

NOVEMBER:

4 - PA DAY

DECEMBER:23 - LAST DAY BEFORE
WINTER BREAK**THE
GAZETTE**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Each day, our Glenwood team has the privilege to guide and support our students as they continue to learn and develop their skills. I am continually reminded about the value of **partnerships** with family, friends and community partners. As we all know, the collective strength of a team is far greater than that of just the individual. As I am literally writing this note, a parent called and asked if she could come by and speak to our Communication Disorders Assistant. It turns out that her child was having some challenges with her ipad that she uses as her communication device. She arranged with our CDA to drop by Glenwood and they worked through the issue together so that the student, her child, could continue her communication both at home and at school. Our partnerships with our parents are so important. That being said, I am looking forward to seeing many of you on Thursday evening and Friday (November 3 and 4) for **Parent Teacher Interviews**. Please know that connecting with your student's teacher is not limited to those times. If at any time you wish to discuss your child's program, their IEP development or share information we can make the appropriate arrangements. On November 29th, HWDSB is hosting a **Parents as Partners** presentation on Understanding Your Child's Individual Education Plan. Please consider attending this presentation as the IEP is the 'road map' to your child's school program.

As we also support the greater community, I want to encourage you to consider supporting our **United Way** drive this month. The United Way plays a key role in our community in supporting many valuable organizations and programs. Please pay special attention to your students agenda and calendar as various special activities will be planned over the month to raise both awareness and funds for United

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Way. Last year, under the leadership of our United Way committee, we raised over \$600 for this great cause.

On October 26, Glenwood hosted the regular meeting of **Special Education Advisory Committee**. SEAC was given a tour of Glenwood and had a chance to visit various classrooms and program areas. They also had the chance to hear directly from our educational assistants, teachers, speech and language pathologist, kinesiologist and myself about our commitment to student **communication, transitions, independence and life skills** and how we align with our HWDSB Strategic Direction. It was a very positive meeting and we are very appreciative of the role SEAC plays in advocating for special education within our community.

As you read our November Newsletter, please note the important dates and activities that relate to you and your child. In particular, please consider 'checking out' our **School Council** meeting on **November 9, between 6-7:30 pm**. Together as partners, we continue to make Glenwood **'a special place to learn.'**

Todd Graves

Vice Principal
Glenwood Special Day School

A special place to learn"





LIFE SKILLS WITH MARC

Each month we celebrate the outstanding job of one of our students within the life skills program. This month our Outstanding Employee of the Month is Aleesha!

Aleesha has been doing a great job with our Shopping Program. Way to go Aleesha! ~ Marc



UPCOMING UNITED WAY EVENTS



**STAY
TUNED FOR
MORE INFO**

“Fall Back”
November
6, 2016



“FALL” into Room 4

October has flown by and the students and staff in room four have been enjoying the nice fall weather at the beginning of the month and the cool crisp air during the final week. Each student had an opportunity to use an apple peeling machine to skin apples for our apple crumbly crust edible sensory activity which filled our classroom with the lovely smell of cinnamon. Room four students decorated a cornucopia for Thanksgiving and we chalked leaf prints from outdoor samples we had collected.

After Thanksgiving we have been painting small pumpkins and used Hallowe'en cookie cutters (and a hammer) to press the forms into a large pumpkin so when the pieces have been removed we had interesting shapes. Touching the insides of the pumpkins as well as the seeds provided an extra sensory experience.

For our final day of October room four students participated in our school Hallowe'en dance. Always a spooktacular time with many inventive costumes.

Students and Staff of Room Four

—Can't wait to see what happens in November!!



November



	1	2	3	4 PA DAY
7	8	9 Day 4 - Scavenger Hunt <i>School Council Meeting 6pm</i>	10	11 Remembrance Day
14	15 Jenny the Library Lady	16 Day 4 - Spacefest	17	18
21	22	23 Day 4 - Fall Craft	24	25
28	29 Understanding Your Child's IEP	30 Day 4 - Baking in the Gym		

Upcoming Important Dates:

Last day before winter break - December 23