

The Glenwood Gazette

Glenwood School

150 Lower Horning Road

October 2013



ZERO!

On October 20th Glenwood will hold its first Wine Tour Event to raise money to support the special activities that take place at school for your child. Please encourage friends, family and neighbours to join us for this Sunday event. In fact, we'd like you to come with them.

When I add the number of Glenwood families and their friends (apart from School Council Members) who have already registered to participate in the Wine Tour, you can see the total above in giant letters. We have two weeks to get our numbers in, so pick up that phone and help us to make things happen.

If you have connections to help with door prizes, or silent auction items, speak with them and tell them what a great cause they are supporting – your child (and other wonderful, deserving children with special needs)!!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have enjoyed a wonderful September start to the school year. Numerous activities and events have already occurred. Mary Moore has been here from the Westdale Library to read stories; special Thursday events and assemblies have occurred. Each class has created a lovely planter and these are on display outside the front of the school daily. A major project is underway to create a "Sensory Garden" at the front of the school on either side of the front entrance area. We also held our annual Welcome Back Barbecue and guess what...!?! Some of you were not here. We want to let you know that we missed you and would love to have had you here with us. Thank-you to those who did come and spend time with us that evening.

There is so much activity, excitement and many learning opportunities for students abound. October promises to be no less exciting!

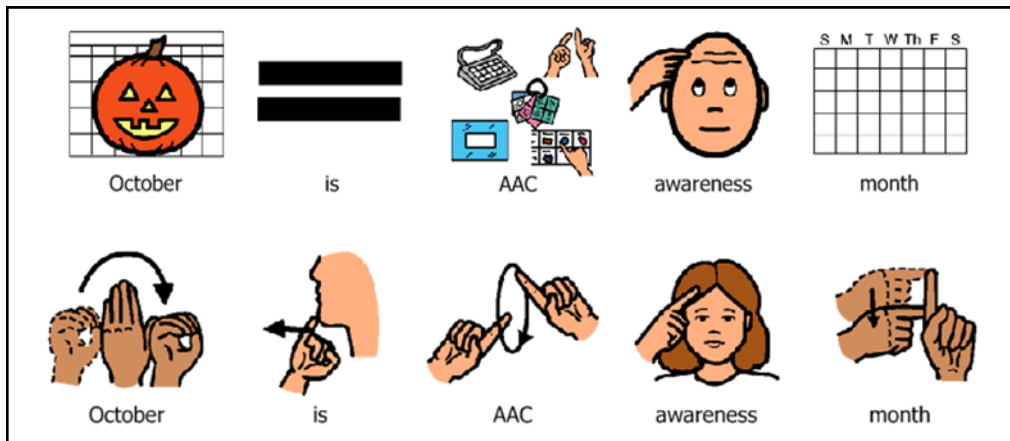
In October we will have a visit from Buster the Bus, to remind and instruct us about bus safety. Mary Moore will return, and our Thursday events will continue. On October 18th the McMaster Arts Club is planning to do some special activities with us, and on October 30th McMaster Make Believe will hold a Hallowe'en Dance for our students.

REMINDER – Friday, October 11th is a P.A. Day. There will be no classes for students that day.

THANK YOU!

Much of the excitement and activity that our students enjoy is made possible because of the efforts and creativity of staff members and the financial support of School Council. As a school we don't make a lot of requests of our families. However the reality is that YOUR CHILDREN are benefitting. On behalf of our students, and on behalf of you, I want to thank the staff and School Council for all that they do!

CDA Janelle Vedder Explains AAC and The Benefits to Glenwood Students



Here at Glenwood, we see AAC systems all around us all the time. The vast majority of our students use AAC systems to communicate. As staff, we can't read minds. We're pretty amazing, but we haven't developed that ability yet. That's why we're working with our students, developing their skills in AAC so they can communicate exactly what they're thinking when their verbal skills just aren't enough.

So what is AAC?

AAC is Augmentative and Alternative Communication. It is the large variety of ways that people communicate aside from spoken language. Everybody uses AAC on a daily basis, without even realizing it, to support their communication; washroom signs, stop signs, street lights, menus, photos of the food on menus, the text message symbol on your phone, and much, much more.

There is a large variety of AAC use going on at Glenwood. Here is just a small list of what we use daily

iPads with a variety of communication apps including Proloquo2go

Big mac Switches

Step-by-step switches

Supertalker multi-message devices

Picture Communication symbols (PCS)

Sign language

Visual Schedules

visual transition cues

PCS choice boards

Picture Exchange

Communication Systems (PECS)

Real picture labels

Are you relying on your mind-reading skills at home with your children? Are you curious about how to support your child's use of AAC at school? Do you have something that works really well for you at home that you think would be helpful for us to know at school? Remember, you can always contact us; we're here for the same thing you are, to allow your children to be the best they can be, and show the world their best too.

