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# GLEN BRAE NEWSLETTER

## October 2018



### From the Desk of Mrs. Constable

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. I hope enjoy spending time with your family and friends, giving thanks for all we have to be grateful for.

**I hope to see you at MEET THE TEACHER on Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 - 6:00p.m.**

Be sure to meet your child's teacher. Have them introduce you to their rotary teachers as well, (Physical Education, Art/Drama, Science, Music, and French). Please remember that this is not a parent teacher interview but rather a chance to meet the staff. Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for the evening of November 1st and the morning of November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Phone interviews are also available.

Have a wonderful October,

Mrs. S. Constable

### GLEN BRAE EQAO SCORES – 2017/2018

2017/2018 Scores – Percentages indicate those students at or above Provincial Standard

Reading – 81%

Writing – 80%

Math – 45%

Board Results:

Reading 74%, Writing 69% and Math 35%

Provincial Results:

Reading 82%, Writing 80% and Math 49%

PICTURE DAY IS THURSDAY OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

GRADE 7 Immunization needles are being administered on October 30th



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### **It's Halloween! It's time to dress up and Dance!**

This year Halloween falls on Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup>. Students are allowed to come to school wearing their costumes. The Halloween Dance will take place at 1:00 p.m. and will go until 3:00 p.m. The cost of the dance is \$5.00 and can be paid using school cash net on line. This money is used to pay the DJ who keeps the kids dancing all afternoon! He also has a great lighting system that turns the gym into a wonderful dancing space. There are also drinks and snacks for purchase during the dance. For those students who are not fond of dances or dancing, there are quiet, fun rooms available for them to spend the afternoon.

### **Principal's Awards Assembly**

At the end of each month, each staff member recognizes students who they believe are most deserving of a Principal's award. This award may be given for a number of reasons. After the assembly, all award winners proceed to the library for a group photo which is then displayed in the front display case. I hope one day you will get invited to see your child win an award! The October Principal's awards assembly will be held on Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

### **Subscribe to the Glen Brae Website**

Parents are asked to go to the Glen Brae website and click on "Subscribe" (or go directly to: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/glenbrae/subscribe/>). This will enable us to update you when new items are posted to our website. Helping us in the way will allow us to save hundreds of dollars in photocopying/paper charges that can then be redirected to purchases for classrooms. You may unsubscribe any time in the future.

### **Congratulations Glen Brae Boys and Girls 3 Pitch Teams**

Congratulations Glen Brae! The Senior Boys and Girls 3 Pitch Teams did very well at their tournaments this month. All students displayed great sportsmanship and represented Glen Brae so well. Thanks so much to Mr. Smith, Ms. Hagan and Mme. Moon for coaching the teams.

Up next..... Boys and Girls Volleyball and Cross Country Teams are underway. The Cross Country Meet takes place on Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> at Christie's Conservation Area.



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## WE Day Toronto

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, 4 students represented Glen Brae at the Annual WE Day Toronto. WE is a movement that believes when we come together we can create an even better world. WE Day is a powerful, life-changing experience with world-renowned speakers and performers, mixed with real inspirational stories of change. It is the springboard for schools to begin their own social justice actions through WE Schools.

WE Schools is the yearlong program that nurtures compassion in young people and gives them the tools to create change in their local and global communities.

The staff and students who attended WE Day, now have the tools and inspiration to take social action, empower others and transform lives – including their own.

At Glen Brae, the Social Justice Committee engages the school in activities to support and impact local and global communities. Throughout the year your child will be asked to participate in such events as our Annual WE Scare Hunger food drive. We encourage all of our students to become involved in making change in this world. Students who are interested in taking on a leadership role are invited to join the Social Justice Committee



## Look Cool for School!

Glen Brae Spirit Wear is now available! Ordering will begin September 24 until October 9th.

Orders can be placed on line or through order forms returned to the classroom teachers.

This year we have two new novelty designs available for t-shirts and hoodies, with lots of great colors.

