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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 are coming home today, on Monday, December 1st. Parent-teacher interviews will take place this week with the bulk of the interviews taking place during the evening of December 4th and during the day of December 5th. 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. fieldtrips, 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: overhead projectors, calculators for classrooms, data projector, tribes posters, drama presentations, \$1000 towards offsetting the cost of scientists in the classroom. 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.

Deborah Renton

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

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



## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



Preparations are underway for Glenview's Christmas Open House on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH. Come and join us for carling, hot chocolate a musical presentation by the "Glenview Rockin' Christmas Carolers", and a presentation of our sister-school, "The Home of Hope orphanage in Malawi, Africa.. Caroling will start the evening at 6:30 p.m. in front of the school (inside if weather is poor )and the evening will end with a caroling sing-a long in the gym from 7:30-7:45 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

## 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).

## Primary Choir News...

I am excited that we will once again be having a Primary Choir starting in January! All primary students in Grades 1, 2 and 3 are invited to attend. We practice one day a week. Some events that we are hoping to sing at will be: at a Bull Dogs game, our Spring Concert, Park Avenue Manor, Burlington Gardens, The Special Olympics Torch Run and several school assemblies. Thank you to Mrs. Rees for volunteering to help out with the choir again. Look for a letter in the New Year stating when primary choir will be starting!

Mrs. Mifflin

**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.

## **MORE NEWS...**

There will be a final short newsletter for 2008 on Friday, December 19 along with a January calendar to help start 2009.

## **Thanks...**

**To everyone for waiting outside for students at dismissal time.**

## **LOST AND FOUND!**

Many articles have accumulated in the school's lost and found. Please encourage your child to visit if items have been misplaced.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

### MEETING-

JANUARY 13, 2009

Our next School Council Meeting will be on January 13, 2009 in the library. We have invited Jacki Oxley, the Halton District School Board's School and Community Liaison Officer to develop norms for our Council. She is the author of the School Council Handbook and will review all the important procedures for a successful School Council Meeting. Please plan to attend and bring your questions! We are looking forward to seeing you on January 13th.

**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 changed arrangements. We are impressed by the increased responsibility the students take for being ready at pick-up on time.

**Unicef Donations...**

totalled  
\$582.43.

Many  
students



used the envelopes provided by UNICEF to collect donations. 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.

**MORNING DROP OFF...**

Parents are reminded that supervision begins on the playground at 8:50 a.m. Please help keep all kids 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 you 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 and new waterproof mittens for the



Salvation Army. 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 17, 2008. Thank you for your contributions.

**Martial Arts**

Beginning in January, Karate Kids will be running a nutritional break program addressing character development through non-contact martial arts and physical fitness. The presently run the program in numerous other Halton schools and feedback has been very positive. There will be an open and free session to start. Parents will then have the option of signing up for the program. More details will be coming home after the holidays.

**Early Optional Attendance: New Timelines**

The Optional Attendance process has been revised. This year we are starting the process earlier in the year in order to accommodate more students sooner. For the 2009-2010 school year, Optional Attendance applications are due by January 30, 2009.

The revised guidelines and application will be posted on the Halton District School Board website ([www.hdsb.ca](http://www.hdsb.ca)) in early December 2008.

### Tribes Assembly

At our Tribes Assembly this month, we recognized those students in each class who have demonstrated Attentive Listening Skills. This month we focused on our second Tribes Agreement: **Showing Appreciation: No Put-Downs**. Students will be encouraged to put appreciation statements in the Tribes box in the office. Statements will be made anonymously about activities or students around the school. For example, "I appreciated \_\_\_\_ helping me pick up my pencil crayons when they fell."

If one of our main objectives is to develop a sense of self-worth and self-esteem in children, schools and families must find ways to eliminate the scores of derogatory and negative remarks that bombard young people everyday.

Unfortunately, put-down remarks are a basic form of communication among children. We must challenge children to prohibit put-down remarks and encourage them to exchange statements of appreciation (positive regard and recognition). Eliminating put-downs will be a tedious process until the children themselves begin to object when they hear one.

We must encourage our children to confront put-down statements using I-messages. "I feel sad when I am called 'stupid'! It's a put-down and it hurts!" Minimizing put-down statements is half the step toward building self-esteem. Put-downs need to be replaced with statements of recognition.

It is a sad note that in the course of a day, we make five times as many negative comments as statements that affirm how we value each other. To help our children make statements of appreciation, we need to role model and encourage such sentence starters as: "I like it when..."  
"It felt good when..."  
"I admire you for (describe the quality)..."  
"I really appreciate it when you..."

