtful and likes to bring in treats for the staff.

We will miss all of the fun times we have had with Brennen and will always have fond memories of the time we got to spend with him. We wish you all the best Brennen!

*From all of your friends in room 11:
Jordan, Bonnie, Charlene, Jenn, Pat,
Rochelle, Kyle, Quintin & Syd*

News from Room 1

The Students and staff in room 1 enjoyed a busy and productive October, celebrating the harvest with a trip to the apple orchard and having a fun time preparing our own Thanksgiving turkey lunch with special guests Kim (our volunteer), Leigh and Mr. Muldoon. The students also helped to organize and decorate for the Thanksgiving Food Drive for Neighbour to Neighbour. Thanks to the generosity of our Glenwood families we were able to fill 6 large boxes with pasta, cereals and canned goods, a very good haul from a relatively small school.

In November, room 1 will be hosting the Remembrance Day Assembly, reflecting on respect as we think about our soldiers and peace keepers from past to present who risked their lives to assure our safety and freedom that we so often take for granted. We will be learning about our community and safety during this month.



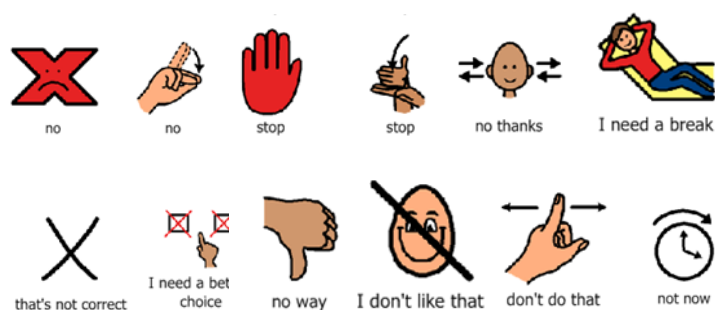
**GETTING UP FOR
SCHOOL**

A hassle for every family.



It's **NO**vember

Just 2 little letters, an N and an O, make up one very powerful word. It can stop a person in their tracks, it can change a course of action, it can deny requests, it can signal that something is unwanted, and much more. How one says 'no' often determines how it is received. Teaching appropriate refusals, and the appropriate use of the word 'no' can help our students become self-advocates, and can often help avoid behaviours. There are a variety of 'no's that can be taught including:



“The hardest part about teaching ‘no’ is the balance between teaching, encouraging and reinforcing an appropriate ‘no’, and not teaching, encouraging or reinforcing challenging behaviours. It may help to start by staging situations: introduce an undesired situation, and present the ‘no’ that will be used at the same time. Model the use of ‘no’, and assist and encourage them to do the same. Take it slowly, and let your child learn that once they tell you ‘no’ appropriately, it will be honoured and situations will change. As time goes on, fade the support, or have them find the way they say ‘no’. You can also take advantage of unplanned opportunities. Notice their ‘pre-no’ behaviours such as agitation or waning attention, and instead of asking ‘do you need a break?’ provide a ‘no’ model and encourage them to copy it.

It may also help your child to ‘think-aloud’ to model the use of ‘no’ in daily situations. When presented with something you would say ‘no’ to (such as a cookie you don’t want, the gift of a worm, an ill-timed or ill-placed kiss) speak your thoughts “Do I want this? Not really...” and model the use of ‘no’ that you are encouraging your child to use. Once your child has the basic ‘no’ down, you can then expand on ‘no’ to things like ‘no thanks’ or ‘no I don’t like that’ using similar strategies.

Here are some controlled staged activities you can do to elicit a ‘no’ that you can model without creating a possibly challenging situation.

Offer undesired toys

Offer undesired books

Offer undesired food choices

Provide a sensory situation the child does not prefer

Offer inappropriate clothing for the weather

Provide incorrect information (wrong name for student or yourself, wrong age etc)

This resource was put together by Janelle Vedder, from ALI materials written and curated by Carole Zangari and Robin Parker, SLPs and AAC specialists who write the blog PrAACtical AAC.

