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GLEN BRAE NEWSLETTER

September 2018



From the Desk of Mrs. Constable
Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. As our students return for a new academic year, it is our hope that each one will set goals and strive towards reaching them this year. I know the staff is dedicated and excited to help each child reach their full potential.

I am extremely excited to inform you that on Thursday September 6th, Paul Davis, Social Media and Cyberbullying Educator will be at Glen Brae to do a presentation to students (1:00 p.m.) and parents (7:00 p.m.). We feel this presentation is an extremely beneficial way to begin a new year and we sincerely hope parents can attend the session tailored to them on Thursday September 6th at 7: 00 p.m. in the school gym.

Thanks so much
Mrs. S. Constable
Principal

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 this 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. Please know that Glen Brae does not send home paper copies of school newsletters. All newsletters can be found on the website.

One to One IPAD School

Glen Brae is fortunate to be one of few one to one IPAD schools in HWDSB. Each of our students has an IPAD assigned to them in September for their use for the 2018/2019 school year. These IPADS are an integral part of everyday instruction and student learning. For this reason and to eliminate several issues involving cell phones, we do not allow students to have



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their cell phones in class. Student cell phones should be left locked in student lockers or left with the teacher for safe keeping at the start of class.

Glen Brae Staff – 2018/2019

Class 6A – Mrs. Kew	Class 7A – Mr. Smith	Class 8A – Ms. Balliram
Class 6B – Mrs. Hall	Class 7B – Ms. Hagan	Class 8B – Mrs. McRae
Class F6C – Mme. Kelly	Class F7C – Miss Field	Class F8C – Mme. Moon
Class F6D – Mlle. Uhrig	Class F7D – Mme. Lanillos	Class F8D – Mme. R-Kirk
Class F6E – M. Romero		

Office Administrator: Mrs. Hallas
Learning Resource Teacher – Mrs. Bikinas
Art/Drama Teacher – Mr. Berrafatti
Music Teacher – Mrs. D’Costa
Science/Technology Teacher – Mrs. Sindall
Physical Education Teacher – Mrs. Grace
Student Success Mentor Educational Assistant – Mrs. Zavarella
Student Success Teacher (.5) – Mrs. Pretty
Educational Assistant – Mrs. Sari
Head Caretaker – Mr. Hillman
School Principal: Mrs. Constable



Glen Brae – School Day Times

Time	Event
8:45 a.m.	Playground opens with Staff Supervision
9:00 a.m.	School day begins
11:30 – 11:50	Indoor Eating Portion of Lunch
11:50 – 12:30	Outdoor Portion of Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Afternoon Instruction Begins
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal
3:15 p.m.	Playground Supervision Ends

Does your child ride the School Bus?

Email Notifications for Bus Delays – The parent’s Portal tool on the HWSTS website (www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca) enables parents to create a secure online account where they can access transportation details for their children. HWSTS has further enhanced the portal to



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allow account holders to choose to receive email notification when their bus is delayed by more than 10 minutes

First Day Packages

On Tuesday September 5th your child will come with a “First Day Package”. There are several very important forms for you to complete to ensure that your child is always safe at school, in our community and on our educational excursions. Please complete all forms and have your child return all forms no later than Wednesday September 12th.



Student Agendas

All students in all grades will receive a student agenda. This book is one form of communication between you and your child's teachers. Please make sure your child brings his/her agenda home every night. They should be filling in each day with the events/assignments and due dates of various subjects.

Medications

If your child requires administration of medicine at the school or has an EpiPen that needs to be kept at school, please contact Mrs. Hallas (Office Administrator) at 905 560 6732.

Glen Brae Snack Program

Through government funding, Glen Brae is fortunate to offer a grab and go before school snack every day of the week. A staff member will be outside on the playground with a cart full of healthy delicious snacks to choose from.

Safe and Timely Arrival

For the safety of our students and for our priority on instructional time. You are asked to please observe the following:

- Parking in the front of school is prohibited. This is a school bus/no stopping zone. By-Law officers may ticket violators.
- Please do not drop off your child in the staff parking lot. This is a congested high traffic area not suitable for pedestrians.
- All students enter the building either through the playground door or front door depending on where their locker is situated.
- Instructional time begins at 9 am and 12:30 pm. Students should arrive 5 minutes in advance so they can enter with the bell.



