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## *FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK*

### THE IMPORTANCE OF LITERACY SKILLS

Research shows that literacy skills are critical for school success. More than any other areas, reading and writing open doors for your child. Why is literacy so important? To begin with, almost all of the other subject areas require reading and writing skills to follow instructions, answer questions, generate responses and demonstrate learning. By encouraging reading and writing at home, parents send the message that these are valued and important skills. If it is done in a positive and fun manner, it allows children to increase their confidence levels at the same time.

What type of activities can improve literacy skills? You may be surprised at some of the following: journal writing, reading for pleasure, crossword puzzles, comics, surfing the internet, newspapers, email, word games and more. Any activity that engages children to read, write or think about words will be beneficial.

#### Some Hints for Home:

One of the best things that you can do as a parent is to allow your child to be creative and to focus on the ideas and content of their writing *before* analyzing the spelling and punctuation in the final copy. Children will become better writers and take more risks (pushing themselves farther) when the encouragement is positive and centered around their ideas. Writing silly stories is always an adventure!

When reading with your child, ask questions that tap into more complex thinking skills. What is your opinion? How does that character remind you of someone you know? Do you think what happened to him/her was fair? In addition to figuring out words and punctuation, reading is also about making connections (both intellectual and emotional) to text. To pick books that are challenging but not too hard, use the "five-finger rule": If your child gets stuck on more than 5 words on a page then the book is probably too difficult. Confidence, perseverance and enjoyment will lead to greater reading success.

Please remember that you are encouraged to call, or drop by to discuss issues or simply stay in touch.

Deborah Renton  
Principal

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## Report Cards Are Coming...

Second term report cards will be going home on **Thursday, March 12**. Students are busy completing assignments and teachers have been collecting results in order to evaluate the learning. 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. Since the primary purpose of assessment and evaluation is to improve student learning, we will be focusing and guiding students through a reflective process whereby they will identify personal strengths and setting goals for future success.

We appreciate the time taken by our 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. Interviews will be arranged based on the request of the teacher or parent. How should families read and respond to their child's second term of learning? We suggest families read the whole report together. Ask your children what they felt was most successful for them; where they feel they could improve; review the Learning Skills on Page 2 of the report and set a realistic goal or two for the next term. These are the skills that will do your child well as they continue through their educational career. There is most often a correlation between academic marks and learning skills. We discourage students from just counting A's and B's in order to decide whether they are being the best they can be!

We look forward to a third term filled with many opportunities to achieve new goals, enjoy new learning and realize many successes!

## Thank You!!

A huge thank you to our School Council who made the decision to allot the money that was collected from the Auction (\$12,000) to the following areas:

Snack Program - \$2,500      Maps for classrooms - \$1,000  
Literacy - \$4,250      Information technology - \$4,250

We are so appreciative of the support that our parents and community provides to our students and staff of Glenview. We are also very fortunate that the Board of Education has provided Primary (JK-3) literacy resources for our school (\$14000). We will be learning about this resource with literacy consultants from the Board. Our Junior Division already has excellent resources which we may expand upon.



## Student Excellence Award

Each year the Halton District School Board asks each school to formally recognize one student who represents excellence. This year we would like to congratulate **Deanna Thayer** in Grade 6. Deanna is a very worthy recipient. At Glenview, she has been active both inside and outside of the classroom. She is a highly motivated learner who demonstrates excellence in

all she does. Deanna was selected because she has demonstrated outstanding qualities in the areas of academic excellence, self-improvement and student leadership. The recognition ceremony for the Student Excellence Award will be held at Oakville Trafalgar High School on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Deanna!

## IT'S COLD AND FLU SEASON!!!

Please be aware that there is a high rate of absence in the school at present as a result of cold and flu viruses. If your child is not feeling 100% for any reason, please allow time for rest. Being at school only helps spread the germs.

## REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN

Thank you to those parents who have already registered their child for kindergarten. Please encourage any family living in the Glenview attendance area with Kindergarten aged children to register at the school now.

Early registration will assist with requests for specific days. In addition, the school is allocated teachers based on the number of students registered.

