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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Wrapping Up! Reflections on Term 1 and the Upcoming Holidays

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 1 and report cards have been sent home. Parent-teacher interviews will take place this past week. We know that all families will help students to reflect on the important information that is provided in the report. Our goal in the reporting and interview process is two-fold. We wish to ensure that parents receive a clear and hopeful picture of their child's performance at school and that students are assisted in developing positive, specific and achievable goals for improved performance and continued growth in the next term. Since the primary purpose of assessment and evaluation is to improve student learning, we have been focusing and guiding students through a reflective process whereby they have been identifying personal strengths and setting goals for future successes. We appreciate the time taken by parents and students to outline these areas on Page 3 of the report card. Your involvement in your child's education is critical to their achievement. We thank all families for continuing to support their child's academic success by encouraging exemplary attendance, homework completion and good study habits. We look forward to a second term filled with many opportunities to achieve new goals, enjoy new learning and realize many successes!

At this time of year, we like to remember those who make Glenview a wonderful place to be! Thank you to all of our outstanding teachers for their time and dedication in providing students and parents with informative accounts of the successes and goals for each of our students. Thanks also to the Glenview Staff who put countless hours into our many extra-curricular activities that are offered to all of the students. We also think of the many volunteers who devote so much of their time and share their talents with us in the education of Glenview students. At Glenview, running the school so effectively would be very difficult without parent support. Your volunteer support allows the school to provide experiences above and beyond what can normally be provided, (i.e. field trips, Terry Fox, pizza days, etc). Your financial support is also critical to provide an enriching learning environment. Your contributions are very much appreciated in order that we can provide: a smart board, music needs, Forest of Reading library program, donations to the nutritional snack program. Indeed your financial support and your physical support (homework, studying, etc.) greatly support the teachers' efforts and are very much appreciated. Thank you so very much.

Educating the youth of today is, more than ever, everyone's responsibility.

We appreciate each of you and on behalf of the staff at Glenview Public School we wish you and your family a very happy and safe holiday season and All the Best in the New Year.

Deborah Renton, Principal

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Another Award for Glenview!

Glenview's Food for Thought program (both the Nutritious Snack and Healthy Basket) involves many parent volunteers and countless hours of food preparation and shopping. We are always in need of food preparation volunteers which entails a time commitment of 1.5 hours on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

I had the pleasure of attending a wonderful ceremony/dinner on behalf of Glenview. Both the public and separate boards were present. Glenview Public School received the top award, the **BEST SCHOOL AWARD**. What an honour to accept such a fantastic award on behalf of so many volunteers who help to make this program possible. Thank you so much! This award will hang in the front hall under our Dr. Bette Stephenson Award.



Thank You!! A huge thank you to all of the parents who organized and set up the Holiday Auction. What a huge success!! To be able to receive \$9,000 in one evening for the benefit of our students is truly incredible. Thank you so much for all of the extremely generous donations from our wonderful Glenview families and community donors. Your support is so very much appreciated.

LOST AND FOUND! Our Lost and Found is overflowing!! Please look it over when you come for the Christmas Concert. The Lost and Found is now located in the Quality Daily Fitness Room #122. Please label all of your child's belongings as well as outdoor clothing and boots with last name and initial.

All Day Every Day Kindergarten

The Halton District School board would like parents to know that Board staff are working with the Ministry of Education to determine what the All Day Every Day Kindergarten program will look like in Halton for September 2010. The Ministry has established a five year implementation plan with 15% of kindergarten students in each board participating in this model in the first year. We are currently determining which schools will be involved, and this information will be available in January on the Board's website at www.hdsb.ca. More detailed information will be shared with the communities of selected schools in January as well.

The December month brings our school community many cultural and faith celebrations like...

