

Glen Orchard Public School

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March News 2019



A Message from the Principal

Wow time flies! Here we are with March Break right around the corner! In “Mindful March”, we will take inspiration from the Action for Happiness calendar which is full of daily suggestions for actions that bring happiness to others and improve relationships. Some suggestions: try eating mindfully, enjoying taste and texture, when someone is speaking take a full breath before responding, or consider making a list of things you take for granted.

Learning is a journey, not a destination! At GLO we take great pride in teaching our students and are actively seeking out professional learning to help us grow in our practice. We have enjoyed educator visits from both Honey Harbour and Gravenhurst Public School. We see the value in collaborating with others as we plan for instruction and stay current with our execution of a balanced math and literacy program. Our Director of Education, Larry Hope, brought visitors from PEI and Nelson Publishing to have a first hand look at our Gr. 8 Edwin program. Our intermediates are part of a pilot project that provides them with a one-to-one device loaded with curriculum and purposeful apps. Next week, we welcome Wahta Knowledge Keepers, Terry and Lucia, to bring some cultural teachings to us. Additionally, we will participate in an electrical safety presentation with Hydro One.

As always, thank you to our parent community for supporting us and for working towards a strong partnership. Through daily agenda messages, school-connect messages, and regular phone calls/emails with administration and teaching staff, we are seeing the benefits of good communication and trust. Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter @GlenOrchardPS to see all the great things happening here in our awesome school!

Students are encouraged to demonstrate school spirit by participating in our annual “Beach” day next Friday, March 8, to kick off March Break! Dress in your beachwear and we’ll have some great fun! Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable break with family and friends.

Sincerely,
Tanya Fraser, Proud Principal of Glen Orchard

*“The best way to care for the future, is to take care of the present moment” -
Thick Nhat Hanh*

Outside Play

This wild winter has brought our yard some serious hills and ice. Please reinforce with your children, that snowballs and games such as “King of the Hill” are not allowed at school. Students have been reminded and received consequences for a variety of hands-on behaviour. Please ask your child what they play at recess and encourage them to choose activities that are safe and fun.

Little Caesars Fundraiser

Thank you to the Glen Orchard P.S. community, students and staff for supporting our Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser. Little Caesar Pizza Kits will be available for pickup on **Tuesday, March 5 until 6pm**. Although the Pizza Kits will arrive in the afternoon of March 5th, an exact delivery arrival time has not been determined. A message will be sent via School Messenger when the time is known. Money raised from this fundraiser will be used to help offset the cost of bussing to events like year-end trips, track and field and/or to enhance programs.

Meatless Mondays

On Monday, March 4th, homemade pasta with tomato sauce will be available for lunch. On Monday, March 25th, Grilled Cheese sandwiches will be served. Each meal is \$2.50.

Knitting Club

The rhythmic motion of knitting has been proven to decrease bad stress and increase good moods. The Glen Orchard knitting club, with Mrs. LaHay has been up and running for four weeks now. Our knitters have shown a great interest, lots of patience and calming mindfulness as they learn the knit stitch. In no time they'll be ready to learn how to purl and cast off.









Kindergarten Textile Fundraiser

It may not seem like it with our recent weather, but spring is just around the corner! When you are spring cleaning, save those ripped snow pants and clothes/shoes that your child has outgrown. You can donate them to our kindergarten Spring Textile Drive! The collection of textiles will begin Monday, March 18th and end Friday, April 12, 2019! Watch for more information coming your way, but start saving up now!

2019 Novel Challenge

The Junior/Intermediate Novel Challenge is in full swing. Students in Ms. Coulter's grade 5/6 class, Mr. Grimstead's grade 6/7 class and Mr. Sontag's grade 8 class began reading for the 2019 Novel Challenge in December. Students have divided themselves into teams of up to 4 and are required to read at least 1 novel each (but can read up to 4 novels if they wish). Reading a minimum of 1 novel is required reading and will be used for student assessment. Due to Inclement Weather days we have delayed our battles until after March break. Teams will battle each others knowledge beginning Monday, March 25th until Wednesday, March 27th during 2nd block. Parents are welcome to attend any or all of the battles. With continued support from parents, the 2019 Novel Challenge will be an exciting event!

March 2019 at a Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 (3)  Pizza
4 (4) Meatless Monday 	5 (5) Little Caesars Pizza Kits arrive. Elder Visits	6 (1)  Burgers	7 (2)	8 (3)  Pizza  Beach Day
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18 (4)	19 (5)	20 (1)  Burgers	21 (2)	22 (3)  Pizza  Cupcakes for Sale
25 (4) Meatless Monday 	26 (5)	27 (1)  Burgers	28 (2)	29 (3)  Pizza

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