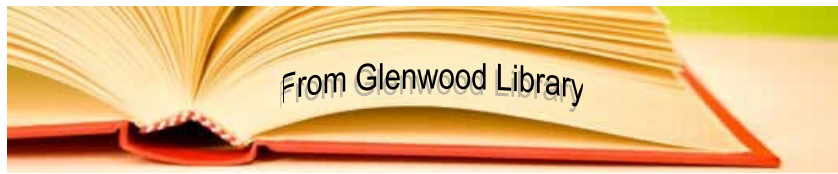
Thursday Activities



WOW! October was so much fun here at Glenwood! We played some Fall Bingo, danced like crazy at the Harvest Hop and had a blast with Apples during our Applefest. We love our Thursday Activities! Thank you School Council for making them possible! And thank you to our Glenwood team for all of your hard work and organization!! We can't wait to see what will be happening on Thursdays in November!

Hallowe'en Fun!





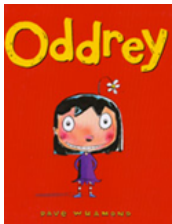
Each fall the Ontario Library Association announces its “Forest of Reading” nominees. The Forest of Reading® program is Canada’s largest recreational reading program designed to encourage a love of reading in people of all ages. All books are written by Canadian authors and are divided into 8 categories. The following are a few of the books nominated In the Blue Spruce category, which is for picture books:

Book Shelf



If You Hold A Seed
Elly MacKay
Running Press

Something magical happens when you plant a dream with a seed. With plenty of love and patience, they can blossom into an extraordinary gift. To be shared with those you love and those with big dreams, this book encourages us to never give up.



Oddrey
Dave Whamond
Owlkids Books

Oddrey is a young girl who is a little bit different from everybody else. Her curiosity and flights of fancy are often a source of some teasing at the hands of her classmates. But Oddrey faces all of these discouragements with optimism and grace. This is an endearing story with a timeless message of how the misfits in our midst can be the ones we most often misjudge.



This Is Not My Hat
Jon Klassen
Candlewick Press

A tiny fish swims happily by wearing a round blue bowler hat. It's not his hat, he tells us, but he is certain he is safe because the hat's owner is still asleep. But is he? Visual humor swims to the fore as the best-selling Jon Klassen follows his breakout debut with another deadpan-funny tale.



Uncle Wally's Old Brown Shoe
Wallace Edwards
Orca Book Publishers

Inspired by the familiar nursery rhyme The House That Jack Built, this story follows the course of one very unusual shoe as it travels through a fascinating, imaginative world to encounter an assortment of quirky characters. The imaginative text and cumulative story are sure to enthrall young readers, as will the detailed illustrations. Children and adults will delight in finding the whimsical objects and hidden meanings in the layered colorful artwork, reminiscent of Wallace Edwards's first book, Alphabeasts.



Willow Finds A Way
Lana Button, Tania Howells
Kids Can Press

Willow is thrilled the whole class -- including her! -- is invited to classmate Kristabelle's fantastic birthday party, until the bossy birthday girl starts crossing guests off the list when they dare cross her. There are many books on bullying, but Willow's story offers a unique look at how to handle the situation as a bystander.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1  Fall Back This Weekend! Don't Forget to Change Your Clocks!
4	5 Mary Moore – Westdale Library	6	7 <i>Thursday Activity</i> Fall Scavenger Hunt	8
11  Remembrance Day	12  Photo Re-Take & Grad Photos	13 School Council Meeting 7pm  McMaster Make Believe	14  Farmers Market <i>Thursday Activity</i> Movie	15
18	19 Progress Reports Go Home	20  Family Fun Night	21 <i>Thursday Activity</i> Wii Dance	22 PA DAY
25	26	27	28 <i>Thursday Activity</i> Christmas Craft	29