

Glen Orchard Public School

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September News 2018



Principal's Message

We are only a few days in, and I can already say with confidence that Glen Orchard PS is a wonderful place to lead and learn! I am so proud to be the principal of this beautiful learning community. Along with returning and new staff, I am committed to working within the framework of the 3 Es of good work: Excellence, Engagement and Ethics. As we begin a new school year, I know we are all excited about the year ahead and the possibilities and opportunities. As I visit classrooms and chat with our students, I am encouraging them to be their best selves every single day. To smile first, contribute often and learn and laugh lots. Together we will take some risks and make some mistakes. I believe that as long as the effort and intention to do the right thing is always at the forefront, we will grow and achieve great things.

Thank you for the warm welcome to Glen Orchard. I look forward to an exciting and successful new year.

Sincerely, Tanya Fraser

2017/2018 Staff List

Principal
Special Education
Physical Education
French
JK/SK
Grade SK/1
Grade 1/2
Grade 2/3
Grade 3/4
Grade 5/6
Grade 6/7
Grade 8
Educational Assistants

DECE
Secretary
Secretary/Library
Custodians

Tanya Fraser
Lorraine Lahay
Sandy Hoskins
Gabor Garai
Leann Wallace
Brenda Mannings
Amy Mills
Jami Filkin
Ricki Crothers
Tracey Coulter
Ben Grimstead
Dylan Sontag
Michelle Dubreuil
Jacquie Stewart
Rhonda Crawley
Ness Whitepine
Erin McLaren
Brooklin Lawley
Shannon Scott
Bonnie Bell
Diane Hennig
Andy Briggs
Phil Weiler

Did You Know we are very active on Twitter?! You are invited to follow our learning journey and stay on top of events and school news @GlenOrchardPS

If you'd like to follow our new Principal on Twitter, check out @tanyaRUNS

We also have a Facebook page! Visit us at www.facebook.com/GlenOrchardPS. As you can see, we are very committed to sharing our story with you and improving our communication across the school community.

Open House Sept. 18

GLO staff are hosting an Open House/Meet the Teacher Night on *Tuesday, September 18* from 4:30-6:30pm. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Cell Phones

Please review our cell phone policy with your child.

Cell phones (and other electronic devices) will be OFF and AWAY unless invited to use for educational purposes by the classroom teacher. Having said that, no child is required to have their own device. The school is equipped with enough technology to support their learning.

Students are not allowed to carry or use their phones in the hallways or on the yard.

Please remember that the school is **not responsible for the loss and/or damage** of such personal belongings.

If parents or students need to contact one another during the school day, please communicate through the main office. This is the only way we can ensure that timely messages are received regarding emergencies or pick up arrangements.

Concerns About Your Child?

Please refer to your child's agenda for detailed steps regarding what to do if you have a concern about your child's education. Whatever the situation may be, it is important to first contact the classroom teacher to discuss the situation, and then contact the principal *only* if you still require support in resolving the situation. Meetings with the classroom teacher can be arranged through the main office or over email. Parents are not to visit classrooms to discuss issues without previously booking an appointment to do so.

School-to-Home Communication Via SchoolMessenger

SchoolMessenger is our new parent notification system that we are excited to start using! Please ensure the main office has your updated contact information, specifically, your cell phone number. If you have provided us with a cell phone number, you should receive a text from 978338 on Sept. 17, requesting you to "opt-in", text "Y". Any text messages from school will come from 978338.

Morning Routine

Supervision begins in the backyard at 8:25am. As students get off the bus or get dropped off, they must come around to the backyard. Students should simply wear their backpacks or leave them lined up at their entry door. Students are not permitted to enter classrooms before school as they are unsupervised at this time.

Drop Off/Pick Up Parking

We are a very busy school at the beginning and end of day with 6 buses coming and going! We ask that vehicles do not park or drive through our bus zone during the hours of 8:20-8:35 and from 2:45-3:10. Anyone picking up or dropping off students is reminded not to pass buses while they are on school property, whether lights are flashing or not. Safety is our priority!