Hannukah, Eid-UI-Adha, Christmas and Kwanzaa. This is also a time that we can reflect on the special days that have happened this school year for our families: Rosh Hashana, Diwali, Thanksgiving, Ramadan, Halloween and Bandi-Chor Divas to name just a few. These days of significance although unique and special to each community, also represent for us the universal values of peace, generosity, kindness and family togetherness. At our school we encourage students to celebrate our many differences and similarities in authentic ways. We hope that your family will find ways to share the many holidays of our community together with joy, respect and understanding.

Early Dismissal on Friday, Dec. 18th On the last school day before the December holiday, Friday, December 18th, all schools will dismiss 1.5 hours (90 minutes) early. Board provided transportation will be adjusted to reflect this early dismissal time.



The early dismissal time at Glenview is 2:15 p.m. Buses will arrive at that time to pick up students. Please note that the times of our first and second nutritional breaks will be changed on that day to: 1st Break—10:25-11:15 a.m. and 2nd Break—12:25-1:05 p.m.

MANY THANKS...

Thank you to everyone for limiting the interruptions to classrooms and to the office by planning well for each day's events. Students are very able to remind themselves and their teachers with short notes written in planners about arrangements. We are impressed by the increased responsibility the students take for being ready at pick-up on time.

Unicef Donations... totaled \$151.50. Thank you Glenview students, your families and friends for your generosity.

**Gr. 4—Otis Lennon Results**

The Grade 4 Otis Lennon test results have arrived. If you would like to see your son/daughter's results, please contact Mrs. Renton at the school. Thank you.

Thanks...

To everyone for waiting outside for students at dismissal time.

MORNING DROP OFF...

Parents are reminded that supervision begins on the playground at 9:00 a.m. Please help keep all children safe by ensuring that students are not at school before this time. As a reminder, students are to be dropped off at the end of the parking lot so that they may remain outside with friends in the morning and should not be entering the school through the main doors by the kindergarten rooms. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Parents please ensure that your child arrives on time for the 9:10 a.m. entry bell. Lateness disrupts classes and interferes with your child's learning and that of other students. Your cooperation is appreciated.

GLENVIEW STUDENTS' HOLIDAY CHARITY DRIVE

As we start to celebrate the Christmas season with holiday activities it is also a time to think of others who are less fortunate than ourselves. This year, Glenview will collect nonperishable food to donate to those in need.

Please donate what you can to help

people whose lives may be enriched by us thinking about them. Boxes will be placed in the front foyer until Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Thank you for your contributions.

**COLD WEATHER APPAREL...**

Winter has arrived. With the onset of the cold weather, students are required to dress properly for going outdoors. They should come to school with winter jackets, mitts or gloves, hats, scarves, snowpants and a pair of boots. All students are required to go outside for recess and therefore need to be dressed properly for the cold weather conditions. A pair of indoor shoes is also required for the classroom

Early Optional Attendance: Timelines

The Optional Attendance process is starting for September 2010. This process is being started earlier again this year in order to accommodate more students sooner. For the 2010-2011 school year, Optional Attendance applications are due by January 29, 2010.

Please see the guidelines and application posted on the Halton District School Board website (www.hdsb.ca).

"Paint the Town December" Concert

Our December concert is a multi-cultural production which celebrates many holidays that occur all around the world throughout the month of December. Focus is not on religious content but on understanding the stories and history behind these traditions. Our theme of acceptance of others and their customs is being discussed in class time.

The **Primary Choir** and **Junior Singers** will be performing on both days. Our **Kindergarten** students will be performing on their school days. It will be a whole school event. Please see the list below and note the date and times of your child(ren)'s show date. Since we have many families with more than one child attending Glenview, we are unable to schedule all siblings on the same date.

