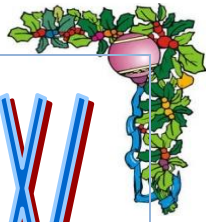




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GLENDALE REVIEW



December 2011

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I want to extend a sincere thank you to our parents for their ongoing support and encouragement in the many activities our extremely dedicated and hard working staff have made available to the students at Glendale. We all appreciate the extra time our staff has put in to provide students with extra-curricular sports, book fairs, Christmas store, meetings with teachers and parents, musical events and the extra time spent helping students with academic support.

This term continues to be a busy and productive one for all students and staff at Glendale. Thank you to all of the families who came in with their child or children for their student led conference. Now that the progress reports have gone home, I encourage you to establish goals to continue working on to ensure that your child will continue to progress and achieve at the highest level possible. This is a perfect opportunity to discuss with your child what they need to accomplish to achieve success. The official Term One reports will be coming home February 9.

After examining our EQAO data and analyzing student needs, staff has set our goals for Glendale for this school year. All teachers will be working towards increasing reading comprehension skills and adding meaningful details to their answers. This involves critical thinking skills and providing students with examples of great work and specific feedback on their work so students can improve their assignments. Teachers will be focussing on teaching students to have a deeper understanding of texts and demonstrate this through their writing by using supporting details and evidence from the text and making connections. Please keep an eye out in newsletters for some strategies that can assist you in working with us to support your children.

The following are our two main SMART goals:

MATHEMATICS

100% of teachers will deepen their understanding of Mathematics [teacher efficacy], by having teachers work collaboratively on implementing research-informed instructional strategies in the area of mathematics using the 3 step problem solving approach [SUM] as measured by student work, teacher surveys, student responses to critical thinking challenges, professional judgment and teacher observations for the purpose of increasing student achievement by May 30th 2012.

LANGUAGE

75% of students will increase Literacy achievement by one level (on a 12-point scale) in identifying the main idea with supporting details as measured by professional judgment including results from PM Benchmarks, CASI results #7 & #8, responses to critical challenges, several Open Ended Response Questions/Tasks and oral assessments by May 30th, 2012.

On behalf of all the staff at Glendale I wish you and your family a very festive holiday season and may this special time of the year be filled with the warmth of family and good friends for each of you.

Happy Holidays,

P. Johnson

Mrs. P. Johnson
Principal

"Proudly Soaring toward success with Spirit, Strength & Responsibility"

BELL TIMES

Our daily schedule is set out in the Student Organizer. You will note that yard supervision begins at 8:35 a.m. each day. Students should **not** arrive before that time. Students are to leave the school promptly at dismissal as there is no yard supervision after 3:10 p.m. Bussed students remain indoors until their bus arrives.

In the event of inclement weather (ie heavy rain, severe cold), students will continue to enter through their assigned entrances after 8:35, where they will engage in quiet activities, such as reading, until the bell at 8:50 a.m.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Students are outside for two twenty-minute breaks. Hats, gloves, boots and warm jackets make this time more enjoyable.



SNOW! SNOW! SNOW!

We know it's coming. Glendale School's rule is "throw no snow". Please reinforce this at home. For the safety of all students, we ask them not to throw or kick snow.

STUDENT LEARNING FIRST!

Although we take on many other roles and responsibilities at Glendale Public School, student learning is our first and foremost obligation. We came into teaching because we were passionate about helping students learn. Teachers are continuously upgrading themselves and dedicated to learning new strategies that help all students become successful. One of the tenants of keeping students focused on their learning during instructional time is to refrain from unnecessary classroom interruptions. Our motto is "EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!". When you need to speak with your child, [e.g., "Does Spencer have his uniform for the game tonight?" or "Did Aaron bring his lunch today?"] we request that you allow us to wait until break times to avoid cutting into student learning time. Thank you for supporting teachers in their efforts to provide high quality education for all Glendale students.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

It's time again to celebrate the season. Please join us on **Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30 pm** as the students of Glendale bring you "*Holiday Wishes*". Students are to meet in the cafeteria at Centennial School between 6:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. the performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. Each class will be performing their special numbers and will dress in informal costumes prescribed by their teachers. We are asking for non-perishable donations of toiletries, unwrapped new toys or food (pasta, rice, baby food, canned meats, juices, cereal, etc.) to be brought to Glendale School in advance of the concert OR at the door of the auditorium as admission to the event to help those in need this year. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!



CHRISTMAS BREAK

The students will be dismissed at the regular time on Friday, December 23rd to begin the Winter Break. Students return to class on Monday, January 9, 2012.

GLENDALE SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS STORE

Holiday time is here and the students will have an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts at the Glendale School Holiday Store. From December 6th to December 9th, while supplies last, Glendale's Holiday Store will be open. Gifts can be purchased from \$1.50 to \$3.00. There will be gifts for grandparents, parents, friends, pets, brothers, sisters, babysitter, etc. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to feel independent and learn how to budget money while shopping for special people during this holiday time!

