

# Glen Orchard Public School

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## January News 2019

### A Message from the Principal

Hello Gator Families! Welcome to 2019! I am confident this will be a great year for our students and community. Our school has high expectations for both academics and social-emotional learning. Our educator team is always hard at work to make our days great here at Glen Orchard. If there is something you feel we could do to improve our learning environment, please feel free to share with me your feedback and ideas.

We continue to start our day with quotes and challenges from the "Action for Happiness" calendar. This month we are inspired to get 2019 off to the happiest possible start! Here are some suggestions for growing happiness in yourself and others: turn off devices and focus fully on who you're with, notice five things outside that are beautiful, get in touch with an old friend that you miss and be kind when mistakes happen.

As always, I feel very grateful to be the Principal of this amazing school.

I hope that 2019 brings you and your family much learning, health and happiness!

Sincerely,

Tanya Fraser, Proud Principal of Glen Orchard

### Winter Electives

We are so pleased to be offering 3 great days of electives for our K-8 students. We guarantee that Great Moose Adventures, our "Feed all Four" team, and the slopes at Mount St. Louis will provide our students with heaps of challenge and enjoyment!

Thanks again to School Council for donating a large sum to help keep our costs down for this enriched programming.

**Our winter elective dates are: January 22, January 29, and February 5.**

If you need financial assistance, please contact the office.

Please remember to dress for the weather!!!

### Internet Safety

This month's staff meeting was focused on internet safety including how to effectively research topics. Our staff were given suggestions that are helpful in guiding students to effectively search information on the internet. When supporting your children with homework or general tech time, you might consider reinforcing these tips that help to narrow the search and avoid unwanted content.

-avoid single word searches i.e. wolves, instead be more specific i.e. grey wolves in Canada

-add your grade to the search i.e. Canadian food guide grade 4

-ensure your search words are spelled correctly

-avoid image searches

-use "quotations" to search an exact phrase i.e. "what habitat do grey wolves live in"

Staff were also introduced to a fun and safe online game for children that teaches them about digital citizenship and guides them through fun games that reiterate internet safety. Check out the website

***Interland*** and be internet awesome!

## **Gr 8 Information**

This is an exciting and important time of year for our grade 8 students. It is time to learn more about high school and even begin to choose our grade 9 courses!

Guidance counsellors from both GHS and BML will be visiting Mr. Sontag's classroom early this month. Parents and students should also attend the following open houses to learn more about high school options and pathways.

BML Open House – Tuesday, January. 15, 6:00p.m

GHS Open House – Wednesday, January 16, 7:00p.m.

Please also save-the-date for our own Grade 8 Graduation which will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 6:00p.m. Good times ahead!!!

## **Thank you**

Thank you to the Bala Cranberry Festival for your generous \$500.00 donation to our School Council.

## **Wahta Mohawk News**

We are so pleased to be welcoming back to Glen Orchard Public School, Elders Terry and Lucia Sahanatien from the Wahta Mohawks. Terry and Lucia will be visiting Glen Orchard P.S. to continue to share teachings and learnings from the Mohawk People of the Longhouse.

You are all invited to visit the Longhouse on Wahta Territory. On the 3rd Saturday of each month, a potluck dinner and social dance is held at the Longhouse and is open for ALL to attend. We invite you to join in the learning, laughter and music with your family, while celebrating traditional Mohawk culture. Hope to see you on Saturday, January 19th.

## **Kindergarten Registration**

What you need to register:

- Proof of age (birth certificate, passport)
- Child's immunization record

Junior Kindergarten students must be four years old by December 31, 2019. For more information, please call the school office.

## **Are you interested in becoming a Reading Volunteer?**

If you are interested in volunteering some of your time to read with Primary students, please contact the school at 705-765-3144. All you need is an up-to-date Criminal Reference check and time between 9:00a.m. and 10:40a.m. Any amount of time is welcome. The gift of reading is always an adventure!

## **School Council**

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 6:00p.m. in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **Morning Supervision**

Please note: The school day begins at 8:25a.m. Supervision begins at 8:25a.m. For the safety of your child(ren), please do not drop them off prior to 8:25a.m.

## **Dressing for the Weather**

Although the temperature has dropped, and we have had a glimpse of winter, we are still patiently waiting for our typical Muskoka Snow Storm to come and blanket our yard for the winter. We encourage you to remind your children to bring hats, mitts, scarves, boots, coats and snow pants to school, so that play in the snow-covered schoolyard can be enjoyable.



### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Thank you to the Glen Orchard P.S. community for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair in December. Thank you to Kristan Farlie and Crystal Lettress for your valued volunteer time. Students can look for new reading material that will be added to our library thanks to the support of generous people like yourself.

### **Transportation**

The decision to cancel buses is made as soon as road conditions are known in the morning. Decisions are made for each area of the school board independently, as weather conditions vary. TLDSB is divided into three areas: Haliburton County, the District of Muskoka and the City of Kawartha Lakes. Bus cancellations could be made in one, some, or all the areas of the board. You can find bus cancellation information by subscribing to [www.mybustoschool.ca](http://www.mybustoschool.ca) for notifications, listen to your local radio station, visit TLDSB Facebook and Twitter accounts or visit the TLDSB website.












### **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.

### **Glen Orchard is a Fish and Nut-Free School**

<b>Food Voucher Form</b>	
<b>Students Name:</b>	<b>Teacher's Name:</b>
<b># of \$2.50 Vouchers (\$2.50ea or 10/25.00 Pizza, Hamburgers, Meatless Mondays)</b>	<b>Amount Enclosed:</b>

## January 2019 at a Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 (1)	8 (2)	9 (3)  Burgers	10 (4)	11 (5)  Pizza
14 (1)  Meatless Monday	15 (2) BML Open House – 6:00p.m.	16 (3)  Burgers GHS Open House – 7:00p.m.	17 (4)	18 (5)  Pizza
21 (1)	22 (2) Skiing/Snowboarding at Mt St Louis/Moonstone Or Feed All Four at GLO (4-8) Great Moose Adventures (K-3) 	23 (3)  Burgers	24 (4)	25 (5)  Pizza
28 (1) 	29 (2) Skiing/Snowboarding at Mt St Louis/Moonstone Or Feed All Four at GLO (4-8) Great Moose Adventures (K-3) 	30 (3)  Burgers	31 (4)	Feb 1 (5) <b>PD Day</b>

(#) indicates day in 5 day cycle

Coming events:

January 15 – Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School Open House 6:00p.m.

January 16 – Gravenhurst High School Open House 7:00p.m.

February 1 – PD Day

February 5 – Winter Electives Continue – Skiing/Snowboard, Feed All Four and Great Moose Adventures.

February 19 – School Council Meeting 6:00p.m.

June 26 – Grade 8 Graduation. 6:00p.m.