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GLEN BRAE NEWSLETTER

September 2019



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.

On the first day of school, your child will receive a “First Day Package”. This is extremely important paperwork for parents to complete and return by Thursday September 5th. Included in the package is a consent and permission form for our first excursion to Battlefield Park which takes place on Friday September 6th. Also included in the first day package are media consent and lunch hour forms which will give you the opportunity to indicate the plan for your child during the lunch hour.

Glen Brae is on a traditional school day and not a balanced day. Instructional time begins at 9:00 a.m. and goes until 11:30. The lunch hour is from 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. The eating portion is from 11:30 – 11:50 and the outside portion is from 11:50 – 12:30 p.m. Students are allowed to leave the building to go out for lunch with parent permission only.

Thanks so much
Mrs. S. Constable
Principal

WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED ON THE FIRST DAY?

Each student at Glen Brae will have his/her own locker. A combination lock is essential in making sure that your child's belongings are secure and safe. Other things beneficial for the first day are a backpack, a healthy lunch, a re-usable water bottle, a binder and a pencil case with some standard writing utensils. Homeroom teachers and rotary teachers will inform your child of specific things they may need for certain subjects. Please keep in mind that running shoes are mandatory for physical education classes.

New Safe School Arrival Process

Please note that since Tuesday, April 23, 2018 families at all HWDSB schools began to use the Safe Arrival system to report absences.



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Please report your child's absence by using the website go.schoolmessenger.ca, by using the School Messenger mobile app for Apple and Google phones, or by calling 844-506-4350.

One to One IPADS

Glen Brae is no longer a one to one iPad school. Each classroom teacher will receive a kit of 6 iPad for the class.

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.hwbdsb.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.

Glen Brae Staff – 2019/2020

Class 6A – Mrs. Kew

Class 6B – Mrs. Hall

Class F6C – TBD

Class F6D – Mlle. Uhrig

Office Administrator: Mrs. Hallas

Learning Resource Teacher – Mr. Smith

Art/Drama Teacher – Mr. Berrafatti

Music Teacher – Mrs. D'Costa

Science/Technology Teacher – Mrs. Sindall

Physical Education Teacher – Mrs. Grace

Core English Teacher – Mr. Constable (p.m. only)

Educational Assistant – Ms. Cowen Johnson (a.m. only)

Educational Assistant – Ms. Smyth

CYCP – Ms. Robertson

Head Caretaker – Ms. Pelletier

School Principal: Mrs. Constable

Class 7A&7B – Ms. Hagan

Class F7C – Miss Field

Class F7D&F7E – Mr. Romero

Class 8A – Ms. Balliram

Class 8B – Mrs. McRae

Class F8C – M. Mesquita

Class F8D – Mme. Ruddle-Kirk



This year we sadly have to say good-bye to our Student Success Educational Assistant Amanda Zavarella. Amanda was successful in obtaining a Child and Youth Care Practitioner position with HWDSB at Armstrong School. Congratulations Amanda! You will be missed so dearly.



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Glen Brae was fortunate to gain Ms. Roberston as our CYCP. More information regarding her role and the program will be coming soon.

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

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.



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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 rocky doors located at the front of the school 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.
- 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). 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.



Pizza Wednesdays

Every Wednesday, pizza will be on sale at Lunch (11:30). The cost is \$1.25 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.



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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 16th and the Girls Tournament is scheduled for September 18th. The Cross Country meet is scheduled for October 3rd, 2019.



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 be held on Monday September 30th at 9:00 a.m.

Balanced School Day for September 2020

This year we will follow the HWDSB protocol which begins the transition of moving from a Traditional school day to a Balanced School Day. Our new school, once open, will be on a balanced day and so we will begin the year in September 2020 the same way. More information about moving to a balanced day will provided in the upcoming months.



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School Council Election and Parent Candidate Nomination Process

First Meeting – Thursday September 19th at 5:30 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 26th, we will hold out 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 19th, 2019

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 2019 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
September 2 Labor Day Holiday	September 3 First Day of School	September 4 Students sign up for Battlefield Trip Activities today	September 5 First Day packages due back to the school	September 6 Glen Brae Whole School trip to Battlefield Park 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.
September 9	September 10	September 11 First Pizza Day - \$1.25 per slice	September 12	September 13
September 16 Sr. Boys 3 Pitch	September 17	September 18 Sr. Girls 3 Pitch	September 19 Parent Council Meeting – 5:30 p.m. in the Library	September 20 P.A Day – No School for students
September 23	September 24	September 25	September 26 Terry Fox Run 10:50 on the school field	September 27
September 30 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. Principal's Awards Assembly – 9:00 a.m.				

Picture Day is Wednesday October 2nd, 2019

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Cross Country Meet – October 3rd – Rain date – October 10th