With home and school working together to implement the above strategies, we can help our children be more appreciative while at the same time develop a sense of self-worth and self-esteem.

We are looking forward to a Kids 4 Kids presentation by Scott Graham who will discuss bullying issues within a school on Dec. 4.

### Junior Kindergarten for Sept. 2009

JK registration for September 2008 is scheduled to begin at Glenview the week of **January 19, 2009**. Children must be **4 years old by December 31, 2009** 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 or ask them to call the school at 905-634-6789 for details.

### CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER

Thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Wreath Fundraiser. Our profit of \$234.95 will be donated to Partnership West Food Bank in Aldershot.



Michelle Brugess  
Parent Volunteer

### Early dismissal on Friday, December 19th

On the last school day before the December holiday, Friday, December 19th, 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.
- 2nd Break—12:25-1:05 p.m.

# Glenview Snack Program

*...some food for thought*



## December Menu

	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
Week of December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oatmeal cookies, orange slices	Tortilla pinwheels, banana halves
Week Of December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Whole wheat bagels with jam, watermelon slices	Yogurt, apple rings
Week Of December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Yogurt, pineapple slices or banana halves	Pitas with cream cheese, sliced cucumbers
<i>** 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</i>		

### SNACK PROGRAM MYTHBUSTERS

Over the course of the two years that this program has been running at Glenview, we have heard feedback from some in the school community who believe that this program is not needed at our school. We would like to take this opportunity to provide some enlightening information about the program and its need:

**Myth #1: Glenview school is not located in a “needy” part of Burlington and therefore does not require financial assistance to provide healthy snacks to our children.**

The need for a healthy snack program is not necessarily based on financial status. Some of the wealthiest areas in Burlington have schools that participate in a healthy snack program: Florence Meares in Millcroft, John T. Tuck (Guelph Line and Spruce), Lakeshore (Guelph Line and Lakeshore), and at CH Norton (Headon Forest) to name just a few. There are currently 28 schools running programs out of 50 schools in Burlington. The Halton Food For Thought strategic plan is to have every school in Halton with a nutrition program within the next 5 years, regardless of the financial status of it’s community.

**Myth #2: Glenview students do not come from homes that cannot afford to provide healthy snacks to their children**

There is a misconception of the level of need in Halton; there is no specific area in Burlington that everyone knows is home to the poorer members of our community. It is spread out, in pockets of Burlington, and often, subsidized housing is only a block or so away from larger established homes. Even within our Glenview catchment area, the Our Kids Network hub is set up just up the street at Holy Rosary; it is located there for a reason.

**Myth #3: The only reason to have a healthy snack program at Glenview is for those who cannot afford to provide nutritious snacks for their children**

There are many reasons to provide this program at Glenview, and many of these reasons involve teaching our children about healthy eating. We are confident that this is being done in the homes of our students and feel strongly that the added support and effort by the school to give children multiple opportunities to be exposed to fun and friendly ways to enjoy healthy snacks, and exposing them to these opportunities in the environment of their peers can only enhance their acceptance and enjoyment of healthy eating habits. We are also encouraged by the comments from teachers who see less behaviour issues and more focused, energetic learners.

### HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

HEY KIDS..... We are very excited to announce that we will be having our 2nd Annual Holiday gift Shop on Mon. Dec. 15th and Tues. Dec. 16th. This is a perfect opportunity to purchase something special for mom, dad, sister, brother or grandparents. All items are reasonably priced ranging from under \$1.00 up to \$15.00. More details will follow in the next couple of weeks. The proceeds from this event will go directly to the “Home of Hope” orphanage on behalf of all Glenview students. Please help to support this very worthwhile cause. Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year!!

Michelle Brugess & Sue Grafham, Parent Volunteers

## Inclement Weather



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.

## 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.

## Optimist Club Christmas Trees



The Optimist Club of Burlington is selling Christmas Trees. By presenting the coupon on the back of this newsletter, \$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.



**GLENVIEW STUDENT SPIRIT COUNCIL ASKS.....**that students wear red on the last day of school, Friday, December 19th. Also, please wear your holiday "jingle" clothes, such as santa hats and elf and reindeer ears.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!** To all the Glenview families who donated to and participated in the Glenview Auction last Friday. The support has been wonderful and the auction was very successful. Please follow for further details on the auction which will be available shortly.

