

# Glen Orchard Public School

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## April News

2015

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### Principal's Message

We are all very happy to see the early signs of spring with warmer weather and days full of sunshine. With the changes in weather comes a whole new playground experience which may, on some days, be characterized by a line from one of Robert Munsch's stories: "mud, mud, mud!" We encourage parents to send in an extra set of pants in case the fun exploration in our playground impacts clothing.

We are welcoming home our grade 7/8 students from their Quebec exchange April 1. Glen Orchard intermediate students have had the unique opportunity to be part of a cultural exchange supported by a heritage organization for youth, SEVEC, for the past 7 days. While billeted with families in Quebec City, our students have had the opportunity to see the French language in an authentic context and participate in numerous cultural and athletic experiences with their Quebec partners. Both classes visited the 'Galerie de la Capitale, the 'Musee de la Civilisation', (Museum of Civilization), the l'Exposition Odyssee, and the 'Reconstitution de la Bataille des Plaines d'Abraham, (Reinactment of the battle of the Plains of Abraham). They also participated in an

**Citizenship** is this month's character trait. Citizenship is shown by making responsible decisions, caring about others, and contributing positively to our community.

introductory lesson in plongee sous-marine, (scuba diving) and went rock climbing at the Rock Gym. Their partners from Quebec City will be billeted with our students in late April and again, both classes will explore our cultural heritage in Muskoka and in Toronto. I know this will be a great experience for all involved and send out a heart-felt thank-you to those folks who helped to facilitate these experiences.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to School Council and to the large number of families who were able to attend the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Funds from this event will support the upgrade of our sound system. We, as a staff, thank you for all of your efforts for fundraising for this and other School Council initiatives that work towards making our students' school experience the best that it can be.

- Deb Wines

## Hanging Flower Basket Fundraiser



With nicer days expected soon, thoughts can finally turn to spring and warmer weather!

Glen Orchard School Council would like to introduce you to our Hanging Basket fundraising campaign, which will take place from Wed., April 1<sup>st</sup> until Wed., April 15<sup>th</sup>. We have partnered with the Bala Garden Centre/Port Carling Garden Centre to offer 2 sizes of hanging baskets in different colour selections (see order sheet for choices). Those who purchased last year were thrilled with the quality of their plants! Payment is due at the time of ordering; with cheques made payable to "Glen Orchard Public School". Once orders have been submitted, purchasers will receive a coupon, which will be redeemable at the Bala or Port Carling Garden Centre, where they can be hand picked from the variety purchased. These coupons, which will be distributed the first week of May, would make great Mother's Day presents, with plants ready for pick up at the garden centre between June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Proceeds from our Hanging Basket Fundraiser will be put towards the purchase of a new sound system for the gym, which will benefit all Glen Orchard students!

Thank you for your support of this fundraising initiative!

Laurie Campbell/Leslie Orchard  
Co-Chairs, Glen Orchard School Council

## School Council

The next meeting of the Glen Orchard School Council will be Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome!

## Save the Date!

Grade 8 Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Thank You

The Library hosted a very successful "Under the Sea" book fair in March. Thank you to all members of the Glen Orchard community for supporting us once again. A special thank you goes to Jodi Dewasha and Kristan Farlie for volunteering time to help run this event. Without your help, managing the book fair would be quite a challenge. As a result of the book fair's success, the library was able to attain many new books; expanding on existing series, adding new series, humorous books and general knowledge material. Our library offers a variety of material and reading levels for everyone. Please note in your calendar our upcoming book fair in June. This book fair will be a "buy one, get one free" sale ... great timing for summertime reading. See you then!

## Jump Rope for Heart

Glen Orchard Public School will once again be participating in the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart programme. Last year more than 4,000 schools across Canada, including Glen Orchard, participated, with our school raising \$2,992.00. This year's goal is \$3,000. The kick-off assembly is planned for April 24<sup>th</sup>, where students will be given their pledge envelopes and more detailed information. The actual "Jump Rope" event has been planned for Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.



## Native Games

On April 10<sup>th</sup> at the end of the day, Grade 6's will be running Native games for all students and staff at Glen Orchard. Students will run through a collection of games (in their den groups) with a large group activity as the final event.

We'd like to thank Mother Nature for providing snow (and hopefully a bit of sunshine) for this fantastic afternoon of fun and skill!!!

# VOUCHER ORDER FORM

Student's Name:	Teacher's Name:
# of .75 vouchers (.75 ea. or 10/\$7.50)	Amount enclosed:
# of \$2.00 vouchers (\$2 ea. or 10/\$20)	Amount enclosed:
# of \$2.50 vouchers (\$2.50 ea. or 10/\$25)	Amount enclosed:

Milk & Juice = .75

Pizza/Pasta = \$2

Hamburgers = \$2.50

## Green Gator News



All through the month of April we will be celebrating the environment with education and just plain fun! The Green Gators will be inviting all of the primary/junior classrooms to participate in a play about recycling (dates to be announced); "Meatless Monday" continues with the spotlight on healthy, sustainable food choices; and April 21<sup>st</sup> will be our Earth Day celebration (the Green Gators are off to the Earth Day Summit in Haliburton on the 22<sup>nd</sup>).

As part of our Earth Day Celebration, we'd like to challenge the school to participate in a "Project Runway Recycled Fashion Show" and "Structures Fair". Teachers found a great resource in their mailboxes that will help with students' preparations and get them thinking about how to design a piece of fashion that will be worn during the show, and the structures expectations are simple --- build a structure using recycled materials that serves a purpose. Structures will be displayed in the foyer.

So if your son or daughter comes home and wants to rummage through boxes of old clothes and recycled materials, they're just being creative! In previous years, the creativity and designs have been incredible and we're sure this year will be no different.

*"It ain't easy being green." – Kermit the Frog*

p.s. but it's fun!

-Ms. Hoskins and the Green Gators

## Reminder to Parents re: Grade 7 and 8 Immunizations









Nurses from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit will be in school in the spring providing the last of the series of immunizations to Grade 7 students and Grade 8 girls who provided consent. It is important that students complete their series of these vaccines to provide the best protection. If your child has missed a school clinic, please call the health unit to speak with the school's immunization nurse about booking a time to receive the missed immunization. The consent forms and fact sheets are available on the [immunization page](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) of the health unit's website at [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org). If you have any questions or concerns, please call Your Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

## Bus Cancellations

To have information sent directly to your cell phone regarding cancelled or late buses, please visit our website under Quick Links – Bus Information, for instructions to download the app.



## April 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 (1) 	2 (2)	3  <b>Easter Friday</b>
6  <b>Easter Monday</b>	7 (3)	8 (4) 	9 (5)	10 (1) 
13 (2)  <i>Meatless Monday</i>	14 (3)  <b>Grad/Spring Photos</b>	15 (4)  Hanging Basket Orders due	16 (5)	17 (1) 
20 (2)	21 (3)	22 (4)  <b>Green Gators to Earth Day Summit</b>	23 (5) Gr. 2/3 to Science North – 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. <b>Earth Day Celebration</b>	24 (1) 
Grade 7/8 Exchange students here				
27 (2)  <i>Meatless Monday</i>	28 (3)	29 (4) 	30 (5)	

(#) indicates day in 5 day cycle