

APRIL:

2 - Easter Monday

MAY:

21 - Victoria Day

**THE
GAZETTE**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What an exciting month we just had at Glenwood! Students, alumni, families, staff, community partners and friends celebrated **Family Fun Night!** Despite the SNOW, we had over 100 people attend, which was larger than last year! For me, the highlight of the night was to see the connections parents and families had with our amazing community partners, **Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre, CHOICES, Cornerstone Support Services, Developmental Services of Ontario** and **Autism Ontario**. Representatives from these services shared information about their programs and parents were able to put faces with names of agencies. That evening we had a **Glenwood Art Gallery** and much of that art went to the **Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre** to support their fundraising. With the help of our students art and others, RJCHC was able to raise over \$3500! It was incredible to see our students' art displayed at RJCHC. Their staff were very grateful for our students support! And over the last few weeks, it has been very encouraging to participate in our students **IPRC Annual Reviews**. In addition to reviewing Identification and Placement, we had the opportunity to hear many exciting stories of the gains our students are making and work together to focus on positive next steps.

The month of April is on track to be just as exciting and productive here at Glenwood. I would like to highlight one specific event. On April 19, between 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Mancini Centre, the **Hamilton Community Transition Network**, will be hosting their annual **Pathways to Transitions** evening. If you have never been, this is one of the most informative nights of the year with regard to planning the next steps for your child as they transition from secondary school to the

community. This event is not only for the parents with children who are graduating this year, but it is for everyone as they look ahead to this next step in their child/ young adults' life. Please contact your child's teacher or myself if you would like additional information.

My final highlight of the month was the story a parent shared about dancing with her son and she gave me permission to share. Often we have dances at Glenwood, as we would have in any school in Hamilton. The purpose is often centred around engagement, social skills and community. For many of our students it is a learning experience as well as they develop their social skills. Following a dance, one of our students came up to his mother, tapped her on the leg while the music was playing in their home. He directed her up and he placed her hands on his side and shoulder and began to lead her in a dance. After his one minute dance, he kissed her and went back to his day. It was the first time she had ever danced with her son and she was moved.

The celebrations of Glenwood are not only displayed in big events like Family Fun Night and Art Exhibits, but also felt in the small moments of life. Glenwood continues to be a **'special place to learn and *dance!*'**

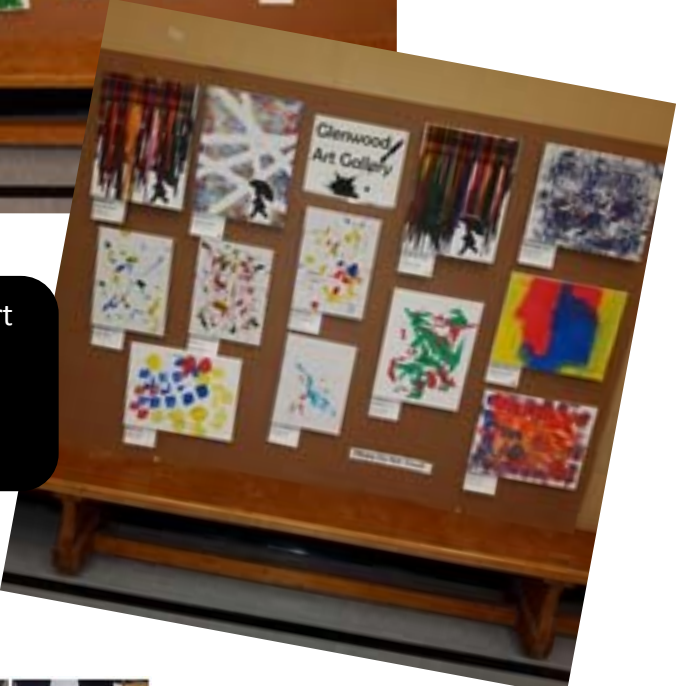
Sincerely,

Todd Graves,

Vice Principal

Glenwood Special Day School





Glenwood Art Gallery - Our students made some beautiful art pieces this month. A selection of the pieces created by our students with ASD were sold at Auction for the Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre fundraiser.



YOUR ROCK SOCKS

Staff and students wore crazy socks to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st. Can you find your child's socks?



GLENWOOD'S SUPER FAMILY FUN NIGHT





April

2 Easter Monday - No School	3	4	5 Day 4 - Paint to Music	6
9	10	11 International Day of Pink	12 Day 4 - Wii Dance	13
16	17	18 <i>Parents as Partners</i>	19 Day 4 - Sing-a-long <i>Pathways to Transitions</i>	20
23	24	25	26 Day 4 - Spring Craft	27
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