## Important Notice!!

### PIZZA & SUB DAYS

Because of the March Break, pizza days in March will be on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

The next Sub Day is Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and the last sub day will be Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Bullying

**"Bullying is a learned behaviour. If it can be learned, it can be examined, and it can be changed."**

From "*The Bully, The Bullied and the Bystander*" by Barbara Coloroso

Many of you know from reading our local papers or visiting websites that there is an increased emphasis on the accountability we all share in keeping our schools safe and conducive to learning. The Halton District School Board (HDSB) has approved the Progressive Discipline and School Safety Plan, in response to provincial legislation, Bill 212 (specifically PPM 144) to ensure that schools develop and implement school-wide bullying prevention and intervention while at the same time maintaining a positive approach to discipline so that all students have an opportunity to learn.

Bullying is often one of the most disturbing behaviours we see in our schools and the resolution process can be complicated. The legislation and HDSB policy defines bullying as: **"Typically a form of repeated, persistent, aggressive behaviour that is directed at an individual that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear, distress, and/ or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem, or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is real or perceived power imbalance."**

*At Glenview our key approach to bullying prevention is by teaching through our "TRIBES" agreements which include:*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <i>Mutual Respect</i></li> <li>* <i>Attentive Listening</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <i>No Put Downs</i></li> <li>* <i>Active Participation</i></li> </ul> |
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*We also promote pro-social behaviour by offering a variety of extra-curricular activities, student leadership opportunities and programs that promote citizenship.*

## Code of Conduct

Parents often ask if the Halton District School Board has a "zero tolerance" approach to discipline written in its policy. Although there are circumstances where severe misconduct may lead directly to suspension and/or expulsion, rather than a "zero tolerance" philosophy, a progressive approach to discipline is mandated in both provincial and board policy. *At Glenview we continue to follow a progressive approach to address inappropriate behaviours which may include any of the following actions:*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <i>counselling of students</i></li> <li>* <i>withdrawal from recess or class</i></li> <li>* <i>conflict resolution</i></li> <li>* <i>behaviour management plans</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <i>communication with parents</i></li> <li>* <i>restorative justice practices</i></li> <li>* <i>loss of privileges</i></li> <li>* <i>suspension</i></li> </ul> |
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*As always, please don't hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions or concerns.*

*Thank You.....* Thanks so much to the parents who made pancakes for every student and staff member in the school. It was so great to be able to wear our pyjamas and sit together in the gym as classes and enjoy the food. We appreciate your kindness.



### "Down to Earth" Conservation Education.....



In honour of February being Black History Month we had two wonderful interactive presentations. Students were immersed into the continent of Africa as they explored the land and people of Kenya through wonderful slides from a dynamic presenter and author. Students learned about transportation, climate, food, dwellings, clothing, animals, languages, music, traditions and much more. Students had the opportunity to play authentic African instruments, try on clothing, enjoy hand-made recycled toys, dance to African music and learn to speak Swahili. Ask your child(ren) to share their experiences.

**JUST A REMINDER:** Students who take a bus to and from school are **not permitted** to ride with another student taking a different bus. Notes will not be accepted. This procedure is outlined in the Parent Handbook. Please make arrangements after the student gets home.

Monday each week at second break. The profit from sales goes to supporting school teams at interschool tournaments.

**POPCORN SALES:**

Glenview continues to offer popcorn for \$1.50 usually on



**FIRST NUTRITIONAL BREAK:** Students who normally stay for break-time in the morning (50 min.) must be accompanied by a parent when leaving the school for that time period. Please remember to sign out and sign back in!

**Thanks Go Out To...**

Mrs. Mifflin for preparing the "Bulldogs Choir" for the performance at the **Hamilton Bulldogs Hockey** game on February 22, 2009. These choir members worked very hard to learn their lyrics and notes. Thank you too to the staff who attended: Mrs. Rees, Mrs. Prescott, Mr. Wong (our student teacher), Mr. Thomson and Mrs. Haynes. Thank you to all of the Glenview families who attended the game. It was a fantastic experience and fun for everyone who attended. Profits of \$802.00 from the ticket sales will be going to the Home of Hope.