Any parents who would be willing to assist with setting up the store on Monday, December 5th and/or helping students shop during the week are asked to please call the school by Friday, December 2 so that a schedule can be created. (905-735-5213)

SPORTS REPORT

Intermediate Girls Volleyball

Coach: Mr. Rumsby

The Intermediate Girls' Volleyball team fought through adversity to end the season in fourth place in the league! After a hard fought battle against our nemesis, Prince of Wales, the girls' season came to an end in the semi-finals. Next up for the girls is a chance to be DSBN Champs in the "D" division intermediate tournament Friday, December 2. Good luck girls!

Katie Todd
Keaton Welychka
Alexa Battista
Morgan Fink

Katie Hoover
Lee-Ann Skulj
Olivia Watson
Hannah Williams

Allison Battista (Gr 6)
Natalie Fink (Gr 6)
Emily-Ann Kyle (Gr 6)
Jessica Scott (Gr 6)

Intermediate Boys' Volleyball

Coach: Mr. Neuman

The Intermediate Boys' Volleyball team had a great season. We finished first in our division, winning 5 of 6 games, but lost the final playoff match against Ontario P.S. We also played in the DSBN tournament on November 25th and had a great day, winning almost half of our games.

Curtis Egert
Thomas Luska
Chaise Higgins
Matthew Stratako

Matthew Terry
Ryan Oakes
Kennedy Seebach
Logan Young

Brandon Chuckry
John-Matthew Snow
Tyler Haymes

Thanks for a great year!



Junior Girls' Volleyball

Coaches: Mrs. Caron & Mme Moccia

Junior Coaches: Curtis Egert & Hannah Williams

The Junior Girls' Volleyball Team has had a very exciting and successful season! They showed tremendous sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Way to go girls! Their confidence and skills continued to grow throughout the season. Congratulations on making it to the championship playoffs! You should be very proud of yourselves! Way to go!

Thank you to our assistant coaches, Curtis Egert and Hannah Williams, who came out to each and every practice to work with the junior girls' volleyball team. A thank you also goes out to all of the parents who drove and supported our team throughout the season.

Emily-Ann Kyle
Jessica Scott
Hanna Visser-Fleming
Natalie Fink
Hayley Williams

Sarah Egert
Allison Battista
Alana Franco
Isabella Dykstra
Emilie Oakes

Emma Wright
Shelby Laing
Madison Faucher

Junior Boys' Volleyball

Coach: Mrs. Perry

Junior Coaches: Curtis Egert, Tyler Haymes, Ryan Oakes, Kennedy Seebach, Chaise Higgins

Gabriel Rivers
Mike Culliford
Kyle Skulj-Thompson
Christian Rivers

Andrew Battista
Kyle Chuckry
Dalton Brown
Keon Harry

Ethan Podetz
Tinashe Muzah

INDOOR FOOT WEAR



With the approach of snow and wet weather, each child should keep a pair of shoes at school. The floors get wet and cold, and students should have foot wear on at all times in case of a fire emergency.

Christmas Trivia

Here are some interesting pieces of information to share with children or show how Christmas-trivia-savvy you are at a holiday party

In Mexico, wearing red underwear on New Year's Eve is said to bring new love in the upcoming year.

"It's a Wonderful Life" appears on TV more often than any other holiday movie.

"Rudolph" was actually created by Montgomery Ward in the late 1930's for a holiday promotion. The rest is history.

"The Nutcracker" is the most famous Christmas ballet.

"Jingle Bells" was first written for Thanksgiving and then became one of the most popular Christmas songs.

If you received all of the gifts in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," you would receive 364 gifts.

In 1843, "A Christmas Carol" was written by Charles Dickens in just six weeks

The first American state to officially recognize the Christmas holiday was Alabama.

Christmas became a national holiday in America on June, 26, 1870.

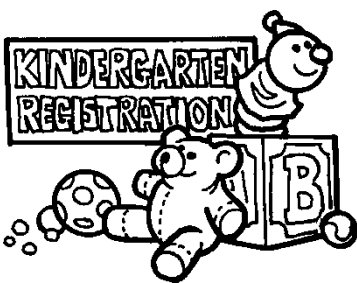
Holly berries are poisonous.

Contrary to common belief, poinsettia plants are non-toxic.

Germany made the first artificial Christmas trees. They were made of goose feathers and dyed green.

Electric lights for trees were first used in 1895.

Clearing up a common misconception - in Greek, 'X' means Christ. That is where the word "X-Mas" comes from. Not because someone took the "Christ" out of Christmas.



Do you know a child who is turning 4 or 5 in 2012? Help them get ready for their big first day of school with the DSBN's Kindergarten Countdown Open House!

Parents and children are invited to our KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE on **Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

Families can tour our school, meet the kindergarten teacher, receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills, and register for the coming school year.

Go to www.dsbn.org/kindergarten for more information.

DID YOU KNOW...?

