

JUNE:

8 - PA DAY

26 - Graduation

27 - Awards Assembly

SEPTEMBER:

4 - Back to School!

THE GAZETTE

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I often share with people that Glenwood is not just a school, but rather a community. On May 24th that community came together to celebrate all **'we can do together'** at our **Annual Walk and Roll** fundraising event. Students, staff, families, friends, community partners and HWDSB System Staff walked and rolled around the school property raising funds for a Therapeutic Rocker (\$1,999) that will be used by all students in our Snoezelen Room. Our Hamilton Police School and Youth Officers escorted us with lights and sirens, Tony 'The Guitar Guy' played great tunes, the East Hamilton Optimists cooked a great BBQ and made a sizable donation, Autism Ontario gave away free swag, Hamilton Ticats cheered, and together we had a great afternoon and raised over **\$3,000!** Every donation was special and came with a touching story. A special thanks to all those who contributed, big or small!

Another wonderful partner that supports Glenwood and our programming is the **HWDSB Foundation**. The Foundation has been key in helping us develop our **Glenwood Apartment**. It is amazing to see our students learning life skills and developing independence through this programming. Students are learning real lifelong skills such as making a bed, putting clothing back in drawers, vacuuming, sweeping, getting cooking ingredients from the fridge, cooking and much more. With another **\$1,000 grant** from the Foundation, we are able to make our laundry program more functional, authentic and accessible to all. Students are learning how to collect laundry, load the washer and dryer, hang up cloths on a line, sort, fold and deliver the cloths back to the specific classroom.

Two other Glenwood partnerships that we celebrated recently were with the **Council for Exceptional Children** and the **Special Olympics**. At the **Yes I Can Awards**, on

May 10th, we recognized the accomplishments of many of our students. Some of the students attended the event with family, friends and many staff at Michelangelo`s Banquet Hall, while others will be recognized at our Awards Assembly at the end of the month. And on June 4th, many students from Glenwood joined over 750 other students from across Hamilton to participate in the **Special Olympics** at Mohawk College. We are so very proud of every one of our students and ALL that they can accomplish!

June is also a time of transitions and next steps. At our **Graduation Ceremony** on June 26th, we will be saying goodbye to 5 of our students and wishing them well. Each of them will be missed, but we are excited about their next steps into various adult programs within our community. Please consider staying connected with your school family here at Glenwood through our Alumni Community. It is also a time that some of our staff transition as well. **Elyse Pelletier**, one of our two Prep Teachers, will be taking her knowledge and skills of special education to Tapleystown to teach a grade 3/4 class. Not only did Elyse support our students` learning in the Life Skills Program, but she took on many leadership roles including the Walk and Roll Fundraiser. **Devin Cowan**, in Room 10, will also be moving on to other teaching opportunities as his LTO comes to a close. Devin continued to advance the programming in Room 10 and successfully introduced the Structured TEACCH Community Table to his students. Students in Room 10 have developed new skills to sit together, play games, have snacks and lunches, and communicate with one another and their staff. Devin also organized our Glenwood Staff vs. Spencer Valley Special Olympic ringette games as well as arranging many staff social events. And **Kim Procyshyn**, our 0.5 LRT, will continue her work in Special Education at Queen Vic/Billy Green. Kim supported us in many ways and helped us take next steps in the area of literacy and numeracy. On behalf of the Glenwood community, thank you Elyse, Devin and Kim.

Together with so many committed partners, Glenwood continues to be a **‘special place to learn *together.*’**

Sincerely,

Todd Graves,
Vice Principal, Glenwood Special Day School

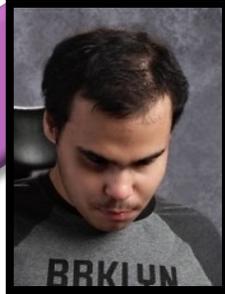
Room 1



The students in Room One have had an amazing journey over the course of this school year. Starting the year off with 3 new students, new staff and a completely different/new classroom set up was just the beginning. From Structured TEACCH to first/then boards and timers, Room One has done a fantastic job gaining the knowledge and practice they need to become more independent individuals in school, as well as out in the community. Learning how to utilize their visual schedules effectively throughout the day has allowed the transition between classroom activities, life skills, and rooms throughout the school to become second nature to them. The Structured TEACCH classroom setup has given the students in Room One the structure they need to feel comfortable within their learning environment, allowing them to gain more confidence in their abilities and manage their own behaviours. We are all so proud of everything all of the students in Room One have accomplished and look forward to continuing to watch them grow throughout the years. Congratulations to our friend Kasey on her graduation this month! We wish you all the luck and can't wait to hear about all the success your future holds. Room One and all of Glenwood will miss your positive attitude and laughter.

