

**JANUARY:**

26 - PA DAY

**FEBRUARY:**

19 - Family Day

**THE  
GAZETTE**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Glenwood Special Day School must have been on Santa's Good List this year! He not only visited our students once, but twice, sharing the joy of the season. As our buses arrived, Santa was standing on the front steps of Glenwood with gifts for all of our students. Pet Smart in Stoney Creek donated a large dog stuffy for each of our students to have. Thank you **Stoney Creek Pet Smart!** Santa appeared again, with his friends from the East Hamilton Optimists Club and went class to class with gifts and cookies for everyone. Thank you **East Hamilton Optimists** for donating a hand-picked book to each of our students again this year! For some of our students, new to Canada, this was their first visit from Santa and their faces were full of excitement!

Our **Winter Blizzard** (Shopping Spree) was another wonderful success! Students were able to go 'shopping' in the gym and pick out gifts from their families to take home. Crafts and treats were made by each class as well as gifts donated by friends of Glenwood, our community partners and the business community. Thank you to the following partners; **Boston Pizza Main West, Scentsy, Thirty One Gifts, Mastermind Toys Ancaster, Bryan Price Booksellers, Dairy Queen, Beyond the Batter Cupcakes, Cineplex Hamilton Mountain, Steel the Sky Arial Co, Walkers Chocolates, Costco Ancaster, Burlington Bowl, EB Games Dundas, Turtle Pond, Carry Me Sensory, Black Forest Inn, Mohawk College and the City of Hamilton.** The Winter Blizzard Committee did an excellent job providing a wonderful Holiday experience for all!

We also received a wonderful gift from a parent of a former student of a 12' high tent with lights for our students to access and enjoy. The generosity of the

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Glenwood staff, HWDSB support staff, parents and community partners was very evident during this festive time of the year. Thank you to all!

The theme of December's Newsletter was **CELEBRATION** and as we enter a New Year we want to focus on **HOPE** and **EXPECTATIONS!** From a school perspective, those hopes and expectations are developed within your child's **Individual Education Plan**. Please continue to collaborate with your child's teacher to ensure that together we are working towards those learning expectations. As 1st Term Report Cards are being developed, IEPs will be reviewed and potentially revised with your input. And for our graduating students, we will be working closely with you to ensure a smooth transition to adult programming in partnership with Developmental Services Ontario and community partners.

As you read this month's Newsletter, please know that with you, we have the highest hopes for your child. It is our passion that each Glenwood student reaches their full potential in this **'a special place to learn!'**

*With great hopes,*

*Todd Graves,*

*Vice Principal,*

*Glenwood Special Day School*



# Fundraising

Each year Glenwood runs two fundraisers, the Shopping Spree in December and the Walk and Roll-a-thon in May.

These fundraisers help us to raise money to buy many great things for our students.

As many of you know, when the term “Special Education” is added to a product it often comes with a higher price tag. We ask for our school community to participate in these fundraisers to raise funds for these big ticket items that our students can enjoy and benefit from. This year we are raising money for some new Snoezelen Room equipment, specifically a Soft Therapy Rocker valued at \$1,995.

Our Shopping Spree was once again a huge success. Not only were we able to help our students shop for their families, but we raised approximately \$1,000 towards our goal. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU, goes out to everyone who supported Glenwood, made donations, and most of all dedicated their time. We look forward to our next fundraising event in the spring, stay tuned for news on our Walk and Roll-a-thon!



# 2018

## **H***opes for 2018 from Room 14*

Our goal for the new year is to continue to strive for a positive learning environment where all feel welcome, supported and safe. Our classroom is a place built on relationships and trust. In 2018 we will: Recognize uniqueness. Keep growing. Strive to be happy. Speak and be heard. Offer support to someone who needs it. Focus on the positive. See the best in people and things around us. Look forward and live today as the best day ever! Happy New Year from All of Us!

~ Penny Parry, Room 14



## **T***hings to Remember This New Year*

Health and happiness are priceless and we hope that Room 3 (students, their families and staff too!) in the New Year keep these as a priority. Staying healthy means letting the school know if there are any medical changes or concerns that we should be aware of, and taking time to rest when needed. Happiness comes in many forms and we want to make sure that every day at school is enjoyable and a memorable experience. This means building off of student interest and likes, as well as maintaining consistent routines in our environment, and in what we say and what we do! Happy 2018!

~ Ivan Quach, Room 3

## **H***appy and Healthy New Year!*

Room 1 is always striving to welcome new faces into the building and will continue to spread joy in the New Year with our positive attitudes and friendship. We hope that all of the students in our school and their families have a safe, happy and healthy start to the New Year. We are excited to continue growing in 2018 and reach our full potentials alongside everybody else. Happy New Year from Room 1!

~ Hanna Y and Amanda P Room 1

## **H***igh Hopes*

Carole, Andrea and I wish all the families and students a happy and peaceful holiday season. As we look forward to the New Year, rest assured that we always have high **HOPES** for your children! We look forward to continued growth and maintenance of what has been learned in the areas of **communication, transitions, life skills** and **independence** and **HOPE** that the great things they are learning are being demonstrated at home too. And we of course **HOPE** that school will continue to be a place where all students will find meaningful connections and find a sense of enjoyment. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

~ Angela Saccomano, Room 2

## **H***appy New Year from the Glenwood Life Skills - Leisure Program*

In the New Year, we are hoping to apply for a grant from the HWDSB Foundation in order to purchase shelfies for a laundry station in the Glenwood apartment. This will help students become more independent in sorting classroom laundry. Also, we hope that in 2018 we are able to introduce a series of life skill stations in the Glenwood library related to office/library work (ie sorting and organizing books, stapling or paper clipping papers, stamping papers, sorting work supplies, etc). This will provide the opportunity for some of our students to gain work skills in settings outside of the apartment environment. As for our leisure program, we hope to be sending out forms to parents/guardians that will provide us information about students' favourite music in order to personalize and enhance their music enjoyment opportunities.

~ Katy and Elyse, Prep

# JANUARY

<b>1</b> Winter Break	<b>2</b> Winter Break	<b>3</b> Winter Break	<b>4</b> Winter Break	<b>5</b> Winter Break
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> School Council Meeting 6pm	<b>11</b> Day 4 - Winter Bingo	<b>12</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Day 4 - New Year's Bring your Own Dinner	<b>19</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Day 4 - Winter Craft	<b>26</b> PA DAY
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

**Family Day - February 19**