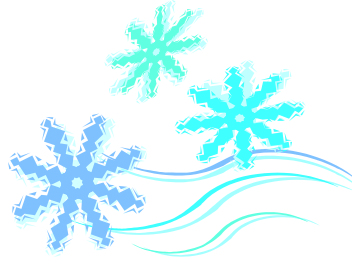


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January News

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Principal's Message

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish a Happy New Year to all of our Glen Orchard families. We hope that the coming year brings you joy and happiness.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Primary Christmas celebration on December 20th. Thanks also to everyone who donated items for the West Muskoka Food Drive. Your generosity is appreciated.

This January, we are welcoming a new staff member, Mrs. Hollands, who is an educational assistant. We have had to say goodbye to Miss Dyer. We wish Miss Dyer all the best in her future endeavours.

It is tradition to set resolutions at New Year's. What a great opportunity to help your child set learning goals for the second term. Setting goals and developing a plan to achieve them is an important part of the learning process. Some things to consider when setting goals are:

- What do I want to achieve?
- How can I schedule my time to ensure success?
- Who and what can help me along the way?
- How will I celebrate the small successes at school and at home?

Here is hoping for the best 2012!

As always, please do not hesitate to stop by the office should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Peggy Barrette

Character Trait: Trustworthiness

Being trustworthy means that you behave in an honourable manner. You act with integrity. Your words match your actions.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be taking place during the week of January 23 – 27, 2012 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for children who will be 4 years old by December 31, 2012. Please bring proof of age, residence road name and 911 number, name and phone number of family doctor, child's immunization record, and Ontario Health Card number (optional).

West Muskoka Food Drive and Toy Drive

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the West Muskoka Food Drive. An abundance of food was collected and picked up by Food Drive volunteers. Our Grade 7 and 8 students assisted with the sorting and packing of hampers. Thank you also for your donations of toys. These were picked up by the Salvation Army for distribution to less fortunate children at Christmas.



2012/2013 School Calendar

The 2012/2013 draft school year calendar is now available on the TLDSB and school websites. Please direct any comments or suggestions you may have regarding it to Bonnie by February 1st.

School Government News

Our environment is a delicate system. We all have to work together to keep it running smoothly. One thing our school did was invite Muskoka Lakes Township Mayor, Alice Murphy in to discuss the possibility of having bike paths on our local roads to encourage bikers to travel. This is now being considered by our M.P., Norm Miller.

Our school is also making special recycling signs to promote recycling. The signs list what to put in each bin. We are also doing Boomerang Lunches, where what comes to school in your lunch and isn't eaten, goes home with you. If you purchase an item at school, that item can go in the school recycling/garbage.

No matter what event we have, we always consider the environment. For example, we arranged holiday-ograms (notes, pencils, erasers) to sell. We used ribbon to attach the note to the pencil to decrease packaging.

In our school we also use our paper efficiently by using goose paper (no the paper is not made from real geese). It is where we reuse the backside of paper that's already been used (Good On One Side).

Thank you to everyone who supported our Toothbrush Fundraiser. We made approximately \$70 for Student Government and \$70 for the Student Activity Fund.

Guitar Club

Every Day 4, at second recess in the music room, it's Guitar Club? This is NOT guitar lessons, although we learn from each other. It is a time to share our love of music in a relaxed setting. We have a few guitars to lend to those who forget theirs. Day 4 falls on Wednesdays throughout January, and for part of February. Come out and get strumming!

Your Child's Immunization Record!

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required by law to keep an up to date immunization record on file for every student who attends elementary or secondary school in Muskoka. Unfortunately the Health Unit does not receive immunization information directly from doctor's offices, therefore parents need to contact the Health Unit each time students receive a vaccine from their health care provider to update their record. If a student's immunization record on file with the Health Unit is not up to date, the Health Unit will mail a notice requesting immunization information or proof of a valid exemption. If the information requested is not provided, the student may be suspended from school. If a student is due for immunizations, an appointment can be made with their health care provider or at a Health Unit immunization clinic by contacting Your Health Connection at 1-877-721-7520. Parents can now provide updated immunization information to the Health Unit online at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline. For more information visit the [immunization page](#) on the Health Unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org If you have any questions or concerns, please call Your Health Connection at 1-877-721-7520.



VOUCHER ORDER FORM

Student's Name:	Teacher's Name:
# of .75 vouchers (.75 ea. or 10/\$7.50)	Amount enclosed:
# of \$2.00 vouchers (10/\$20)	Amount enclosed:
# of \$2.50 vouchers (10/\$25)	Amount enclosed:

Milk & Juice = .75 Pizza = \$2.00 Hamburgers = \$2.50

Safe Arrival – 705-765-6753

COMMUNITY NEWS

Port Carling Winterfest This year's event is taking place Feb. 3-5, with the Much Music Dance on Friday, Feb. 3 at the Port Carling Community Centre for students in Grades 6-10. Admission is \$8. For more information check out www.portcarlingwinterfest.ca

Awana starts back up Thursday, January 12th at the Port Carling Community Centre from 6:30 – 8:00 for ages 3-13.

Hockey Skills Program at the Bala Arena, Saturday mornings from 9:00 – 10:30 for ages 4 – 13. For more information, call Greig Young at the Bala Area, 705-762-5390.

Port Carling Community Fitness Club

Youth Fit – 8 – 14 years of age, Mon. and Wed., 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. We aim to provide a fun and enjoyable way for young athletes to have fun in a group setting while also improving their general health and fitness. Free with parents' membership or \$2 drop in.

Wee Blossom Fitness – Mon. and Thurs., 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Come with your wee one and work out. Parents take turns looking after the children while others work out. Yoga videos for toddlers will be provided in lounge. \$3 drop in, \$20/month or free with membership.

X-Box Club – X-celerate your Friday night with X-Box Kinect! Second and fourth Fri. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., cost \$3. Light snacks provided. Dance Central – Motion Sports Game Party – Connect Adventures . Ages 8 – 14.

Contact Information email:

portcarlinggym@hotmail.com phone 705-848-3298
Drop in: 4 Bailey Street.

Parent Engagement Tip for January

What does engagement mean to you?

At TLDSB schools we want to help all parents become fully engaged in children's education. Research has proven that having engaged parents, results in students doing much better in school and in life.

January – The Ties That Bind

As kids enter the tween years, they are keen to establish their independence, and friends are becoming increasingly important. That's a good thing; we want our kids to be able to build healthy relationships outside the family. At the same time, we know that strong parent-child bonds are important as kids move into the teen years. Here are some ways to stay connected:

Ask good questions. Closed questions – those that can be answered with a yes or no – get closed answers. Open-ended questions invite conversation. "What did the guys do at the break today?" is more likely to get a response than "Did you eat your lunch?" Asking about other people's experience is another way to draw kids out. "What did Sally think of the movie?"

Schedule time together. Whether it's a weekly breakfast date or movie night, one-on-one time is more important now, especially if there are other siblings in the family. You might also try to find a passion or interest to share. If he loves basketball, maybe the two of you can attend games together.

Respect the need for privacy. Bedrooms are becoming private domains as kids approach the tween years. Remember to knock on the door and ask for permission to come in, or tidy up.

Find new ways to be affectionate. At this stage kids want the hugs, but they want them on their terms. If you try to hug her in the school hallway, she's likely to resist; instead, ask if she'd like a hug. Remember too that there are all kinds of ways to be affectionate – a high five, a nudge or a wink – can be like a secret code. They're fun, they're not obvious to other people, and they still say I love you.

Over the next few months we will be providing parents with interesting ideas on how to engage with their children about their education and what's happening at school.