~ Ms Amanda, Norma, Colin & Amanda

Room 2



It has been a great year of growth in Room 2 this year! One student who was not interested in looking at the MyGaze screen at the beginning of the year is now very interested and engaged most days. All of the students have been willing to interact with more and more cooking tools, food ingredients and tactile items while having fun cooking and making beautiful works of art with Elyse the Life Skills Teacher. Another student has grown significantly in his comfort level transitioning different places and walking around the building. Another student has grown in her understanding of the English language, partially through the use of dual language picture communication symbols we have been using. We are so proud of your children and their consistent willingness to participate in a variety of activities such as dances, bingos, school-wide Sports events, Sing-alongs, Special Olympics, water play activities... the list goes on and on. It's been another great year of a lot of fun at school!

~ Angela, Andrea & Nikki

Room 3



It's hard to believe that our school year is coming to an end already. My first year at Glenwood and in Room 3 has been a learning experience for me within Special Education as I work on meeting the unique needs of all the students in the classroom. Watching them develop and refine their life skills and independence has been very rewarding! This has been a full team effort and would not be possible without the help of our EAs (Kim, Mamie and Mo), Deaf and Hard of Hearing Itinerant Teacher (Stephanie), Kinesiologist (Sue), CDA (Lucia) and our parents, Thank You!

We hope that everyone has a wonderful summer!

~ Ivan, Kim and Mamie

Room 4

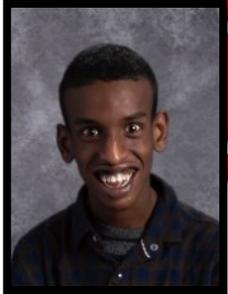


Room 4 is excited for the month of June! We have learned so much this year and we are ready for a restful summer. It is a time to celebrate, but also a time to say good bye. We would like to congratulate Room 4's one and only, Aleesha, who will be graduating at the end of June. She has been such an amazing student of Glenwood for the past 5 years and she will be missed tremendously! Room 4 won't be the same without her and we hope she visits and keeps in touch.

Each student of Room 4 has continued to grow and strive towards their full potential. They have made many gains in the areas of **Communication, Transitions, Independence** and **Life Skills**. We are so proud of each of them for all they have accomplished and we look forward to what next year will bring. We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer and we will see you in September.

~ Sherri, Wendy and Jackie

Room 6



In September of 2017, Room 6 welcomed back two returning students and welcomed 3 new students to our class. We also welcomed two new Educational Assistants to our room. What a change the year has seen!

As we look back at the year as it draws to a close, we can see what a tremendous difference a year makes!

We have welcomed an additional student, said “see you later” to two staff members and welcomed in two other staff members.

Our students have formed friendships with staff members and other students, and have developed in many ways. Some of our students have made amazing gains in their language abilities, and others in independence levels. Assistive technology has opened doors for others. All have grown and changed over the school year, and we are all proud of their hard work and accomplishments this year!

~ Ken, Amanda, Melissa and Alix

Room 10



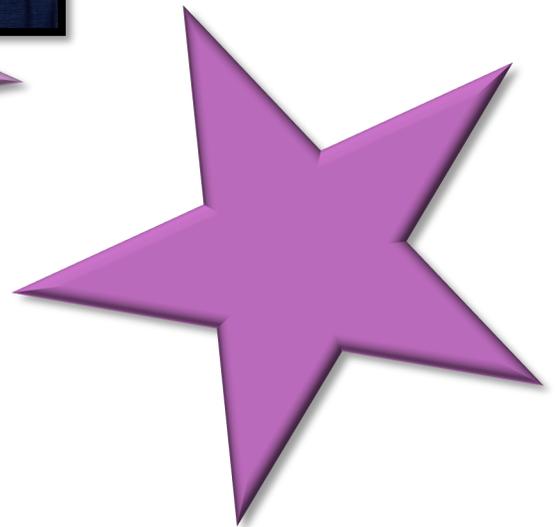
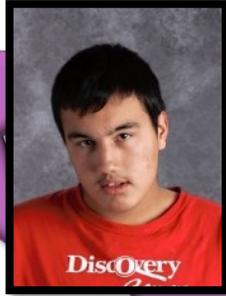
What an amazing year it has been at Glenwood! It has been such a privilege and honour working with such an amazing team in my second year of teaching. I have learned a lot and would like to thank all of the exceptional staff and administrators for all of the support and valuable skills that I will take with me on my journey in the teaching world.

