

Glen Orchard Public School

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April News 2017

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Principal's Message

March has been a very busy month. Students have been involved in a number of great initiatives and, as always, have been excellent ambassadors for our school.

Many students from grades 5 – 8 participated in a school "Battle of the Books" competition and from this, we had a junior and intermediate team of students participate in a Regional "Battle of the Books" at the Rene Caisse Theatre. Everyone did very well at responding to questions about the books they collectively read in teams.

Our Glen Orchard hockey team travelled to Barrie to participate in a one-day tournament organized by the Simcoe County District School Board. This was an equitable activity as students with all abilities came together for a day of fun, celebrating the game of hockey. Our girls' volleyball team participated in two tournaments and put forth a great effort representing our school.

The Grade 5/6 class spent two fun-filled educationally packed days at Yearley Outdoor Ed. Centre.

Students from Grades 5 – 8 participated in the Lion's Club Public Speaking competition. Four students went on to the Regional competition – Mikayla, Jonah, Keira and Gavin all did a great job at representing our school. Keira placed third in this competition as well.

Finally, all students in grades 2 – 8 had the opportunity to go curling and the JK/SK and 1/2 classes went skating, to make up for our lost day at Arrowhead Provincial Park. I would like to thank all staff and volunteers who put forth the effort to make all these wonderful extracurricular activities happen this month.

Our School Council is holding a fundraiser to raise funds for a hydration station at the school. They will be selling water bottles with the school name on them. Thank you

to School Council for their continued efforts to make this school a great place to be.

Also during the month of April, two of our Grade 8 students will be participating in the Board wide Math Olympics.

We are very lucky to have Chief Terry Sahanatien coming to our school in the upcoming months. He will be sharing some authentic First Nations learning with our students. Please look for a package of key teachings that will be coming home later this week. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call me or drop by the office to have a chat.

~ Deb Wines

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Come out and support the Grade 7/8 class exchange to Hope, British Columbia, and have a delicious spaghetti dinner! A silent auction will also take place this evening. Date: Wednesday, April 19th Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for an adult, \$7 for children 13 and under, and \$40 for a family. Tickets may be purchased from Grade 7/8 students, or from the front office.



Coming Soon: New On-line Payment System

You will soon have the option of paying for your child's field trips and other school expenses on-line. This option will be available after April 10th. Visit tldsb.ca/ePayments to get set up after that date.

Shout out to our Healthy PALS

There is an enthusiastic group of students from grades 5-6 who have chosen to participate in a program called 'Healthy Pals'. They have learned some social skills and rules of low organizational games which they help share with our primary and kindergarten students when interacting during their recesses. We are very proud of all the hard work they are doing to help our younger students fully enjoy their recesses and free play. They are a big hit!

Free Event! Eat Better Sleep Better Move Better

Wednesday, April 12 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Join us for this free a community event – kids are encouraged to attend with their parents/guardians/grandparents or favourite adult. Dr. Greg Wells will share his message on how to EAT better, SLEEP better, and MOVE better, supporting the Feed All Four concept across TLDSB. Families are welcome to attend at Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School, or a live streaming location (Gravenhurst P.S.). At BMLSS only, there will be MOVE better activities from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. with light snacks and refreshments.

Did you know that nothing will improve or hurt your performance as much as hydration. People need water to create energy at the molecular level in all of our cells. Low water equals low energy. Try using a water bottle to keep track of how much you drink each day. If feeling tired or foggy, drinking two glasses of water should help.



Glen Orchard is a Nut and Fish Safe School

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/\$25.00)	Amount enclosed:

School Council News

We are pleased to be able to offer a Mental Wellness presentation on April 24th at Glen Orchard Public School. Allison Jones is a Student Services/Attendance Councillor with TLDSB. This past year, she has been facilitating the “Roots of Empathy” program that has been offered in our grade 5/6 class, where students have had the opportunity to share in the growth and development of Baby Carter. Her presentation, in her own words, is described below.

Raising Mentally Healthy Kids

We all want our kids to experience mental wellness and success in life, but it can be difficult to understand our role in this process. Is mental health the same as mental illness? What is self-regulation and how does it develop? What can I do to promote positive mental health for my own kids?

In this presentation, you will learn how the brain develops in childhood and adolescence and what we can do to support mental health for our kids. Let’s talk about healthy relationships, the influence of social media, and the impact of technology on our kids. And let’s not forget the importance of our own self-care because we know that healthy parents raise healthy kids!

Bring your questions and be prepared for an engaging learning experience!

In order to allow all parents to attend, School Council is planning a special event for the kids. Watch for more information coming home.

Our next School Council meeting is on April 10th in the School library.

Right to Play Workshop

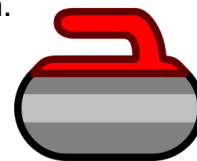
On April 18, two students from each grade 4-8 class will be invited to participate in a leadership opportunity. “Right to Play” emphasizes the importance of global citizenship, encourages leadership skills and the power of play.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to work with students from other schools, learn new skills and share those skills with others.

Let’s Rock!














We are excited to announce that a group called “Rocks and Rings” will be taking over our gym on April 27th. All classes will have the opportunity to participate in an “introduction” to curling through several different fun and physical activities. Students are asked to bring \$2.00 each towards the cost of this day-long program.

Let’s Rock Glen Orchard!





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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 (3)	4 (4)	5 (5) Grad Photos 	6 (1)  Smoothies	7 (2) 
10 (3)  School Council	11 (4)	12 (5)  Gr. 7/8 Immunizations	13 (1)  Smoothies	14 Good Friday
17 Easter Monday	18 (2) Dental Screening – JK, SK, Gr. 2 & 8	19 (3)  Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction 5:30 – 7:30 pm.	20 (4)  Smoothies	21 (5) 
24 (1)  Mental Wellness Presentation	25 (2)	26 (3) 	27 (4)  Smoothies	28 (5) 

(#) indicates day in 5 day cycle