

# The *Glenwood Gazette*

*Glenwood School*

*150 Lower Horning Road*

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

A significant component of the HWDSB Strategic Direction is ***Engagement***. As in other months, Glenwood Special Day school is committed to student, parent and community partnerships and engagement. Numerous events recently highlighted this commitment. On May 8, the Optimist Club of East Hamilton came and made a delicious pancake breakfast for our students and staff. They also donated an ice maker to the school, in memory of Brian Smith, a Club member. Over the years, the Club has reached out and supported our school in many wonderful ways. On May 22, students, parents, staff and our community partners came together for a wonderful Walk 'n Roll-a-thon. With Tony the Guitar Guy entertaining us, we walked and rolled around the community and raised \$1,504.00 for our life skills program. We had our Community Police officer provide an escort, Glenwood Gus and a live alligator from Little Ray's! Together with Mohawk College, HWDSB and the Ontario Special Olympics, many of our students had the opportunity to participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Special Olympics on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was great to see our students' pictures in the Hamilton Spectator! We are anticipating a wonderful day at Camp Onieda on June 4 with our students, parents and staff. Again, we are excited to have a parent time at camp to provide an opportunity for parents to network and connect.

As this school year comes to a close, we are grateful to all our partnerships with both parents, guardians and community agencies. Through meaningful engagement, we continue to support ***our students achieve their full potential***.

Please enjoy the month of June and all of our wonderful Glenwood events!

~ Todd Graves  
Vice Principal



# Life Skills with Marc Johnson

Our Life Skills Program is in full effect. We have 3 students volunteering at the SPCA and many more participating in a variety of other programs (shopping program, recycling, mail collection, laundry and paper towel delivery).

Not only do our students enjoy participating in their life skills program, but our community enjoys interacting with everyone while completing their tasks. A win - win for everyone!

***Congratulations to Jackson for being the  
Employee of the Month for May.***



## Therapy Tails - Visits with Jesse

With the end of the school year fast approaching I would just like to reflect on some of the awesome gains and moments we have experienced with Jesse and our students.

I have students coming up to me to ask about Jesse visiting, using signs, "talkers" and verbally. One heart warming story was when a student told me "I wuv". At one point this student would not enter the classroom if Jesse was in there, now she is first to the floor for her turn.



Jesse and I visit each class, in various locations. Jesse loves to visit the Snoezelen room because she can get right on the mat with the students.

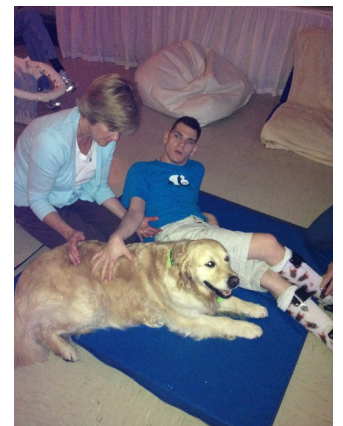
A big thank you to Shazia and Janelle for helping with social stories to support the pet therapy visits.

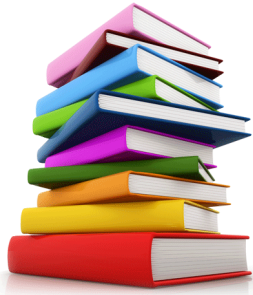
I look forward to bring the Therapy Tails experience to Glenwood again next year.

Jesse has become part of the Glenwood family, and knows when her bag is packed in the morning that she is off to work. A job she loves!

Thanks to the staff and students for your continued support.

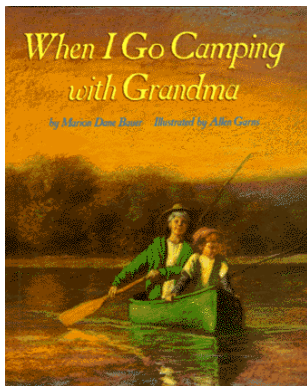
Jan and Jesse





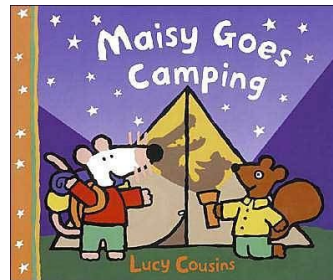
# Latest Library Lookups

Summer is a great time for camping and also for enjoying books. Here are a few great books about camping to share this summer.



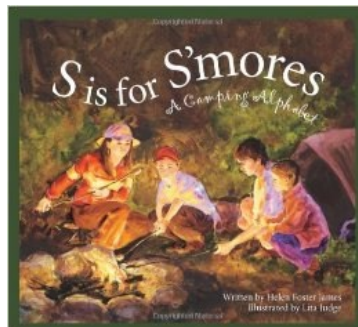
## When I Go Camping with Grandma

By Marion Dane Bauer



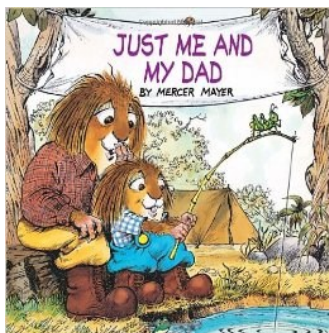
## Maisy Goes Camping

By Lucy Cousins



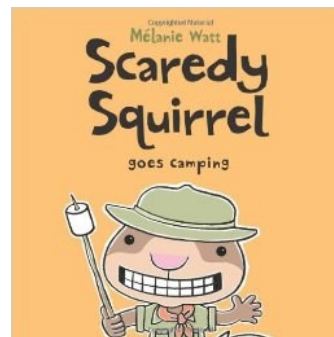
## S is for S'mores

By Helen Foster James



## Just Me and My Dad

By Mercer Mayer



## Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping

By Melanie Watt

If your child wandered away from home, or from you in the grocery store or the mall, would they be able to tell someone who found them who to call?

If you and your child were in a car accident, would they be able to explain to first responders their name, or who they should call?

In times of stress it is often difficult for many of our Glenwood students to convey important information to first responders and people who are wanting to provide assistance.

One solution to this is to provide our children with bracelets containing important information so that people can read the information instead of relying on our students varied communication skills.

RoadId.com is a company that has created bracelet products to contain important information for runners and cyclists who are training alone in case of medical emergency, first responders can read the information on their wrists.

The rubber band of their WristID Slim (<https://www.roadid.com/p/the-Wrist-ID-Slim>) model is comfortable, non-irritating, and durable. They also come in a variety of sizes. The five lines of information you can put on the badge is customizable to your children.

Some samples of information include:



Sally Smith  
I am non-verbal  
Mom: 555-555-555  
Uncle: 555-555-5554  
Please give me time to process your instructions.

John Smith  
I have Autism  
I use my iPad to communicate  
Mom: 555-555-5555  
Dad: 555-555-5554

Stella Slitherman  
I have apraxia of speech  
1234 Street St Hamilton  
Home: 555-555-5555  
Respite: 555-555-5554

Billy Boyd  
I am extremely sensitive to loud noises  
Please be patient with me, I take my time answering  
Mom: 555-555-5555  
Sister: 555-555-5555



To order online, or see other varieties of ID bracelets, visit [www.roadid.com](http://www.roadid.com)

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me, Janelle Vedder [jvedder@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:jvedder@hwdsb.on.ca)

# June

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Special Olympics	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Camp Oneida	<b>5</b>  <b>PA DAY</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Mary Moore	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Day 4 - Movie
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Day 4 - Water Play Day
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> GRAD 1PM	<b>25</b> Awards Assembly	<b>26</b>  <b>PA DAY</b>