The boys in Room 10 were extremely busy this year and we are very happy with all of their hard work, transitions, social interactions and personal accomplishments.

Have a safe and happy summer to all! GO GATORS!

~ Devin, Jen S, Derek, Jen B, Christine and Rachel

Room 11

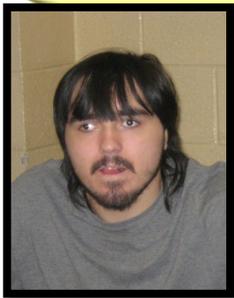
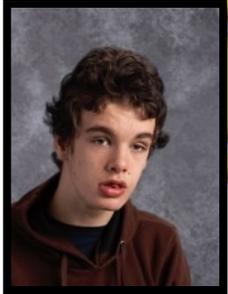


One of the biggest accomplishments in Room 11 this year came from increasing **communication** using technology and growth in **independence**. Most of our class are now using a program called **Choiceworks**, a digital daily schedule which can accommodate multi-step tasks and promotes time management and independence!

We also want to congratulate our classroom EA Heather for obtaining a Certificate of Achievement for completing the Online Registered Behaviour Technician Training Course! All the staff in Room 11 want to wish you a wonderful summer!

~ Sandra, Melissa, Heather, Clarissa, Andrew and Chelsea

Room 12



Room 12 are using the Sounding Board Program on the iPad to replace the Calendar program on the SmartBoard. The students and staff are engaging in more social conversations on a one to one basis using the classroom iPads. The students are able to converse with each other and staff about what they did at home with their special needs workers or family. The students also have the opportunity to say a friendly hello and welcome to each other.

Two students are using their talkers to let the staff know their preferred activities after they have completed their previous life skill activity.

A special thank you to Lucia our Communication Disorder Assistant for all her assistance this year.

Enjoy your summer holiday.

~ Laura, Carla, Melissa, Kunmi and Sonya

Room 14



Our thoughts about the highlights of the year in Room 14:

* Small Steps are big accomplishments! * Noticing all the smiles, laughs and giggles, students are happy at school * Inclusiveness in activities, adaptively meeting the learning needs of all * Students are physically changing as they become beautiful and handsome teenagers and young adults (Perhaps a bit taller and wider thanks to Fun Food Fridays! - even Pat tried new foods)! * Wellness walks and outdoor play times that promote an active lifestyle * Developing close peer relations, sharing space and materials * Sense of humour, makes each day go by so quickly! * Commitment of staff, respectful and helpful with one another, open to new ideas * Celebrating when a student went outside for recess after several months * Asking and making requests using assistive technology and visuals, able to express themselves in many ways * Tremendous growth in completing tasks independently in the Life Skills Room *

Well Done Everyone! We wish everyone a fantastic summer holiday!

~ Penny, Rob, Pat, Sharon and Jamie

Life Skills

Hey There! The Life Skills program is reflecting on the great changes made to the laundry area in the Apartment!

Wow!! Thanks so much to the HWDSB Foundation for their grant that allowed us to make our laundry room into a much more accessible work area! Check out the before and after photos and some great shots of a couple of our students using the updated work area! Thanks again HWDSB Foundation!

~ Katy and Elyse



BEFORE



AFTER



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JUNE



				1 Day 4 - Camp Day 
4  SPECIAL OLYMPICS	5	6	7	8 PA DAY
11 Day 4 - Campfire Sing-a-long	12	13	14	15
18	19 Day 4 - Water Play 	20 <i>Water Play Rain Date</i>	21	22
25  Graduation Dance	26 GRADUATION	27  AWARDS ASSEMBLY	28	29 PA DAY