



GRIFFIN GAB

March 2024

Principal - Mr. J. Clarke
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From the Office

Happy March Everyone!

Wow, it's already March...where does the time go...did we even have a winter?!



Report Cards went home a couple of weeks ago and I hope you had the chance to celebrate your child's successes, discuss areas for growth, and collaboratively create some goals for the second term. Please feel free to connect with your child's teacher(s) at any time to discuss their progress and ways that you can support your child's learning from home. We want to ensure that the lines of communication between home and school are always open.

There are plenty of things to be excited about as we inch closer to the official start of spring...more extracurricular clubs/activities, another Big Red's Fundraiser, not to mention that in just over a week, we will begin our March Break! I hope you and your family are able to spend the time together and enjoy our ever-lengthening days. I'm hopeful that we are in for some sunny and warmer days! Enjoy your Break, Happy Ramadan, and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

February Certificate Winners "Optimism"

Ms. Sousa/Mrs. Nowicki – Adam D, Alex J, Jacob V, Anna-Rose L, & Ella P
Mrs. Thomas/Mrs. Cools – Calvin P, Saira L-G & Arnav S
Mrs. Sheridan – Lincoln S & Ariyah B
Mrs. Caron – Evan C, Harrison H, & Kaidyn L-V
Ms. Gilleta – Zoey D & Aurora K
Mr. L'Ecuyer – Kyuss A, & Lincoln L
Mr. Winskill – Camari C, Noah H-D, & Griffin H
Mr. Neuman – Andy C, Aiden N, & Makayla Z
Ms. Doan – Idyn H & Calem K
Mr. Mabee – Joy A & Kylah F
Ms. Henning – James M



For the month of March, staff will be looking for evidence of **Perseverance** that we will recognize and celebrate at the end of the month.



DSBN Parent Engagement Opportunity

The focus of DSBN Parent Engagement work in March will be on helping families navigate **community funding and support for children and youth with ASD and Developmental Diagnoses**. Bethesda is partnering with the Social Work and Special Education Departments for a **[Virtual Workshop](#) March 22nd at 12 Noon** – available to all DSBN families to **[register](#)**. The workshop will focus on common questions brought to the DSBN by families looking to navigate the ASD and Developmental system in Niagara. It will answer questions such as:

- I think my child/teen may have ASD/Developmental needs, how do we get an assessment in the community?
- We have a new ASD or Dev Dx, how do I begin to access funding and support in the community?
- I have a child/teen living with ASD/Dev Dx and would like more info about specific programming available to support us in the community?



Club Rex Lunch Program

Do you like dinosaurs and are you interested in learning more about them? Then perhaps you might want to sign up for the **[Club Rex Lunch Program](#)** that begins after March Break and runs **during one of the Fitness/Nutrition Breaks!** This program is comprised of **6 sessions** and will be **open to students from Grades 1-4**. The cost of the program is **\$65** per student. To register please contact **alex@clubrex.org** but don't delay, the **registration closes on March 6**.



Extra-Curriculars & Clubs

I'm so proud of the dedication that Glendale staff have towards ensuring that there are always a variety of opportunities for students to get involved beyond the classroom. Check out all of the extracurriculars that are being offered throughout the month of March!

- Junior Boys Basketball - Ms. Doan & Mme Maltais
- Junior Girls Basketball - Ms. Gilleta, Ms. Gullion, Ms Wells
- Primary Lego Club - Ms. Gualtieri
- Primary Floor Hockey - Mr. L'Ecuyer
- Junior Floor Hockey – Mr. L'Ecuyer
- Gr 4-8 Drawing Club - Ms. Perry
- UNO Club – Ms. Perry
- Primary Chess Club – Mr. Mabee
- Junior/Intermediate Chess Club - Mr. Mabee



March Break – Monday, March 11 to Friday March 15

There will be **no school!** Enjoy your spring break!



Immunization Record Review/Suspension

In the fall Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH) sent immunization reminder notices to the homes of students who did not have up-to-date immunization records. In January 2024 students who remained on the non-compliant list were mailed Orders of Suspension from NRPH, indicating that the first day of suspension would be **March 19**. If you received one of those notices, please reach out to NRPH **asap** to 905-688-8248 or 1-800-263-7248 to make arrangements for updating your child's immunization records.



Spirit Days

Friday March 8 will be **Fun in the Sun Day**! As we head into the March Break why not put on the sunglasses, shorts & flip-flops and imagine we are someplace warm!

Thursday, March 28th will be **Superhero Day**! Are you a Marvel or DC fan? Maybe your favourite superhero is your parent/guardian or sibling or teacher! Come dressed as an amazing hero!



School Council Fundraisers

Are you running low on chicken fingers, burgers & bacon? Not to worry because Big Red is coming back!! School Council is excited to announce the return of another Big Red Fundraiser! Look for this fundraiser goes live on School Cash Online at the end of March and run until mid-April. Just in time for BBQ season!

In addition, our Council is planning a Music Monday Danceathon for May 6. Information on pledge forms & available prizes will go out in late April.

If you are interested in becoming more actively involved in your child's education and the inner workings of Glendale School, we encourage you to join our next **School Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 23 @ 6:00pm**! Contact the school for details – 905-735-5213 or gln@dsbn.org



Easter Weekend

Good Friday is **March 29** & Easter Monday is **April 1**
There will be **no school**! Enjoy your extra-long weekend!



School Canteen

We are selling popcorn, ice cream & chocolate chip cookies from the office every day at 2nd break. \$1.50 each. During the last week of February, all monies raised from our canteen sales was donated to our YMCA Daycare's Stronger Together Child Care Campaign. We are proud to share that we donated over \$110 to their program! Way to go Griffins!





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February 28th, 2024

Dear Glendale Families,

I wanted to reach out to you to share information regarding recent boundary changes in Welland that will result in Glendale receiving more students over the next few years. As you may be aware, the northern part of Welland and the southern part of Thorold have been the focus of new housing construction and subdivision approvals over the last 7 years. As a result, there have been significant enrolment increases in schools as new families move into the area.

The DSBN have requested to build a new elementary school and the request is currently being reviewed by the Ministry of Education. To help with the enrolment pressures, a school boundary change involving Quaker Road PS and Glendale PS was developed, proposed, and approved during the February 6th Program and Planning Committee meeting and approved at the Board Meeting on February 27th. The boundary change establishes a new school boundary for the proposed new school. The plan also includes a holding area boundary that directs any new students who move into the new school boundary to a holding school. Glendale PS has been identified as the holding school that will temporarily accommodate new students until the new school has been built. As a result, we will see a growth in enrolment at Glendale over the next few years and, as will all the other schools in our area, we will be adding portables to accommodate our growing population. The Glendale property size is more than big enough to accommodate the portables required until the new school is open.

I am confident that this will be a positive change as we welcome more students, more staff, and more opportunities for our students in the coming years.

Sincerely,

J. Clarke
Principal, Glendale PS

cc: Simon Hancox, Superintendent of Education