You can check out our on-line store and place your on-line order by creating an account at:

<https://www.schooltee.com/>

**Show some school spirit, order your spirit wear today!**

## Keeping Kids Safe - Paul Davis

On September 6, we were please to host Paul Davis, an expert in the field of Social Media Safety. Paul has spent much of his career educating children and empowering parents on the topic of social networking and online safety. He has worked with school boards, the OPP, businesses and police departments across the country.

Paul spoke to our students about social media safety, digital trails, online security, cyber-bullying, the dangers of sexting, using smart phones safely, and a whole lot more. Students left

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the presentation with tips and advice on how to keep themselves safe in this digital world. All classrooms have been provided with instructions for students to remove device tracking. In the evening, Paul joined us again to speak with parents. We were pleased to have 27 parents and 7 students join us from Glen Brae, Sir Isaac Brock and A.M Cunningham. Paul started off the evening on a serious note, presenting some hard truths about the internet and social media usage. By the end, we were all laughing, but feeling empowered to keep our students and children safe.

If you ever have the opportunity to hear Paul speak in person, this is something you do not want to miss. Stay tuned for future event information. Glen Brae is looking forward to hosting Paul again in the spring for a very special mother-daughter event.

For more information about Paul and his speaking dates, check out this link:

<http://socialnetworkingsafety.net/>



**WE Scare Hunger**  
Hunger + Food Drive = **IMPACT**



Hunger affects people from all walks of life, including those we might not suspect. People who experience food insecurity are often forced to make difficult choices. Parents choose between skipping meals and feeding their children. Do they buy groceries or pay the rent or electricity bill? When we come together to collect food for people struggling with hunger, we can help ensure they have resources to feed themselves and their families.

Beginning on October 15<sup>th</sup> until November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Glen Brae staff and students will be participating in our annual food drive to support Hamilton Food Share. Organized by the Social Justice Committee, classes will have the opportunity to engage in some friendly competition and unlock some fun prizes along the way, all while giving back to our community. This year our goal is to collect 1500 items.

By supporting WE Scare Hunger, staff, students and families can contribute to our community and also raise awareness of the root causes of hunger.

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### In Recognition and with Appreciation

Here are some important dates to recognize some important people in the life of your child. Each and every day your child is supported by many people who impact their learning. We appreciate all those who care for and support our students at Glen Brae

October 2 – National Custodial Workers Day

October 5 – World Teachers' Day

October 16 – Child Care Worker and Early Child Educator Appreciation Day

October 24 – Professional School Bus Driver Appreciation Day



### Is your child getting involved?

Ask them about Glee Club? Social Justice Team? Bulletin Board Crew? Recycling team? Library helpers? Student Council? There are so many activities for students to enjoy outside of athletics. Remind your son/daughter to check them out. It's usually not ever too late to join!

### Does your child have an IEP?

Individual Education Plans for students will go home during the month of October. If you have any questions at all about your child's IEP, please contact their homeroom teacher or our Learning Teacher Mrs. Bikinas. Staff can be reached at 905 560 6732.

### Allergy Alert

Please remember that we have several students and staff with life threatening allergies to nuts and certain scents and perfumes. Please refrain from sending food items that may contain nuts and please ensure your child is not wearing strong perfumes/sprays or deodorants.

Thank you so much for your support



### Pizza Wednesdays

Every Wednesday, pizza will be on sale at Lunch. The cost is \$1.25 a slice and is on a first come, first served basis. It is important that students bring a lunch so that they don't go hungry if the pizza is sold out. Proceeds from pizza sales are used to pay for team sports transportation.





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### School Cash on Line

1. Register
  - a) If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page – <https://hwdsb.schoolcashionine.com> and select the “Get Started today” option.
  - b) Complete each of the three registration steps
2. Confirmation Email
  - a) A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.
  - b) The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.
3. Find Student – This step will connect your children to your account
  - a) Verify the School Board Name
  - b) Select the School Name
  - c) Enter your child’s first name, last name and date of birth
  - d) Select “Continue”
  - e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select “Continue”
  - f) Your child has been added to your account.
4. View items or Add another student
  - a) If you have more children, select “Add another Student” and repeat the steps above.