Support for families:

Autism Ontario - Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter

Telephone: 905-528-8476

**533 Main Street East,
Hamilton, ON L8M 1H9**

e-mail:

hamilton@autismontario.com

www.autismontario.com/hamilton

Regional Autism Intervention Program, Provider of Intensive

Behavioural Intervention (IBI)

1:1 intensive therapy for children based on the principles of ABA (Applied Behavioural Analysis) diagnostic assessments, social work support.

Transition Support Services

Family consultation support by a Behaviour Therapist for up to one year after discharge from IBI, workshops for families and community service providers to provide information on positive behaviour support strategies, social work support.

Hours: Monday - Friday, scheduled appointments

Tel: 905-521-2100 ext 77758; for IBI: ext 77315

Fax: 905-574-9439

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COAST

Crisis outreach and support team supports parents, caregivers, children, youth and service providers.
24 hour crisis line. **Tel: 905-972-8338**

Charlton House

Out-of-Home Respite Care - occasional out-of-home- respite care for individuals under the age of 21 years. Range of recreational\leisure activities designed to provide the child/adolescent with an enjoyable social experience while meeting their family's need for respite. Open every weekend and full time during the Christmas, March and Summer school breaks.

Adolescent Groups - ages 15-21: One night per week social program. October - January and February - May.

Tel: 905-526-9063

www.communitylivinghamilton.com

Autism Spectrum Disorders Service

McMaster children's Hospital - Chedoke Site
Parent education & community workshops, diagnostic assessments, family consultation by a Behaviour Therapist, family resources support, parent support, social work support, sibling support group.

**Hours: Monday - Friday,
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Room 11 Update

Brennen, Sydney, Kyle and Quintin are off to a great start. September was a busy month; we all enjoyed the 'Campfire Sing-Along' with Marc and look forward to all of our special activities this month. In our class this month we will be learning about Empathy. If you know of any good stories or craft ideas that fit our theme of Empathy, please feel free to pass them along. - Have a great month!

Room 6 Has GREAT Start to New School Year

It has been another exciting start to another exciting new school year in our ASD class this year! The first week of school we enjoyed some fun “Frosh Week” activities that helped students get to know each other and work on a variety of sensory-related activities. We have also been busy establishing routines in our classroom, and we have all gotten off to a great start working on a variety of activities and social communication goals. Thank you so much for your hard work at home that has gone into working with your children to get them into school-year routines. I’m sure it is a lot of work after the long summer. I appreciate the notes I have received in Home Communication Books. They are an important part of communication between home and school and help me know your child in order to assist them with their potential and success. Even the smallest piece of information can be helpful.

Room 6 staff this year is Angela Saccomano, Marian Bick and Becky Keefe. If there is ever anything we can help you with at school or with life at home, please don’t hesitate to ask!

Westmount Recreation Centre (west mountain) has special needs swim times available and a new Snoezelin Room that may be something you and your child may enjoy together. Contact 905-546-2424 (ext. 1758) for more information.

Take care everyone.

-Angela Saccomano, ASD Teacher

Thursday Activities



What a great way to kick off the school year! Our Campfire Sing-A-Long, led by Marc, was a huge success! BIG thanks to everyone for lots of participation, great attitudes and beautiful voices!



From Glenwood Library

October brings with it seasonal changes. Thanksgiving and Halloween are also celebrated this month. Here are a few suggestions for books and Apps that tie into the change of seasons and the October holidays:

Apps for the iPad



Kids Clothes & Seasons (\$2.99)

This fun app encourages kids to wear the right clothes depending on the weather conditions they see out of their window.



Seasons & Weather (Free)

This app helps your child learn to identify various weather situations in different seasons, and will teach him/her about weather appropriate clothing and activities

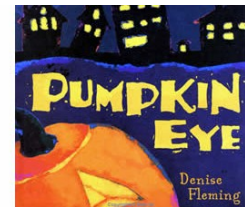


Carve a Pumpkin (Free)

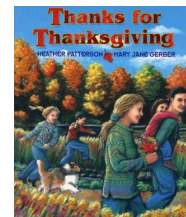
Carve-a-Pumpkin allows you to make jack-o-lanterns. Choose from five different pumpkin styles, then either "carve" a design of your own, or pick from their library of wacky eyes, noses, and mouths. Add a message and you're ready to share your creation with all your friends!

Book Shelf

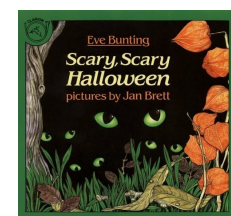
"Pumpkin Eye"
By Denise Fleming



"Thanks for Thanksgiving"
By Heather Patterson



"Scary, Scary Halloween"
By Eve Bunting



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1  Picture Day	2	3	4
7	8 Mary Moore – Westdale Library	9 School Council Meeting 7pm	10	11 PA DAY
14  Thanksgiving Day	15  Buster the Bus meets Glenwood!	16	17	18 McMaster Arts Club Activities 
21	22	23 Bus Driver Appreciation Day 	24	25
28	29	30 McMaster Make Believe Halloween Dance 	31  Halloween Assembly	***** OCT 20 – 1st Annual Wine Tour *****