**HUNDREDS DAY!**

Gr. 1 and 2 children celebrated 100 days of school with a wonderful array of activities on Tuesday, February 10, 2009. Thanks go to Mrs. Rees, Mrs. Mifflin, and Mrs. MacIsaac for planning a great day for their students. Each classroom had exciting activities planned and students rotated from room to room. Children were able to meet new children in each group. Everyone was amazed that 100 days had gone by so quickly!

**LOST AND FOUND**

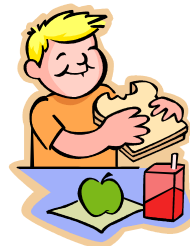
The collection of winter hats, mitts, coats and boots continues to grow in the Lost and Found. There are also sweaters, snow pants, shoes, lunch boxes etc. Please visit the box outside the Boys' washroom.



**Litterless Lunches**

This year our recycling program has greatly reduced our garbage output. Children in the school have all been educated on which items can be recycled and we are proud of the efforts of the entire school in supporting this goal. To enhance this goal, we are asking that students package their food so as to have no litter. **Some lunch packing tips include:**

- \* packing the lunch into reusable lunch bags or cloth bags
- \* ziplock bags cannot be recycled and create a lot of unnecessary waste on a daily basis through out the school so use reusable plastic containers that can be taken home and washed
- \* encourage your child to bring home plastic utensils and wash and reuse them daily
- \* use aluminum foil instead of plastic wrap as the foil can be recycled



We thank you in helping to instill respect for the environment by supporting our Litterless Lunches.

**EXTRA-CURRICULARS!**

Thanks go to:

- Mrs. Haynes: Jr. Band,
- Mr. DeJong: Gr. 6 Hip Hop Dance Club, Boys Jr. Volleyball
- Mrs. Wigle: Silver Birch, Blue Spruce reading clubs
- Ms. Wilson, Mr. Wong (student teacher): Pick-Up Basketball

- Mrs. Mifflin: Primary Choir
- Mme. Henry: Girls Jr. Volleyball
- Ms. Sylvester: Spirit Council- Gr. 4,5,6
- Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Thomson: Glenview Singers

We are very fortunate to have so many choices of activities...



## Student Submissions on Ms. Sylvester's Gr. 5 trip to the Royal Ontario Museum.....

### "Diamond World" by Taylor M.

Vroom,Vroom. All I could hear was the sound of the bus stopping and going along the street leading to the Royal Ontario Museum. As soon as we got there I could feel the excitement building inside of me. We hung up our bags on hooks and we ate our lunch. Then we were ready to see the exhibits. The first thing my group was going to see was the The World Of Diamonds. As soon as we walked into the room I saw everything sparkle and it was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. In a glass case there was colourful diamonds shaped like a butterfly. Each time, a light turned on and every single, separate diamond stood out.

In a little room there was a huge gold diamond that was found in a pile of dirt in Africa. A little girl found it when she was playing outside at her uncle's house. I can just imagine how I would feel if I found that.

On some walls there were pictures of how far below ground you would be if you were mining for diamonds. There must be a lot of work going into getting those diamonds. When it was time to go we all wanted to stay but we had to see more exhibits. As we were walking to the exit the spotlights led us out of the exhibit.

### "The Best Trip Ever" by Rose B.

On January 16th, 2009, the grade 5 class of Glenview Public School went on a school trip to the ROM, located in Toronto, Ont. When they got to the ROM they had an introduction to the things that they were going to see. The Grade five's saw many interesting things and learned many interesting facts about the objects as they saw them.

Some of the things that the grade fives saw were dinosaurs, Egyptian artifacts and many other things. The dinosaurs were very, very large and looked pretty interesting, if I do say so myself, and the Egyptian artifacts looked and felt pretty cool too.

The class also went to the gift shop and bought some cool things as well. Rose B. got a few things and so did a lot of her class.