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- School ends at 3 pm, all students exit the door closest to their locker. Staff are on duty on the playground at dismissal until 3:15 pm.
- Students leaving school for lunch (with permission only) must return on time for 12:30 entry.



Allergy Alert

Within our school community there are students and staff who have potential life threatening allergies to foods, predominantly nuts. Others suffer from allergic reactions to perfumes, spray colognes and body sprays. We respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within the school community to avoid sending nuts of any kind or wearing perfume/cologne.

The Glen Brae House System

While it won't quite be Hogwarts with its ancient houses, Glen Brae has adopted a "house system" to encourage school spirit, break down barriers between programs and grades and help facilitate new friendships. The entire school – English and French, grades 6, 7 and 8 are divided into three houses. In keeping with our tradition as the "Glen Brae Bears", our house names are Kodiak (native name for Grizzly), Makwa (Algonquin for Black Bear) and Nanuk (Inuit for Polar Bear). Points are awarded to members of each house for achievement, participation and citizenship. Each house is sub-divided into four chapters. Thus every chapter will have 2 or 3 students from every class in the school. Each chapter has been assigned a lunch room. At the end of the year, the house with the most points will participate in a special award. Last year, Kodiak won an all you can lunch at Boston Pizza. It was a wonderful time for all Kodiak members.



Pizza Wednesdays

Every Wednesday, pizza will be on sale at Lunch (11:30). The cost is \$1.50 a slice and is on a first come, first served basis. It is important that students bring something to eat so that they don't go hungry in case the pizza sells out, however, it is very rare that we sell out. Proceeds from pizza sales are used to pay for team sports transportation.

Kernels Popcorn and frozen Treats will also be on sale beginning in September for \$1.00 - \$2.00 dollars.



Extra-Curricular Activities start off strong at Glen Brae!

Students will have the opportunity to try out for Senior Boys and Senior Girls 3 Pitch teams and the Cross Country Team very early in September. The Boys 3 pitch tournament is scheduled for September 17th and the Girls Tournament is scheduled for September 19th. The Cross Country meet is scheduled for October 9th, 2018.



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Principal's Awards Assembly

At the end of each month, each staff members 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 first awards assembly will held on Monday October 1st, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Insure my kids – Student Accident Insurance

Apply Online: www.insuremykids.com



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School Council Election and Parent Candidate Nomination Process

First Meeting – Thursday September 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library.

All parents/guardians that have a child enrolled at Glen Brae Middle School are welcome and encouraged to attend school council meetings.

- The Ministry of Education requires that all Ontario Schools have a School Council. The role of the school council is to advise the Principal and staff of recommendations for the school improvement plan and further the effective environment for students.
- If a parent/guardian would like to be a voting and serving member on the School Council, they must be elected to the role. Submission of a nomination form is required (see below)
- On Thursday September 27th, we will hold our first School Council Meeting for this year. At this time, we will review the number of candidates that have put their names forward to serve on the Council. If there are more than 12 names, we will hold an election. The process will be reviewed at the meeting. If there are less than 12 people who wish to serve, all names will be acclaimed.
- From the School Council, an executive consisting of Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary will be determined. The School Community will be notified of the new School Council.

Nomination Form for Glen Brae School Council Meeting – Thursday September 27th, 2018

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Glen Brae School Council.

I am the Parent/Guardian of _____ in
Grade _____.

My name is: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I am also interested in the following executive position:

- ☐ Chair
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Secretary

Signature _____

Date: _____



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September 2018 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
September 3 Labor Day Holiday	September 4 First Day of School	September 5	September 6 Internet Safety and Cyberbullying Education Assemblies Student Assembly: 1:00 p.m. Parent Presentation: 7:00 p.m.	September 7
September 10	September 11	September 12 First Pizza Day - \$1.50 per slice	September 13	September 14
September 17 Senior Boys 3 Pitch Tournament	September 18	September 19 Senior Girls 3 Pitch Tournament	September 20	September 21 P.A Day – No School for students
September 24	September 25 Glen Brae Whole School trip to Christie's Conservation Area 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.	September 26	September 27	September 28 Orange Shirt Day Orange Shirt Day is an event that started in 2013. It was designed to educate people and promote awareness about the Indian residential school system and the impact this system had on Indigenous communities for more than a century in Canada. Terry Fox Run/Walk - 9:00 a.m.

First Principal's Awards Assembly – Monday October 1st 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
Picture Day is Wednesday October 17th, 2018

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