



## Glen Orchard Public School

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## April News 2019

### A Message from the Principal

We still have a ton of snow, but spring is in the air at Glen Orchard! We can't wait for those snowdrifts to melt and give us back our running space!

Recently, our recess hockey players participated in a meeting and signed a pledge to play fairly. We agreed that goggles must be worn and that no slap shots or physical and verbal aggression can be part of our play. Thank you to our hockey players who are respecting our pledge! It's important that we all find fun and appropriate ways to enjoy recess. I have been talking with the students about skipping and hopscotch and other old fashioned recess games. As parents, why not share your favourite recess memory and ideas with your children? Thanks for reiterating good choices for free play at recess.

Student cell phone use during school hours is a growing concern here at GLO. This is an issue that requires parental support and guidance. In the junior-intermediate grades, distraction from cell phones is interfering with learning and creating multiple negative interactions between staff and students on a daily basis. Please understand that your child does not need a cell phone at school. We have ample technology here for learning and the office will always get important messages to your child. We want our students to be engaged in their learning and not be distracted by game or message alerts. Our policy is cell phones "off and away" during the school day. Thank you for your help with this policy.

Check out our calendar! There are so many great things happening at GLO. Please know that if your child has been invited to participate in a field trip or learning opportunity outside of our school that our educators have been very intentional in their planning. Our expectation is that all students who are presented with experiential learning opportunities will participate. When students choose not to participate, supervision becomes an issue, as the teacher is on the trip! Students learn a great deal from field trips and hands on experiences. Additionally, these opportunities create memories and wonderful bonds between teachers and peers. If fees associated with these opportunities are an issue for your family, please send the signed permission form back to the office with a note. School fundraising will cover the costs. We believe in experiential learning outside of the classroom! Thank you to our trip chaperones and to our families who return forms in a timely matter. It helps!

Here we go with "Action April". This month's announcements will be encouraging students to move more, get outside and stay active! A reminder that this Friday is a PA day. No school for our students as our staff get busy digging deep into the topics of a balanced math program, equity and resilience. #GatorsGrow #GatorsCare

Sincerely,

Tanya Fraser, Proud Principal of Glen Orchard

### School Council

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend. For our final school council fundraiser of the year we will be selling beautiful hanging baskets. Info coming home soon! Thank you in advance for your support!

### 2019 Novel Challenge

In December, 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. During the last week of March, our Novel Challenges were

organized and concluded with some entertaining battles. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Buddo for her tireless and continuous support of our reading adventures. Congratulations to all students that participated and to the following students for winning their group battles:

Group 1 -Brooke J, Wesley D, Caleb M, Katie M

Group 2 -Carley J, Ashley G, Bri N, Wendy H

Group 3 -Al S, Hudson W, Ty M, Maddox R

Group 4 -Sydney S, Keirra M, Kayla W

We are looking forward to Ms. Crothers Novel Battles which are to take place in the very near future!

### **Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction**

Mr. Sontag's grade 8 class will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at the school. Proceeds from this event will help offset the cost of their year-end celebration at the University of Waterloo as well as the Graduation Ceremony. Tickets will be for sale in the very near future. Details coming soon!

### **Kindergarten Registration**

What you need to register: Proof of age, proof of address, child's immunization record.

Junior Kindergarten students must be four years old by December 31, 2019. For Online registrations please visit [ereg.tdsb.ca](http://ereg.tdsb.ca) or follow the links at [tdsb.ca/parents/school-registration](http://tdsb.ca/parents/school-registration)

### **Healthy Foods**

If you have been in the school lately, you will have noticed posters displayed around the school that explain what "go, slow and whoa" foods are. We've been using this system in the primary grades to help children figure out what healthy foods really are. As a celebration, we would like to have a school wide healthy breakfast celebration.

On April 18, each division will have a budget (provided by the health unit and Eco schools) to decide on a healthy breakfast combination for their students (e.g. scrambled eggs, pancakes, smoothies, fruit, whatever your child's classes decide). This will be a fun celebration of healthy foods and sharing. It's an opportunity for the entire division to plan and share a healthy meal. This will be a **Go, Slow and Whoa Healthy Breakfast Celebration** 😊

### **Beauty and the Beast**

Our dance, drama and musical presentation for this year will be "Beauty and the Beast".

Emma Gibbs and Hub Productions will be working with the entire school from May 14-17th to present this wonderful production. Many thanks to a Trillium Lakelands District PEG grant and our parent council for funding this presentation. Please stay tuned for specific details about the final performance on May 14th.

### **Indigenous Perspectives**

Terry and Lucia Sahanatien, Knowledge Keepers from Wahta Mohawks, visited Glen Orchard on March 5th to share drumming, dancing and the start of the Mohawk Creation Store along with some traditional strawberry drink! We look forward to continuing our learning journey with our elders. We are learning a few words in Mohawk!

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The library will be hosting a spring book fair from Monday, May 6 - Wednesday, May 8, 2019. If you are able to volunteer 3 hours of your time, please call Mrs. Hennig at the school. This Book Fair provides a great opportunity to get ready for the summer break with some awesome new reading material and also to support the Glen Orchard Public School library!

### **Circus Comes to Port Carling**

The Great Benjamins Circus has generously donated tickets for students 13 years of age and younger, to their performances on Monday April 15, 4:30PM and 7:00PM at the Port Carling Arena. Please find one ticket attached to this newsletter. If you require additional tickets, please contact the school. Tickets are limited. Enjoy!

### **Kindergarten Textile Drive**

Spring is here! When you are spring cleaning, save those ripped snow pants, clothes, shoes, linens etc and donate them to our kindergarten Spring Textile Drive! Please drop off your items at the school. This fundraising event ends Friday, April 12, 2019! Thank you for making this a successful adventure!

## April 2019 at a Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 (4)	2 (5)	3 (1)  Burgers	4 (2)	5 <b>PD Day</b>
8 (3)   Meatless Monday	9 (4)	10 (5)  Burgers	11 (1) Gr. 8 Girls @ BML  Gr. 5-8 Wizard of Oz Play	12 (2)  Pizza Gr. 7/8 workshops Bracebridge  Bag2School ends at 9:00am
15 (3)	16 (4)	17 (5)  Burgers Grade 7 Immunization	18 (1)  School Wide Breakfast	19 <b>Good Friday</b>
22 <b>Easter Monday</b>	23 (2)  6pm School Council	24 (3)  Burgers Wear it Again Fashion Show	25 (4)	26 (5)  Pizza
29 (1)   Meatless Monday	30 (2)			

### Food Voucher Form

<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>