

# The *Glenwood Gazette*

Glenwood School

150 Lower Horning Road

October 2014

## ***PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE***

Hello to all of our Glenwood Families and Friends!

We have had a busy and exciting September at Glenwood! It has been great getting to know our new students and their families, and it has been good to reconnect with those who have been part of the Glenwood Community for some time.

**Welcome Back Barbecue** – I can tell you that it was held in mid September, and that it was a little cool and lonely. It was cool, because the temperatures dropped so quickly. It was lonely because YOU WERE NOT THERE! Thank-you to those who did come. It was great seeing you!

Most city schools are community schools to which families can walk in just a few minutes. Most schools have numerous events over the course of the year to which families can come. Glenwood... not so much! So, we do look forward to seeing our families at the Barbecue! On the off-chance that you didn't have adequate time to plan for this event, I am going to get you to mark your calendar for September 2015 with our tentative date for the event. We expect it to take place on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>. Watch for announcements about the event, because even if the date is not exact, we WILL HAVE a BARBECUE and WE WANT EVERYONE THERE.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL** – We are looking for parents who love children (especially their own) and can join a group of other wonderful parents who meet monthly to plan events and activities, and to advocate for young people with special needs. Glenwood has the greatest Council in the city, and just by coming to meetings you can be one of those great people!

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Glenwood School. Show up and try a meeting out. We'd love to have you with us, and, truth be known... we need you!

**Wine Tour Event** – By now, you will have heard that our Wine Tour has been cancelled. I would like to thank our Council for working to plan this event. It is a disappointment that it will not take place, but simply put... it is too great a task for just a few people to carry out.

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May I ask? Have you ever expressed your appreciation to the parents who have given of their time, energy and resources to plan special events that support your children's activities at school. Remember that many activities, trips and events cost money. The money comes from our most generous School Council. TAKE TIME TO PASS ALONG A NOTE OF THANKS TO THESE GREAT PEOPLE. AFTER ALL... THEY ARE ONE OF US!!

To our Council members! Thank-you! You are the best!!

YOU CAN STILL HELP!!

**Glenwood School Comedy and Karaoke Event** will take place at:

**Tracie's Place** (on Upper James at Brucedale) on November 2.

Tickets are available at / from the school. They are \$15.00

Also available is a 50/50 draw.

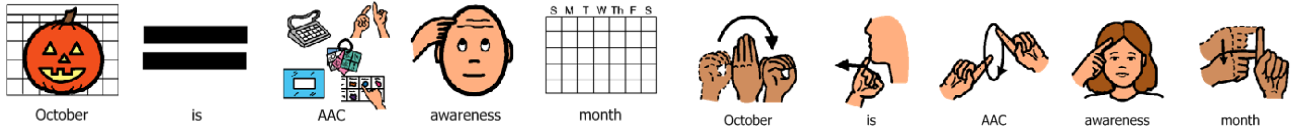
If you have items that you would like to donate for DOOR PRIZES this would also help. Please remember that there is always a way for you to participate in making special things happen at Glenwood! Together we can make a difference.

**THANK-YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING GLENWOOD FAMILIES!**

As you all know, life happens! There are always things that come up to challenge us and that require patience and flexibility, and we'd like to thank all of our families for the wonderful way in which you help. I have had numerous phone conversations and notes since the start of the school year, and your love for your child, and your understanding of the needs of other children has been encouraging.

Also, your patience with us has been wonderful. Speaking firstly for myself... I don't always get it right! But the one constant is that I/we care about our students, want to get it right, and want what is best for them. Thank-you for partnering with us to make a positive difference in the lives of these great children.

# Communication from our CDA



Thursday October 9 is Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Awareness day in Canada, and the month of October is International AAC awareness month.

Here are some resources to help you celebrate!



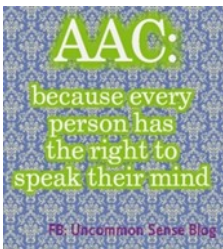
From Communication Access Now (CAN) here are a variety of printables that you can use to remind you and your child's other caregivers and communication partners what they need for best communication. <http://www.communication-access.org/people-with-communication-disabilities/communication-vocabulary/>



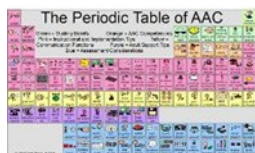
Posters, signs and other printables to show how much you love that AAC helps you understand your child. <http://aacpostersandsigns.blogspot.ca/>

**I ♥ AAC**

Augmentative and Alternative Communication  
\*other ways to communicate besides speech\*



<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.746808772029618.1073741829.123130417730793&type=3> This is a collection of photos you can print as posters to show your AAC love, and to explain WHY your child uses AAC. From the author of this blog post <http://niederfamily.blogspot.ca/2014/07/none-knows-words-child-cannot-say.html> (This post is also an excellent read, and a great one to share with those who wonder about AAC)



<http://www.cafepress.com/teachingsped> Website run by Kate Ahern, SLP and AAC specialist, with a variety of products for AAC awareness, posters, key chains, tote bags and more. Many of her products can also be used for helping your child become a self-advocate, or promoting good AAC communication strategies with all of your child's communication partners.