## Student Safety at Glenview

In the interest of the safety of our students, we ask that parents refrain from parking on Townsend Ave. in front of the school. There have been several incidents where children have exited vehicles on the roadside and have been dangerously close to being hit by a passing vehicle. Please park in the school parking lot and walk your child(ren) to the playground. It is not safe for children to be unaccompanied in the parking lot due to the traffic there. Filman Ave. and Glenwood Ave., both off Townsend Ave., also provide safe drop off points to the sidewalk in front of the school. Your cooperation in the interest of the safety of our students is appreciated.



**HOUSE CLEANING?** Are you cleaning out your bookshelves this spring? Please keep in mind that our school library will accept donations to our collection of clean, used books that are in good shape. Your children may have outgrown their favourite authors or titles but these books may be someone else's favourite here in our school library. Donations made to the library are carefully examined by Mrs. Wigle to determine if they are fitting to our school population and our school library collection. Any books not catalogued for our library are then given to appropriate grade level classrooms. Either way your used books will have a home.



## Spring Concert! "RHYTHMS AROUND THE WORLD"

Mark your calendars for Glenview's upcoming Spring Concert! Last year's concert was a big success as students worked hard to learn Jazz Blues music. They sounded great! This year's theme will be music from around the world. Come out to our "Rhythms Around the World" concert on April 29th and 30th. The whole school will be involved from JK to Grade 6. Individual class performing dates have not yet been determined but please put aside these dates and watch for later confirmation of your child(ren)'s show date(s). We encourage as many family members to attend the matinee performances as possible as seating at the evening performances is limited. Watch for ticket announcements later. Tickets will be free of charge.

CAST "A" performs: Wednesday, April 29th

CAST "B" performs: Thursday, April 30th

Matinees: 2:15 -3:30 p.m.

Evening Shows: 6:30-7:45 p.m.

**Please Note:** The Primary Choir, Junior Singers and Junior Band need to perform at all 4 shows: 2 matinees and 2 evening performances on Wed. April 29th and Thurs. April 30th.

Mrs. Haynes, Music Teacher



## Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

Triple P is a positive parenting program that promotes good communication and strong relationships between parents and their children. Triple P seminars and groups will be provided by practitioners in your community on the following dates:

### Seminars

For Parents with children ages 0 - 6 years

Session 2: Raising Confident, Competent Children

**Date:** Tuesday March 10, 2009 **Time:** 7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Burlington Central Library, 2331 New Street, Burlington  
Register by calling Burlington Central Library at 905-639-3611 ext. 136

For Parents with children ages 5-11 years

Session 3: Raising Resilient Children

**Date:** Tuesday March 31, 2009 **Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

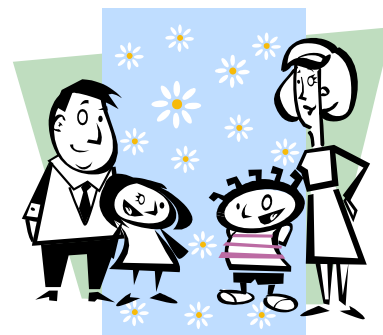
**Location:** Burlington Central Library, 2331 New Street, Burlington

For Parents with children ages 2 - 8 years

Session 3: Raising Resilient Children

**Date:** Thursday April 23, 2009 **Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Alexander Public School, 2223 Sutton Drive, Burlington



### Small Group Series

For Parents with children ages 2-10 years

**Date:** Every Tuesday for five weeks (plus optional final session)

March 24, 2009 to May 12, 2009

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** East Plains United Church, 375 Plains Road East, Burlington

For more information or to register for a Triple P program, call Halton Region at 905-825-6000, 1-866-442-5866 or visit [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca)

## News from Mrs. Wigle.....

### Silver Birch Awards

The Silver Birch (grades 5 and 6) and Silver Birch Express (grade 3 and 4) Club readers have been reading up a storm. Each week the club meets to discuss titles and fill out reading logs. All eligible readers will be voting during the first week of May. Remember to check out the Ontario Library Association's Web Site to see more information about these wonderful Reading Programs. [www.accessola.com](http://www.accessola.com)



### Blue Spruce Awards

Students in grades 1 to 3 have been participating in the Ontario Library Association's Blue Spruce Reading Club. Each year, ten Canadian authored and recently published picture books are nominated for this award. Once students have heard all ten titles, they will vote for their favourite book. Glenview's overall voters' decisions are emailed to Toronto for tabulations and the Blue Spruce Award winning book is announced the last week in May.

