

Glen Orchard Public School

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December News 2017

Principal's Message

Hi Glen Orchard Families,

November brought snow and the joy of winter to Glen Orchard. Our yard is filling with snow forts, snow castles and even a few snow 'people'. It was really exciting to watch many students come together to make a huge snowman in the middle of the field. The teamwork was awesome.

As I get to know the staff and students, I am amazed by the continued kindness that I see. It was very inspiring to see



children taking the initiative to compliment, help, and be kind to each other. There is something very gentle and empowering about children helping children. We recognized many at an assembly for their ongoing integrity and respect.

In the classrooms we have awesome math activities going on. At Glen Orchard we are striving to build a team approach to support all of our children's thinking in math. Your child's teacher has a list of websites and apps to help you create purposeful learning

opportunities, guide conversations and support your child in making connections between the math we learn at school and its application to the home and beyond. Connect with your child's teacher for a copy of the list. There are also many fun games and activities that will help as well.



We continue to work on providing families with several ways to stay informed. You can like us on Facebook by searching Glen Orchard Public School, or you can follow us on Twitter @GlenOrchardPS, and receive regular posts or tweets about events and updates about the exciting things we are doing. Also we have been working to update our school website at <http://glo.tdsb.on.ca/> where you will find regular updates, forms that you might require, as well as this newsletter, it also includes a running feed of our Twitter/Facebook messages. Also, you should be receiving periodic contact with your child's classroom teacher about learning in the classroom. If you have any questions or would have any suggestions on how we can improve our parent communication, please let us know. Let's work together to stay in touch and keep up to date. I wish you and your family a wonderful and safe holiday season.

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Morning Supervision

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

West Muskoka Food Drive

Our annual food drive is underway and will end on Friday, December 15th with a special assembly, where representatives of the local churches and OPP will collect the food, for distribution to families in need over the holidays.

Christmas Concert

Family and friends are invited to join us for a Christmas celebration on Wednesday, December 13th (snow date Dec. 14) at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Preparations are well under way to festively entertain you and your family! We're looking forward to celebrating the season with you!

Muskoka Lakes Soccer Club

Students and Staff would like to thank the Muskoka Lakes Soccer Club for their generous donation that provided funding for the bussing to our cross county running events. We greatly appreciate the donation and the opportunities it provided our students.

Scholastic Book Fair – PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

The library will be hosting a Christmas Scholastic Book Fair from Wed., Dec 13 to Fri., Dec.15, 2017. The Book Fair will also be hosting a Family Night event on Wed., Dec 13th until 6:30pm. (Snow Day family night will be Thurs., Dec. 14). Families attending the Family Night can deposit a ballot at the Fair for a draw. The winning family gets to choose \$25 worth of books for their home library, plus the student’s teacher can choose another \$25 worth of books for their classroom library! There will be lots of holiday reading material as well as some great stocking stuffer ideas! For author highlights, please visit the following link: <http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/dvd1.php>



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.



Food Voucher Form	
Students Name:	Teacher’s Name:
# of \$2.00 Vouchers (\$2.00ea or 10/20.00 Pizza)	Amount Enclosed:
# of \$2.50 Vouchers (\$2.50 each or 10/\$25.00 Hamburgers)	Amount Enclosed

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 for notifications, listen to your local radio station, visit TLDSB Facebook and Twitter accounts or visit the TLDSB website.

Field Trips

Prior to students participating in events off Glen Orchard P.S. property, students are required to submit permission forms, **SIGNED** by a parent/guardian. If a signed permission form has not been returned, the student will not be able to participate in the event/field trip. **Verbal permission over the phone will no longer be accepted.**

WAYS TO TALK MATH WITH YOUR CHILD

At Glen Orchard we continue build on our team approach to supporting your child's thinking and application in Math. Please feel free to share with your child's teacher your experiences discussing the conversation prompts (focusing on units of measurement) provided in last month's newsletter. In case you missed the resources provided at parent-teacher interviews, please explore the links below with your child to support their math learning at home.

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

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.

Christmas Spirit Days

Join the fun and participate in Glen Orchard's 12 Days of Christmas.



Clip, save and participate in the **12 Days of Christmas at GLO!!**



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| Wed. Dec. 7 | Red Day - Wear red clothes to celebrate the season |
| Thu. Dec. 8 | Slipper Day - Wear your cozy, warm slippers |
| Fri. Dec. 9 | Canned Food Day - Bring in any canned item for the Food Drive |
| Mon. Dec. 12 | Scarf and Touque Day – Wear your scarf and touque to stay warm all day long |
| Tues. Dec. 13 | Decorate Yourself – Put on a little tinsel or wrapping paper today |
| Wed. Dec. 14 | Festive Clothes Day – Wear a Christmas Sweater or some festive attire |
| Thu. Dec. 15 | Pasta Day - Bring in a box of pasta for the Food Drive |
| Fri. Dec. 16 | 'Twas the Night Before Christmas PJ Day – wear your PJ's to school |
| Mon. Dec. 19 | Green Day - Deck yourself with all of your green clothing |
| Tues. Dec. 20 | Festive Hat Day – Wear a Santa Hat, Reindeer Antlers, or even a Rudolph Nose |
| Wed. Dec. 21 | Festive Movie and popcorn in the gym |
| Thu. Dec. 22 | Christmas Carols in the gym and Reindeer Games Outside (weather permitting)
Dress for outdoor play |

December 2017 at a Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 (2)  Pizza
4 (3)	5 (4)	6 (5)  \$2.50	7 (1)	8 (2)  Pizza
11 (3)	12 (4)	13 (5)  Burgers \$2.50 Christmas Concert  Family Night until 6:30pm	14 (1) Snow Day Christmas Concert Basketball Tournament GPS/GHS  Snow Day Family Night until 6:30pm	15 (2)  Pizza  Feeding the Community Food Drive Assembly 9:00a.m. 
18 (3)	19 (4)	20 (5)  Burgers \$2.50	21 (1)	22 (2)  Pizza  Happy Holidays Return January 8, 2018

Glen Orchard is a Fish and Nut-Free School

(#) indicates day in 5 day cycle

Coming events:

Scholastic Book Fair – December 13-15