Cast "A"

Tuesday, December 15th

Primary Choir & Junior Singers
 Tues/Thurs. JK/SK B Classes
 Gr. 1: Mrs. Rees
 Gr. 1/2: Mrs. Whinton
 Gr. 3: Mrs. Bryer
 Gr. 4: Mrs. Flindall
 Gr. 5/6: Ms. Serre
 Gr. 6: Ms. Wilson

Cast "B"

Wednesday, December 16th

Primary Choir & Junior Singers
 Mon./Wed. JK/SK A Classes
 Gr. 1: Mrs. Mifflin
 Gr. 2: Mrs. MacIsaac
 Gr. 2/3: Mrs. Langshaw
 Gr. 4: Mr. DeJong
 Gr. 5: Ms. Sylvester
 Gr. 6: Ms. Wilson

- * Grade 6 Students will be performing on both days since we are short one class to complete the production.
- * If your child is in the Primary Choir or Junior Singers, they will perform on both days. If you are attending on the day of your child's class performance, then you need to drop off your child at the school for the second performance night.
- * Tickets are free. Tickets are required for the evening shows but not the matinees. Ticket order forms have been sent home. You may order tickets for both night shows only if you have a child in Cast A and Cast B.
- * Matinees are at 2:15 p.m. and Evening Performances are at 6:30 p.m.
- * Please have your child at the school at 6:00 p.m. for the 6:30 show.
- * In order to keep everyone safe, please do not park in front of the main school doors. Please park in the parking lot or on the street and walk your child to their classroom.

Junior Kindergarten for Sept. 2010

JK registration for September 2010 is scheduled to begin at Glenview the week of **January 18, 2010**. Children must be **4 years old by December 31, 2010** in order to begin JK in September.

Please note the following original documents are required in order to register your child:

- * Your child's **immunization record** * Your child's **Ontario Health Card**
- * **Proof of address** (not a driver's license) * **Proof of your child's age** (birth certificate or passport)
- * If you are not the child's parent, please bring **proof of custody** (court order)

Also, please note that parents/guardians must be public school supporters.

If you have neighbours with preschool children, please let them know about Glenview's JK registration.



Glenview Snack Program

...some food for thought



December Menu

	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
Week Of November 30th	Whole wheat pita wedges with salsa, orange slices	Baked mozzarella bites, cucumber slices
Week Of December 7th	Cinnamon Raisin Toast with margarine Glass of Orange juice	Yogurt, broccoli & cauliflower with dip
Week Of December 14th	Arrowroot cookies orange slices	Tortilla Roll ups (tortilla shell with shredded cheese and lettuce), Banana halves
** We expect to provide snacks according to our Snack Program Outline. At times changes may be necessary due to availability and the need to capitalize on sale items		

Healthy Baskets Are A Hit!!

In response to parent and teacher feedback in the Spring '09 survey, we introduced a Healthy Basket program in addition to the snack program in the past month. This program provides a basket of healthy snacks in each classroom for students who may not have enough food to be able to sustain them during the day. The response from staff and students has been very positive – and judging by the empty baskets at the end of the week, the healthy snacks are being put to good use! Please stop by the Snack Program bulletin board in the main hall and read some of the student reviews on the program to date. It's great to read the notes from the children who are benefitting daily from the snack and basket programs. Thanks to Jackie Gaulton and Shayla Pallottini who have led the basket program through a smooth start-up.

A Healthy Idea For Kids Lunches - Presto Pasta Salad !!



Prep Time: 5 min Total Time: 5 min Makes: 1

- 1 cup cooked pasta, any variety
- ¼ cup shredded cheese
- ¼ cup each cherry tomatoes, shredded carrot, corn, cucumber, etc
- 2 tbsp ranch dressing

PLACE all ingredients except dressing in medium resealable plastic bag. **POUR** dressing into separate small resealable plastic bag (kids add it just before eating.) Include a plastic fork. Just before serving.... **TEAR** one corner of the plastic bag with the dressing; squeeze onto pasta mixture. Shake lightly to mix ingredients.

Inclement Weather Days

As we move into the winter months, please ensure that you monitor the news in the mornings on days where there is significantly poor weather. Depending on the conditions, a decision may be made by the Director to either close all schools, some schools or cancel transportation due to safety concerns. **Please review the "INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES" on page X of your child's planner to update yourself on school procedures.**



Please note: If buses are cancelled in the morning then they are cancelled in the afternoon automatically. When buses are cancelled, they are cancelled for the entire day. Transportation home is the parent's responsibility for students who are brought to school on days when busing has been cancelled. Please make sure that you have arranged in the morning a way home for your child (ren) after school and that they are **aware** of the arrangement so that everyone is safe at the end of the day.

