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GLEN BRAE NEWSLETTER

January 2020

From the Desk of Mrs. Constable

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Glen Brae community a very Happy New Year. I sincerely hope you had a wonderful Christmas Holiday. As a new year begins and with report cards coming home on February 13th, it's time to re-focus and set goals for learning.

A fun filled December!

A very special thank you to our staff and members of our student council for planning such a fun filled December. We had an electives day that had students engaged in everything from Skating to Baking. During the last week of December, we enjoyed a door decorating contest, pajama day, ugly Christmas sweater day and a Christmas dance. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work and effort in making these days so exciting for our students.

Grade 7 Muskoka Trip

On January 15th – 17th our Grade 7 students will be off to Muskoka Woods. A very special Thank You to Mrs. Sindall for organizing such a wonderful excursion for our students. Please make sure your child is well prepared for the cold, wet winter weather.

Grad Photos

Grade 8 Graduation Photos will take place on January 23rd, 2019



P.A day

The next P.A day is Friday January 24th, 2018. There is no school for students on this day.

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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.



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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



Glen Brae – Balanced School Day for September 2020

I would like to inform you of a change we will be undertaking to our school schedule beginning in September 2020. Glen Brae will be moving from our current Traditional School Day to a Balanced School Day. The Traditional School Day that we currently operate under sees our students have a single one-hour lunch period, where students are provided 20 minutes to eat their lunch and then are outside for active play for 40 minutes.

The Balanced School Day that we are moving to will see the students have two forty-minute nutrition breaks in the day – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Students will eat for 20 minutes and then have active outdoor play for 20 minutes.

Many schools within HWDSB operate under a Balanced School Day and this change in our school schedule will help to support the future consolidation of schools, including Glen Brae, Glen Echo and Sir Isaac Brock once the new elementary school is built on the Glen campus.

The positive results of this type of school day are:

Improved concentration: Because students are eating later in the day, they are less likely to run out of energy by the end of the school day. This means they are better able to focus and concentrate on their school work for the full day.

More time to eat: Instead of rushing to consume snacks at recess, students have more time to just sit and eat. Students that are nutritionally satisfied are more likely to learn better throughout the day.

More time for learning: A Balanced School Day schedule provides for blocks of focused learning time and less interruptions throughout the day.

Moving to a Balanced Day Schedule will also impact our bell times.

Currently, the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) and the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWDCSB) are jointly undertaking a review of all school bell times through the Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation System (HWSTS) for the 2020-21 school year. The bell time study report is expected to be shared with the HWSTS governance committee. The final report, outlining the recommend school bell times will be shared with both HWDSB and HWDCSB at their meetings early in the new year. We will communicate any changes to our bell times early so that parents, guardians and caregivers will have time to plan for childcare in September. To help further explain this change and to answer any questions parents, guardians or caregivers may have, we will be hosting a parent information session on **Thursday, February 20th, at 5 p.m.** here at Glen Brae. Please look for further communication about the parent information session as we get closer to February.

If you have any questions about our move to a Balanced School Day before our parent information session, please feel free to call the school office.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6 Welcome Back. Happy New Year	7	8	9	10
13	14 French Immersion transition meeting 6:00-p.m.	15 Grade 7 Trip to Muskoka	16 Grade 7 Trip to Muskoka	17 Grade 7 Trip to Muskoka
20	21	22	23 Grade 8 Graduation Photos today	24 P.A Day No school for students
27	28	29 Sherwood visits re: course selections for grade 8 F.I.	30	31 Principal's Awards Assembly 9:00a.m.

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