Safe Arrival

Please remember to call the Safe Arrival number, **705-765-6753**, to leave a message before 8:45 a.m. if your child is going to be late or absent. If your child is arriving late or being picked up early for an appointment, please remember to come to the front office and sign them in/out.

Dressed for the Business of Learning

Our school has adopted an acceptable dress code policy where bare midriffs are unacceptable. Low cut tops, short shorts and micro mini skirts are also not suitable. Underwear is not to be visible beyond outer garments. Articles of clothing with pictures/phrases that promote alcohol/drug consumption or with sexually suggestive phrases are not acceptable as well as demeaning/racist outerwear. Hats, hoods, bandanas, visors and other headwear shall be removed when entering the school.

Glen Orchard is a Nut and Fish-Free School

Within our school we have students who are **severely allergic to nuts and fish**. We therefore ask parents to be especially careful not to send nuts, nut products, fish or fish products to school or on the bus.

On-line Payment System

You now have the option of paying for your child's field trips and other school expenses on-line. School Cash Online is a secure, convenient way to pay for your child's school expenses. For more information, visit tldsbc.ca/epayments. School spirit wear coming soon!!!

Transportation

1. Each school has a defined area for determining transportation. Out-of-area student's transportation will be the responsibility of the parent.
2. Daily transportation for eligible students residing outside the designated walking area is provided by the Board.
3. Students may be required to walk up to 0.8 km to a designated bus pick-up point.
4. An alternate existing stop may be granted if that pick-up/drop-off point is on the same bus route. A WRITTEN request by the parent/guardian must be first approved by the principal or designate.
5. Arrangements may be made for ONE alternate Childcare or Custody pick-up/drop-off location and must be for a FIXED, REGULAR schedule.
6. This year, parents can Login to the BusPlannerWeb to check their child's transportation arrangements/weather related cancellations using a secure login. Visit www.mybustoschool.ca for more information. Parents require their child's OEN number (available from their report card), the child's birth date, grade and school.

Volunteers Wanted

We are very open to having parents and the greater community help us to make our school better! Right now, we are in need of volunteers to help run the school breakfast program. If you have other ways you would like to contribute (for example, reading with students, chaperoning trips, career talks, etc.) please let the office or classroom teacher know.

Criminal Reference Checks

If you don't have a criminal reference check and you may want to volunteer at the school, or accompany your child on a class trip, now is the time to apply. There is no charge for volunteers requesting the check. Please enquire at the school office about getting the letter from us that must accompany your application. Completed reference checks are sent directly to the applicant. If you have a reference check, please enquire at the office about signing an Offence Declaration.

Terry Fox Fundraiser to Support Cancer Research

Every year, Glen Orchard P.S. (and schools across the country and around the world) recognize Terry Fox as a role model in the search for the cure for cancer. For the third year, we are going to follow **Terry's Marathon of Hope** by doing a walk/run-a-thon at school. From September 21-28th, students will be able to walk/run in Terry's footsteps by collecting pledges to travel as many kilometers as possible during physical education/outdoor learning and recess. Each student will have a pledge sheet to gather names of sponsors (e.g. "I pledge .25 cents a km to Mrs. Fraser... she walked 50 kms... she will collect \$12.50). These pledge sheets will be coming home next week. Students are asked to collect and return the donations to the school by September 31. During the walk/run, participants will carry a card that will be stamped (by an adult) every time they complete the 1km course around the outside of the school. There will be a special prize for the student who walked/ran the furthest and a celebration for the whole school at the end of the walk on the 28th. Stay tuned for some special announcements!

An interesting fact: Did you now that **The Terry Fox Foundation** only uses 17% of all funds raised to operate the charity? All the rest goes right back into cancer research!

Terry Fox ran 5,373kms before he had to stop in Thunder Bay. Let's see how close we can get to that distance!

Glen Orchard is a Nut, Fish and Scent Safe School

VOUCHER ORDER FORM

Student's Name:	Teacher's Name:
# of \$2.50 vouchers (\$2.50 ea. Or 10/\$25.00)	Amount enclosed:

Please note: Due to an increase in our costs, the price for 1 slice of pizza is now \$2.50. **We're only selling cheese pizza this year.**