

NOVEMBER:

3 - PA DAY

DECEMBER:

1 - PA DAY

22 - LAST DAY BEFORE
WINTER BREAK**THE
GAZETTE**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On October 31st, Glenwood Special Day School was filled with clowns, super heros, teddy bears, witches and even a dancing banana, all to celebrate Halloween! Not to be outdone, our staff became pirates, panda bears, zebras and other silly and not so scary things. Students **transitioned** throughout the halls, trick 'o treating at classroom and office doors. Chris, our dancing banana, practiced his **communication** skills by saying "trick or treat" and handing out treats outside his classroom door in preparation for working the door at his home. Abdu experienced his first Halloween Dance in Canada and brought a smile to everyone's face. The dance looked different for each student and accommodations were made to ensure that it was a wonderful experience for each of our students. Some students moved about in their wheelchairs dancing with their friends while other students bounced on exercise balls or danced just outside of the gym in the hall. It is our goal to individualize the programming for each student at Glenwood Special Day School to maximize their learning experience.

Towards the end of October, an **Individual Education Plan** was developed for each student at Glenwood. Thank you for your part in the collaboration process. As you know, this Plan guides your student's learning and will continue to be developed throughout the year with your input. The **Progress Reports**, which recently went home should align with the IEP, outlining gains and celebrations as well as next steps. During **Parent Teacher Interviews**, it was also wonderful to speak with many of you and join in on some of the interviews. Communication between parents and guardians is not limited to these interviews, and we welcome and encourage regular and ongoing communication throughout the year.

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Another way to partner with Glenwood and connect with other parents would be to join our School Council. Our next **School Council meeting will be November 22nd at 6pm** at the school. The focus on this month Council meeting will be to review our School Plan and to discuss fundraising. If you are interested in joining the Council, please come to our meeting or contact me to discuss this opportunity.

And finally, we want to celebrate two milestones for our Glenwood Staff. On October 16th, **Carole Clarkin** celebrated 30 years as an Educational Assistant at Glenwood. Thank you Carole for everything you have done over the years for so many students. And on November 1st, **Amanda Zacharewicz**, Room 10 teacher, had a baby boy. Congratulations to Amanda and Brandon and welcome **Remy**!

Please enjoy reading our November Newsletter and celebrating all the learning that occurs in our students lives as Glenwood continues to be **'a special place to learn *and* dance!'**

Todd Graves

Vice Principal
Glenwood Special Day School

A special place to learn"





Happy
Halloween



November



		1	2	3 PA DAY
6	7	8 Day 4 - Scavenger Hunt	9	10
13	14	15 Day 4 - Fall Craft	16 EA Appreciation Day	17
20	21	22 Day 4 - Wii Dance <i>School Council Meeting 6pm</i>	23	24 Photo Retake/ Grad Photo Day
27	28	29 Day 4 - Baking in the Gym	30	

Upcoming Important Dates:

PA Day - December 1

Last day before winter break - December 22