ABSENCE CHECK PROCEDURE: If your child is bused to school and the buses are cancelled, there is no need to call the absence check that day. If your child is not bused to school and does not come to school when the buses are cancelled, please call the absence check that day.

	<p style="text-align: center;">SEASON'S GREETINGS!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purchase your Christmas Tree from the OPTIMIST CLUB OF BURLINGTON and \$5.00 will be donated to the HALTON LEARNING FOUNDATION <i>Submit this coupon with tree purchase</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Supporting Students Strengthening Schools</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">HALTON LEARNING FOUNDATION</p>	<p>Dates: Saturday, November 28, 2009 through to Tuesday, December 22, 2009 (or until sold out) Hours: Monday - Friday: 6 pm – 9 pm; Saturday: 9 am – 6 pm; Sunday: 10 am – 5 pm</p> <p>Three Optimist Club of Burlington Christmas Tree Locations:</p> <p>a) Optimist Park beside Burlington Student Theatre at 2131 Prospect Street, Burlington b) Paletta Park at 4250 Lakeshore Road, Burlington b) Appleby Line and Dundas Street - east side of Mall in front of Winners</p>

Optimist Club Christmas Trees: The Optimist Club of Burlington is selling Christmas Trees. By presenting this coupon, \$5.00 from your tree purchase will be donated to the Halton Learning Foundation. The Halton Learning Foundation raises charitable funds to remove economic barriers to learning for students in need and support school initiatives and programs in the Halton District School Board. Please pass/copy this coupon to friends, families and neighbours. Coupons must be presented to the Optimists at time of purchase.

Spirit Council Update: December spirit days are:

- * Friday, December 11th—Wacky Hair Day
- * Friday, December 18th—Red and Green Day- wear



your Santa and Elf hats

CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER: Thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Wreath Fundraiser. Our profit of \$217.25 will be donated to Partnership West Food Bank in Aldershot.



REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

The Primary and Junior students participated in an assembly honouring veterans on Wednesday, November 11th. Thank you to Mr. Thomson and Mrs. Haynes for organizing and running our Remembrance Day ceremonies.



PEACE by Mrs. Mifflin's Gr. 1 Students

P is for people sharing things
 E is for everyone playing together
 A is for asking a friend to help you
 C is for caring for others
 E is for everyone getting a home
 By Christina B.

P is for people sharing
 E is for everyone happy
 A is for asking a friend to play
 C is for caring for others
 E is for everyone singing
 By Ethan M.



P is for all people sharing
 E is for everyone getting along
 A is for asking my mom for a friend
 C is for taking care of your pets
 E is for everyone eating
 By Sarah P.

French Program Survey

From December 1 to 18th all grade one to eight elementary school parents are invited to participate in an electronic survey on French Programs in Halton. Information on how to access the survey is available on the board website and a letter will go home with report cards. This survey will be used by the French Advisory Committee to make recommendations to improve French program delivery in Halton.

The French survey information gathers parent feedback regarding both core and immersion programs in Halton. The data will provide information from parents of children in grades one to eight and will be considered in future recommendations to the Halton Board of Education. This year's survey gathers information on possible entry points for immersion and core French, possible reasons for demission from the French immersion program, alignment of subjects across the board, delivery models (percent of time spent in target language, intensity), school environments. In addition to survey data, secondary student focus group data will also be used to inform recommendations.

How can you help your children be successful at school?