### Eric Walters

Earlier this month we had an award winning Canadian author, Eric Walters, visit Glenview and share some of his adventures and experiences with students in grades 3 to 6. Eric Walters has currently written 63 titles, many of which have won provincial and national reading awards. Some students left with a signed copy of one of their favourite titles. **His overall message was WRITE WHAT YOU KNOW!** He spends many hours researching information in order to write effectively and is a keen supporter of school libraries across the province. He also provides many excellent opportunities for young men through various 'boys only' reading conferences. He is also a strong supporter of Canadian charities, especially the Terry Fox Foundation. Check out his web site for more information. [www.ericwalters.net](http://www.ericwalters.net)

### Student Internet Tools Page

Each time your child uses the internet here at Glenview, the default page is set to the Elementary Tools Page for the Halton Board of Education. This is a super site that lists excellent links for each grade level according to different subject disciplines. It is worthwhile to have it bookmarked on your home computer. Check it out! There are even some popular games that the children can enjoy while learning new information.



Here's the path to follow: [hdsb.ca](http://hdsb.ca) > **Student Resources**

### Home of Hope



**A huge thank you** to all community members who sent in donations of money and items for the container heading to The Home of Hope Orphanage in Malawi, Africa. The list of Christmas donations for the Home of Hope was extensive and the cheques have been given to Mrs. Jane Glaves. Mrs. Glaves was our special guest speaker at the December Christmas Celebration who shared with us her stories of her time as an organizer and volunteer for The Home of Hope Orphanage. Mrs. Wigle is very pleased to announce that our school raised a total of just over **\$3,000** for the children at the orphanage! In addition, we sent over close to **\$900.00** for the children's holiday season just before Christmas. We hope to soon receive photos from Africa showing the children enjoying their holiday dinner.

**We are still accepting container items to be shipped to Malawi later this spring. Items needed include personal hygiene products, durable puzzles and toys, clothing for all ages and sports equipment.**

**Thanks so much for your continued support!**



# Glenview Snack Program

## ...some food for thought



### March Menu

	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
Week Of March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Strawberries and mozzarella cheese cubes	Jam sandwich halves, baby carrots
Week Of March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Snack mix, grapes	Cream cheese quesadillas, pepper slices, salsa
Week Of March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Whole Wheat crackers (wheat thins), apple slices	Whole wheat bagels with cheddar cheese slices, baby carrots
Week Of March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Whole wheat pita wedges with salsa, orange slices	Baked mozzarella bites, cucumber slices
** 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		

### Recipe Of The Month: Incredible Edible Veggie Bowls!!

#### Ingredients:

1 green, yellow, or red pepper, 1 bunch of celery, 1 carrot, all washed plus your favourite salad dressing

#### Directions:

Cut the pepper in half (from side to side). Clean out the seeds and gunk from the inside. Now you have two pieces. One will be your pepper-shaped bowl.

Cut the other half of the pepper into skinny slices.

Cut the celery and carrot into skinny sticks about 4" long.

Put a little salad dressing in the bottom of your pepper bowl then add carrot & celery sticks and pepper slices

Now you've got a portable veggie treat! You can pull out the veggies and eat them with a little dressing.

Then when you're finished with the veggies, it's time to eat the bowl!

#### SNACK PROGRAM NEWS

### Watch for exciting new menu options!!

We have recently been fortunate enough to receive funding from Halton Food For Thought for infrastructure items for our Glenview snack program. In addition to funding some much needed cupboard units for storage, we were also able to obtain an industrial toaster as well as a food processor and blenders. We are hoping to update the menu with some new toasted items and additional Smoothie days!!

We have received some feedback on menu items and appreciate all suggestions that come to us – please feel free to contact us with any menu ideas or suggestions for the program.