On October 9, all our Glenwood Students and staff will be given an "AAC: Not being able to speak is not the same as not having anything to say" sticker to wear, and an "I <3 AAC" magnet to take home and put on their fridge.

# Comedy Night



## Fundraiser

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**

Tracie's Place Restaurant & Karaoke Bar -

592 Upper James

Seating @ 7:00pm

Show @ 8:00pm

***Featuring Donnie Coy & Friends***

***\*\*\*Adult Content\*\*\****

Karaoke to Follow Show

Show Tickets - \$15/person

50/50 Tickets available! Door Prizes!

Contact Glenwood for Show Tickets

**905-525-2140**



# Room 2 - News and Highlights

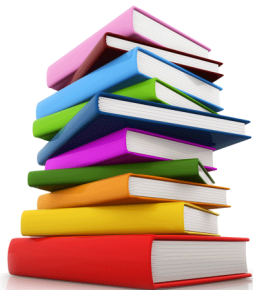
It has been another exciting start to another exciting new school year at Glenwood! The first week of school we enjoyed some fun activities that helped us all get to know each other. A big thank you to parents for taking the time to complete the package titled "This is Me". It has been wonderful to read through them to gain a better understanding of your child and life at home. I will always have your child's best interests at heart.

Through the month of September we have been busy establishing routines in our classroom, and we have all gotten off to a great start. 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. PLEASE REMEMBER TO READ THEM DAILY. USE THEM TO SEND ME NOTES AS OFTEN AS YOU NEED TO ALSO.

Room 2 staff this year is myself - Angela Saccomano, and our two Educational Assistants Amanda Kyle and Norma Sorensen. If there is ever anything we can help you with at school or with life at home, please don't hesitate to ask!

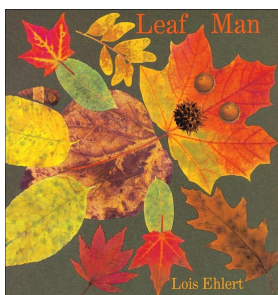
Westmount Recreation Centre (west mountain) has special needs swim times available and a new Snoezelen Room that may be something you and your child may enjoy together. Contact 905-546-2424 (ext. 1758) for more information.

Take care everyone. **-Angela Saccomano, Special Education Teacher**



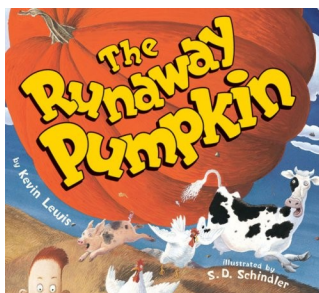
## Latest Library Lookups

Happy autumn from the Glenwood library!  
Here are a few of our favourite autumn stories.



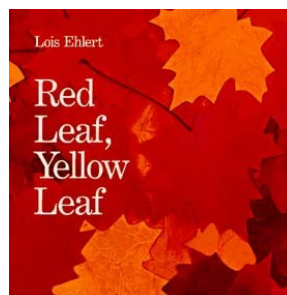
### Leaf Man

By Lois Ehlert



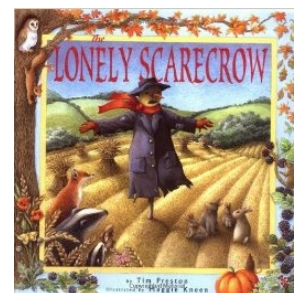
### The Runaway Pumpkin

By Kevin Lewis



### Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf

By Lois Ehlert



### Lonely Scarecrow

By Tim Preston &  
Maggie Keen

# 3 LOCAL WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TRAILS AT ONTARIO'S CONSERVATION AREAS

(excerpt from <http://ontarioconservationareas.ca/stories-to-tell/120-wheelchair-accessible>)

## **Conservation Area: Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail**

**Owned and Operated by:** Jointly owned and operated by Hamilton Conservation Authority and Grand River Conservation Authority

**Where:** Runs between Ewen Road in West Hamilton through the Dundas Conservation Area to Brantford

**More Information:** [www.conservationhamilton.ca/activities/conservation-areas/activities/trails-bikeways](http://www.conservationhamilton.ca/activities/conservation-areas/activities/trails-bikeways)

Completed in 1996, the 32 km Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail represents a portion of the abandoned Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway that was converted into a multi-use recreation trail. Upon the completion, this trail became Canada's first fully developed, entirely off-road inter-urban trail.

The Hamilton section of the trail runs through the scenic Dundas Valley Conservation Area, home of the Thomas A. Beckett Living Forest and the Dundas Valley Trail Centre, a sanctuary park and rest area with indoor washroom facilities, gift shop and snack bar. Distances are marked in kilometres at most locations along the trail and parking areas can accommodate vehicles and equestrian trailers. The trail is surfaced with stone dust and is suitable for bikes, walkers, equestrians and is wheel chair accessible.