Let's count the ways:

1. Read to them daily!
2. Review their agendas together.
3. Be interested in what they do at school! Ask them questions about their day, their classes, their friends, their bus ride, their recess...
4. Discuss personal problem solving strategies with them.
5. Arrive to school on time.
6. Discuss any concerns promptly with their teacher.
7. Ensure they get enough sleep and eat a healthy breakfast.
8. Pack nutritious foods for lunches and snacks.
10. Have a routine for homework (e.g., time, place, expectations).



Please Note! It is not enough to simply treat your child's hair when you discover head lice. You must report it to the school office (634-6789) so that a We-Care nurse may be called to check the entire class, so that others who have head lice may be detected and treated, so that your child does not get head lice again. This process will hopefully prevent future incidents of head lice. Please refer to page viii in your

Ms. Sylvester's Gr. 5 Trip to City Hall.....

City Hall

Today my class and I went to the Burlington City Hall. On the ride there I sat on the bus beside Jenna. When we got there we went inside and looked down the stairs and saw something that looked like a garden. After a few minutes our tour guide Mr.Simon came. Mr.Simon first took us outside when it was raining a little bit but we didn't mind. We first went over beside the building and we went to the memorial. In the middle of it was a soldier with a gun. He said that sometimes on Remembrance day he leans on his gun. He next showed us a fountain where horses drank out of many many years ago. Then we went to the clock. The clock was a gift to Burlington from Japan. We next went to another fountain but this one was bigger. Mr.Simon said that sometimes they turned it on in the winter. It was another gift from Japan. It started to rain a little harder so we went inside. We went upstairs to the council chambers. He talked to us a little more. After a while Rick Craven came in. He was talking to us and mentioned that a lady had an idea to put an outdoor skating rink at our school. After he left Mr.Simon was talking to us then Alex, Alexander, Nathan, and Margo did a presentation how they want to fix and get more Football, Soccer, and Baseball fields. Riley was the mayor for the day. Before the presentation was over Cam Jackson came and was watching the rest of the presentation. When it was over the Mayor Cam Jackson talked to us a little more then asked questions and left to get ready for a presentation on fire safety at 1:00 p.m. So we had to leave before it started. On the bus home I sat beside Genna.S. This trip was a little boring because of the talking but I had fun. My favourite part was when Cam Jackson came in. I would of liked to see the print shop but we ran out of time. Overall, it was a pretty good trip.
By: Mckenzie Z.



My Trip to City Hall

The best part of my trip to city hall was when I saw the mayor because he would talk to us about the city, and what they were going to do with the money that the city has. Also he was there for a fake Council Meeting our class had. Some of the things I would have liked to do there was to go to the print shop and look at more of the things that were outside but unfortunately it was raining. Some of the stuff we did get to see outside was the clock, fountain, and monument. I think if you take a tour there you will absolutely love it! By: Lucas C.

Trip To City Hall

The trip to city hall was fun. On the bus ride I sat with my friends. When we got off the bus we saw the Itibashi pond. Our tour guide Mr. Simon took us outside to see the monument and then we saw the fountain. After that it started to rain so we went inside. Then we went to the Council room and Mr .Simon told us about the different wards. We also saw Rick Cravin, our city councillor. He also talked about the different wards too. We saw the mayor Cam Jackson too. He helped us with our pretend council meeting. He talked to us about different things going on in Burlington like skateboard ramps. After that we went back to school. It was an educational trip.
By: Nathan P.

Grade 5 Trip to City Hall

On our field trip to City Hall we got a tour. The tour guide took us outside to show us the monument statue, the fountain and the clock. The clock was a birthday present for the city. Then the tour guide took us inside to the Chambers! The guide talked about all sorts of things like what wards we live in and showed us how small Burlington used to be a long time ago. Then Rick Craven happened to come in the Chambers. He said Glenview school is going to get sidewalks for in front of the school. Plus he also said Glenview school might be getting an ice rink in the backyard. After Rick Craven left we started a 'mock' council meeting. After we started our discussion, the mayor came in! He helped us with the meeting. He told us about his life and then the mayor left. After that my class left the Chambers. Overall I had an awesome time! By: Ashley W.