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February 2019 Newsletter

From the Desk of Mrs. Constable

*I would like to wish you all a very **Happy Family Day Holiday**. Take time to enjoy the long weekend spending time with friends and family.*

***On February 12th, all students will receive their Report Card.** Please go over the report carefully with your child. Recognize their success and talk about areas for improvements. The June report card will be here before we know it. Set some goals for their final reports. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher about their report card, please call the school. The parent signature portion of the report card must be signed and returned with your child. During the month of February we celebrate Black History Month. Teachers and students will be doing a variety of lessons and activities that honor the legacy of Black Canadians both past and present.*

On Wednesday February 6th Staff and Students will be participating in our annual electives day. We will be heading out on some amazing trips such as the Hockey Hall of Fame, Come from Away musical, skiing, Zacada Circus School, Gravity Climbing, the Art Gallery and more. It is going to be a wonderful day! If your son/daughter will not be attending, please call the school to notify us of their absence. This is required for any school day where there is a trip planned. The school phone number is (905 560 6732).

*Thanks so much
Mrs. S. Constable*



Twitter

Follow **Glen Brae Middle School** on Twitter to get updates and to see the exciting things that are happening here.



Fundraising

We wish to thank each and every family for your efforts to support the various fundraising initiatives here at Glen Brae. Without your support we would not be able to provide some of the programming that we do. The various initiatives, such as Fresh from the Farm, Spirit Wear, Big Box of Cards, popcorn, cookie and freezes sales, chocolate sales, our holiday concert and more, all provide opportunities to raise funds that support our students through programming and our nutrition program.

We currently have several items that students can purchase during lunch hours.

Pizza Day – Wednesday only \$1.50 per slice

Cookies - \$1.00

Hot Chocolate - \$1.00

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Snuggle up and Read Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day is a national initiative that promotes the importance of reading and learning together as a family.

At Glen Brae, literacy is important, and we encourage students to read every day. On Friday February 22, staff and students are invited to wear their cozy warm pajamas, bring their favorite book and enjoy literacy as a school family. During 4th period, students and staff are asked to find a comfortable spot to sit with their book or device and quietly read. We will be serving hot chocolate as we all “Snuggle up and Read”.

Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child’s development, improving a child’s literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

Family literacy programs focus on parents as the means to improve the reading and writing skills of all family members. By reading to children and engaging in fun literacy activities, parents are actively keeping their own skills sharp while at the same time strengthening the relationship between the families which, in turn, encourages lifelong learning.



ABC Life Literacy Canada offers these fun literacy ideas for you and your children!

- The kitchen is a great place for the whole family to practice literacy. Reading a recipe, measuring ingredients, and even figuring out what you need to buy from the store all use your literacy skills. As a family, pick a recipe and write out the ingredient list on a sheet of paper.
- Designate time for reading. Maybe a half hour each night before lights out, or immediately after school. Model reading for each other and talk about what you are reading.
- Read together: Parents frequently ask for lists of the best books to read to their children. But the best books are the ones that your family enjoys the most! Family reading is about sharing a laugh, a special moment, or learning something new together. Select books that best represent your interests and beliefs.
- Read what your teen is reading. Knowing what your child or teen is reading shows interest and builds a connection. You can share in this experience. If you see your child has picked up a book, grab a copy for yourself. This offers you the opportunity to talk about it with your child, make predictions and enjoy the adventure together.
- Choose books that have a movie tie-in such as “Wonder”, “Harry Potter” or “the Hunger Games”. Set a goal as a family to see the movie once everyone has read the book. Talk about the experience and discover what was the same or different between them.

On **Thursday February 28th** Glen Brae will 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. This is always a fun day for everyone to earn this privilege.

A Gum license must be purchased in order to chew gum throughout the day. They can be purchased from first period teachers for \$2.00.

Gum can be purchased throughout the day for \$1.00 per package or .10 cents per piece.



Homework Club

We are pleased to welcome Sarah and Zack, Child and Youth Care students from Mohawk College. They will be here with us every Tuesday until the March Break. Sarah and Zack will be working with Mrs. Zavarella to support a variety of classes and initiatives throughout the school. Each Tuesday at lunch they will be holding a homework club in the library. This is a great opportunity for students to catch up on missed work and get some extra help. It's also a nice warm place for those students who would like to stay in from the cold and get a head start on a project or read a book for pleasure. If you are aware that your son/daughter needs to catch up on something, please encourage them to attend.

Cell Phones

At Glen Brae, students are not permitted to use their cell phones during instructional time unless a teacher has given them permission to do so. Cell phones must be turned off in classes. There have been a number of issues lately with inappropriate use of cell phones. Please do not call or text your child during instructional day. If you need to reach your child please call the school at 905 560 6732.

If a student is consistently using their cell phone without adult permission, it may be confiscated until the end of the school day.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

Great Job Grade 7's!

Our grade 7 trip to Muskoka Woods was a huge success. The students and staff had a wonderful time. All students were very well behaved and represented Glen Brae very well!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Sindall, Mrs. Grace, Madame Moon, Madame Kirk and Mlle. Uhrig for making the trip possible for our students.

At Glen Brae, all students belong to a lunch "House" where they dine with students from all grades. Each house is involved in a points system. The winning house has a very special prize at the end of school year.

Which house is winning so far?

1st Place – Kodiak (Still in the lead!)

2nd Place - Nanuk

3rd Place – Makwa

Keep earning those tokens students!

What to do if you feel your child is being bullied:

- 1. Talk to your child about the behavior, keeping in mind that children who bully often place the blame on others.**
- 2. Speak to your child's teacher about your concerns. Your child's teacher is the first point of contact. They have the most knowledge of potential issues.**
- 3. If after having spoken to the teacher, you are still concerned, contact the school and ask to speak to the Principal.**

Valentine's Day Dance

Friday February 15th - 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Cost is \$5.00. Your child can pay cash to their homeroom teacher or you can pay on line beginning Friday February 1st until Wednesday February 13th.

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				February 1 Senior boys and girls re-scheduled basketball games
4 Senior boys and girls basketball games at Prince of Whales	5 Parent Council Meeting – 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the library Homework Club Available at 11:50 in the library	6 Glen Brae Electives Day – Students participates in educational excursions	7 Senior boys and girls basketball games at Glen Brae	8
11	12 Homework Club Available at 11:50 in the library	13	14	15 Valentine’s Day Dance - 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 - \$5.00
18 Family Day Holiday	19 Homework Club Available at 11:50 in the library	20 Sherwood Visits today for grade 8 Option Sheets	21	22 Snuggle up and Read Pajama Day
25	26 Homework Club Available at 11:50 in the library	27	28 Gum Day - \$2.00	