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## **Conservation Area: Crawford Lake Conservation Area**

**Owned and Operated by:** Conservation Halton

**Where:** 3115 Conservation Road (formerly Steeles Avenue), Milton

**More Information:** [www.conservationhalton.on.ca/ShowCategory.cfm?subCatID=1083](http://www.conservationhalton.on.ca/ShowCategory.cfm?subCatID=1083)

The pristine waters of Crawford Lake have drawn people to its shores for hundreds of years. The rare lake, with surrounding boardwalk, is nestled in lush forests atop the stunning Niagara Escarpment where visitors can watch soaring turkey vultures glide through the Nassagaweya Canyon.

You can even step back in time and explore the 15th century Iroquoian Village that has been reconstructed on its original site. The spirits still sing in the rustic longhouses where tools, animal hides and the smell of smoke let you experience the life and times of Ontario's First Peoples.

Crawford Lake Conservation Area offers two wheelchair accessible trails:

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### **Crawford Lake Trail – 1.4 km**

This elevated boardwalk around Crawford Lake surrounds the environmentally sensitive shoreline and forest. The boardwalk offers several interpretive stations explaining the formation of the lake and its colourful natural and human history.

### **Woodland Trail – 1.5 km**

A hard-packed trail that easily accesses a cross-section of escarpment features including Crawford Lake's scenic woods and wetlands. Participate in a self-guided "Moccasin Walk" as you enjoy the inspirational signs posted along the way.

Four all-terrain wheelchairs are available for those who are physically unable to get out and enjoy the trails at Crawford Lake by foot. Wheelchairs are available from May to October.

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### **Conservation Area: Mountsberg Conservation Area**

**Owned and Operated by:** Conservation Halton

**Where:** 2259 Millborough Line, Campbellville

**More Information:** [www.conservationhalton.on.ca/ShowCategory.cfm?subCatID=1416](http://www.conservationhalton.on.ca/ShowCategory.cfm?subCatID=1416)

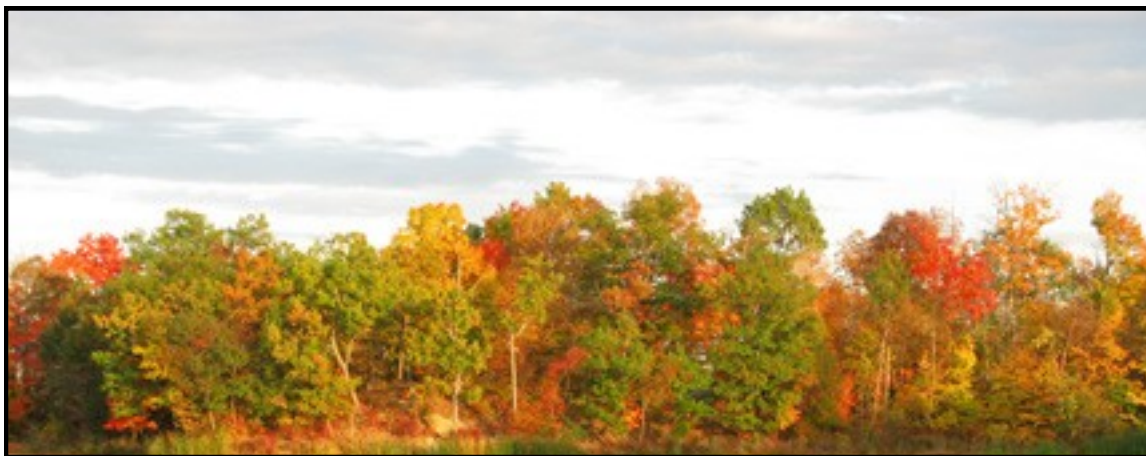
The extensive wetlands of the Mountsberg Conservation Area are a birdwatcher's paradise. Waterfowl and shorebirds clamber about a misty lake while hundreds of warblers flit through forest and meadow. Nature surrounds you at this scenic conservation area that has great hiking and cross-country ski trails outfitted with boardwalks, birdfeeders and interpretive lookouts.

You can even come face to face with a great horned owl, browse the exhibit gallery or gift shop, or see a live bird presentation during a year-round program with many special events. The call of the wild awaits you at this exciting conservation area.

Mountsberg offers one wheelchair accessible trail:

### **Wildlife Walkway – 1.6 km**

This hard-packed, wheelchair accessible trail begins at the Raptor Centre where birds of prey are featured. The trail passes several specially designed enclosures with hawks, falcons, eagles and owls that are non-releasable due to permanent injuries. The trail also includes enclosures with bison and elk. Near the end of the trail a boardwalk leads to a Lookout Blind that overlooks the reservoir.





# October



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<b>6</b> Day 4 Activity - Mini Putt	<b>7</b> Mary Moore	<b>8</b> School Council Meeting 7:00pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>13</b>  THANKSGIVING	<b>14</b> Day 4 Activity - Scarecrow Decorating	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Buster the Bus
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Day 4 Activity - Pumpkin Decorating	<b>22</b> Bus Driver Appreciation Day  ----- Bus Safety Week! -----	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> PICTURE DAY!	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Hallowe'en Dance