### Orange Shirt Day

At HWDSB, we respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

On Friday, September 28, the staff and students at Glen Brae joined with staff and students across the board to recognize Orange Shirt Day (officially Sunday, September 30), to honor the survivors, victims and lasting effects Canada’s Residential Schools.

Indigenous children were forcibly removed from their homes, families and communities to attend church-led schools that stripped them of their culture, languages and identity. This created irreversible harm from which many families still suffer.

The date September 30 was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools. It also gives school systems time to set the stage for equity and inclusion initiatives for the coming school year.



Wearing orange helps raise awareness of the residential school experience, ensures that every child knows they matter, and works toward a better future for all people. The orange shirt became significant due to the story of Phyllis Webstad, who in the early 1970s had her orange shirt taken away on her first day at the residential school St. Joseph Mission (SJM) in British Columbia.

Throughout the days leading up to Orange Shirt Day, students were engaged in discussions and activities to learn about indigenous rights and the impact of residential schools. Thank you to everyone who wore orange to honor the lives lost and survivors of residential schools and thank you to those who spent the time talking about this very important Canadian issue.

## Butterflies of Hope

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, to kick off our Mental Health and Wellbeing initiative, staff and students recognized World Suicide Prevention and Awareness Day. The butterfly is the symbol of life, which creates hope. Staff spent time talking with each of their classes about support systems available at our school and outside in the community, who they can talk to when they are in need or see a friend in need. Students colored butterflies and each class created a beautiful display to recognize this important day.



## Ontario Dress Purple Day 2018

Every child has the right to safety and wellbeing.

Every October Children's Aid Societies across the province raise awareness about the rights of children and youth, their safety and well-being, and the responsibility of adults and community services to help children, youth, and families who need support. On Ontario Dress Purple Day Glen Brae will join together with key partners, Children's Aid Societies, Boards of Education, schools, child care centers and homes, to share this positive message that help is available and to celebrate the community that cares for kids and families.

This year **Ontario Dress Purple Day** will take place on **Wednesday, October 24, 2018**.

To support Ontario Dress Purple Day and its focus on getting and giving help, the staff and students at Glen Brae will be dressing in purple and participating in activities that will make the day a meaningful and engaging learning opportunity everyone. Staff and students will be engaging in discussion with students about safety and well-being in all aspects of their lives, helping adults in the community, and how to ask for help.

For information, check out this link: <http://www.oacas.org/dresspurpleday/>

On this day, we will also be hosting a GUM Day fundraising event to raise money to increase opportunities for all students at Glen Brae. Students are encouraged to bring in their loonies and toonies to buy a "gum license" and gum.





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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1</b> Mental Illness Awareness Week  World Day of Bullying Prevention – Let's wear pink today	<b>2</b> Mental Illness Awareness Week  Custodial Appreciation Day	<b>3</b> Mental Illness Awareness Week  Pizza Day – 1.25	<b>4</b> Mental Illness Awareness Week WORLD TEACHER DAY! Meet the teacher 4:30 – 6:00	<b>5</b> Mental Illness Awareness Week  World Teacher Appreciation Day
<b>8</b> Happy Thanksgiving! 	<b>9</b> Cross Country Meet at Christies Conservation Area  Vision Clinic at Glen Brae	<b>10</b> World Mental Health Day  Vision Clinic at Glen Brae  Pizza Day – 1.25	<b>11</b>  Vision Clinic at Glen Brae	<b>12</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Photo day  Pizza Day – 1.25	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Grade 7 Immunization Needles	<b>24</b> Pizza Day – 1.25  Purple Day – In recognition of Children's rights. We wear purple today 😊 School Bus Driver appreciation Day	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>29</b> Last day to pay for Dance on line	<b>30</b> Progress Reports go home today Grade 7 Immunization Needles	<b>31</b> Pizza Day – 1.25  Halloween Dance – 1:00 – 3:00 Costumes may be worn to school	<b>November 1</b>  Parent teacher interview evening	<b>November 2</b> P. A. Day Parent Teacher Interview morning 9:00 – 12:00



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