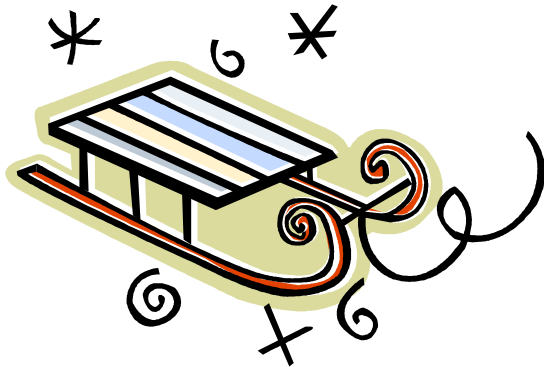


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January News

2015

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On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you a Happy New Year. We hope that this year brings great joy and happiness to our school community as we continue to grow in friendship and learning. Thank you to everyone who attended our Coffee House at Christmas. There was an overwhelming response and we appreciated all of the treats that were donated, as well as donations to the West Muskoka Food Drive.

I would like you to join me in wishing Mrs. Barb Whaley, one of our dedicated educational assistants, best wishes as she moves on to a role with the Board where she will be able to share her expertise with her colleagues and the students they work with.

New Year's resolutions are often set at this time of year. You may wish to take the opportunity to spend time with your child setting goals for school and home and discussing ways that he or she may achieve them. Some guiding questions you might find useful are:

- What do I want to achieve?
- How can I schedule my time to ensure success?
- Who and what can help me along the way?
- How will I celebrate the small successes at school and at home?

I wish you all the best for 2015! Please feel free to stop by the office if you have any questions or concerns. - Deb Wines

Trustworthiness is this month's character trait. It means that you behave in an honourable manner. You act with integrity. Your words match your actions.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is taking place from Jan. 26 – Feb. 6 for children starting school next September. Please bring proof of age, immunization information, and emergency contact information.

School Council

The next Glen Orchard Parent Council will be meeting will be held January 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Please notify the school office if you plan to attend.

Walking Wednesdays

Let's get active Glen Orchard! Beginning in January we will be offering *Walking Wednesdays* to all our students who are looking to get outside, get their heart rate up, and enjoy a walk in our winter wonderland. All are welcome!

Book Fair

Glen Orchard Public School will be hosting another Scholastic Book Fair from February 18th – 20th. If you are interested in volunteering 3 hours to help run this book fair, please call Mrs. Hennig at the school. Thank you in advance for your support.

NEW COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR SCHOOL FLYERS LAUNCHES JAN. 21

Our school is getting ready to launch a new electronic flyer communication tool called "Peachjar." To view school-approved eflyers, simply click the Peachjar button on the school's website homepage.



Also, you have the option to have these eflyers delivered right to your inbox! **Please visit Peachjar.com to register.** This system is used exclusively for distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will never be shared or used for any other purpose.

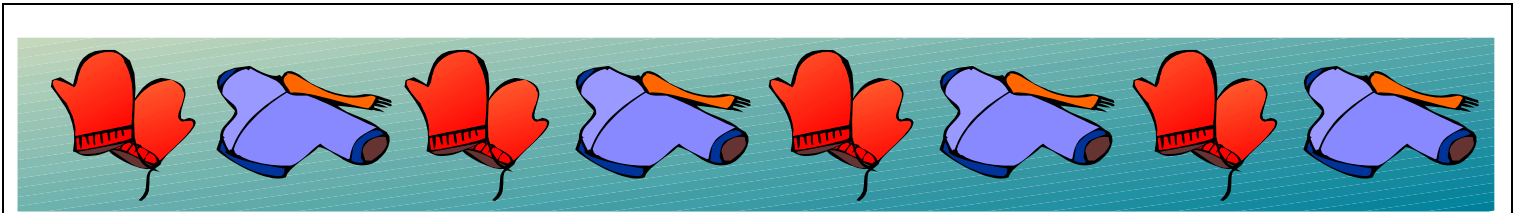
This "green" initiative will provide parents with better access to information about school programs, activities, and events. Thank you for your support!

Thank You to the Muskoka Lakes Soccer Club for their generous donation of \$300, which paid for a "RAZ Kids" reading program for our primary students.



West Muskoka Food Drive

Thanks to all who contributed to our Christmas Food Drive. Again this year, our community was very generous with their food drive donations.



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

Grade 6/7 Class Heads to Yearley

Our grade 6/7 class will be having a winter adventure at Yearley Outdoor Education Centre from January 28th to 29th. We have been fortunate to have enthusiastic parent volunteers to join us. We are really looking forward to it! Many thanks must go out to Patsy Decaire and her team; April, Mackenzie and Evey, for some highly successful 'hamburger' days! Their efforts have added to the fundraising towards the cost of this field trip. Please fill out permission/expectations forms and return to school as soon as possible and thank-you in advance to all those who have volunteered to donate baked goods and treats for the outing. Please remember that we are a nut free environment so all desserts must be nut free. Thank-you!

Eco/Healthy Schools Report

January certainly has come in like a lion so it's a perfect time to start our 'Meatless Mondays'! Every second Tuesday of the month, the Green Gators will be whipping up a batch of pasta with tomato sauce, parmesan cheese with bread and butter. Our first January date is Monday, January 12. Don't forget to bring those toonies!

Our Green Gators are also preparing a play/presentation on recycling that will be presented to the primary and junior divisions. We continue to encourage students to bring 'boomerang' healthy lunches using recyclable containers and recycle whatever is left using the blue bins at school or, the green bins at home!

Don't forget, exercise of all kind is good for your over-all health! Get out there and enjoy all that snow, but don't forget to bundle up, and have fun!

Your Child's Immunization Record!

The Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) states that The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required by law to keep an up to date immunization record on file for every student who attends elementary or secondary school. As of **July 1, 2014 ISPA** has been updated and includes the following vaccines:

- Varicella (chickenpox) two doses for children born in or after 2010
- Meningococcal (meningitis)
- Tetanus, diphtheria, polio and pertussis (whooping cough) at least 4 doses
- Measles, mumps and rubella must be after the first birthday

The health unit **does not** receive immunization information directly from doctor's offices. Parents need to contact the health unit each time students receive a vaccine from their health care provider. If a student's immunization record on file with the health unit is not up to date, the health unit will mail a notice asking for immunization information or proof of a valid exemption. If the information requested is not given to the health unit, the student may be suspended from school. If a student is due for immunizations, an appointment can be made with their health care provider or at a health unit immunization clinic by contacting Your Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520. Up to date immunization information can be provided to the health unit by a secure online form, mail, fax or by dropping off a copy at a local health unit office. For more information visit the immunization page on the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org If you have any questions or concerns, please call Your Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.