1. At the start of the school year, each class was outfitted with a large bin of recreational items to be enjoyed by the students during outdoor recesses. Glendale School, AS WELL AS individual teachers using their own money, purchased outdoor recess equipment for the classes. Students were able to choose a piece of equipment, such as soccer balls, basketballs, frisbees, skipping ropes, etc. and use them during the breaks. Students were also expected to return the equipment to the bins after recess; however, our classroom baskets are basically empty. Gosh, where did it all go? No one knows where it all went. “Mr. Nobody”, “Ms. I don’t know”, and “Mrs. Hehaditlast” have been very busy these past three months. This is a pervasive problem in all the schools I have worked in and we never did find a sustainable solution, so if you have any ideas, please let us know.

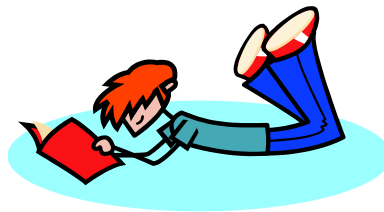


2. Glendale School’s Grade 3 class won a free lunch last Thursday. Jack and Lori from “Salute Your School” on 105.7 E-z Rock Radio Station delivered a delicious lunch of chicken nuggets, veggies and Rice Crispy Squares to the students and their parents. What a lovely way to spend special time together!
3. All of our lockers at Glendale have been cleaned, repaired, painted and have new front doors on them as of this week. They look stunning!!! Even more importantly, they WORK properly! No more banging and kicking to close the doors. The students are excited and very appreciative of the upgrades. The doors are made of strong, compressed wood and sport a marbled, complimentary blue exterior cover that will stand up to the rigors of extended use. Since the doors are secured to the outside of the locker, it gives students an extra 1 ½” of depth to work with [stuff more inside... Ha Ha]. The inside of the lockers and outer trim are painted navy.

We have more painting to come. The hallway stripe and all doors will soon be painted navy to match the lockers, so stay tuned. Morale is definitely on the upswing around the school. Come in and check them out when you have a chance.

4. Dogs are not permitted on school property. Your children play on the yard where many dogs have been observed doing their “business” --- YUCK! Please remind people you see about the NO DOGS ALLOWED rule.

THANK YOU!!



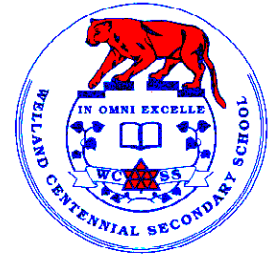
The students and staff of Glendale School would like to thank everyone who assisted in making our recent magazine subscription campaign a great success again this year. Without the support of our community we would not have been able to raise the money that the campaign generated. Thank you so much for helping us reach our goal. All of your subscriptions are guaranteed 100% and if you have any service concerns, please contact CCRP at 1-800-665-5133 (11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. EST) or service@ccrp.ca. (not the school office). As a reminder, you may continue to order on-line throughout the school year at www.ccrp.ca - our school code is ON1823.

HOMWORK HELP

Does your child struggle with their math homework at times? Would they benefit from free math tutoring provided by certified Ontario teachers? Online math homework help is available for all Grade 7-10 math students. Registered students can log in at <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org> from Sunday to Thursday, 5:30-9:30 pm for 20 hours a week for one-on-one confidential tutoring, all within the comfort of their own home. Contact your child's teacher to register. We already have over 3,100 students registered, many of whom are accessing the free tutoring service to support their efforts to successfully complete their math assignments and support their learning.

Welland Centennial Secondary School

240 Thorold Road West, Welland



GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, January 17, 2012
6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Information Session and Tour of the School

All Grade 6, 7 and 8 students and Parents are welcome!

Welland Centennial provides educational programs at both the Applied and Academic Levels.

Welland Centennial is known for Academics, Arts, Technology and Athletics.

Telephone: 905-735-0700

Web address: www.wellandcentennial.com

Not-so-Useless Information

I like to collect things. I love collecting tips, hints and ideas on how to live a better life or how to make things easier. Some work and some don't, but if you don't try . . . you just don't know.

I found three interesting lists - **10 Foods That Fight Stress**, **10 Foods That Taste Great- And Help You Lose Weight**, **9 Foods That Fight Fatigue** (*what, they couldn't find just one more for this category??*) and found that Pumpkin Seed and tea are must-have items because these two made all 3 lists!

10 Foods That Taste Great - And Help You Lose Weight

Salmon	Spinach	Almonds	Avocados	Pumpkin Seeds
Edamame	Quinoa	Broccoli	Eggs	Water & Herbal Tea

10 Foods That Fight Stress

Organic Greens	Kiwi Fruit	Steel Cut Oats	Raw Almonds	Pumpkin Seeds
Kefir	Tea	Avocado	Fish	Organic Beef

9 Foods That Fight Fatigue

Pumpkin Seeds	Yogurt	Wheat Bran Cereal	Whole Grains	Walnuts
Dark Chocolate	Tea	Watermelon	Red Bell Pepper	

What does it really boil down to? Eat and enjoy a variety of healthy foods - simple as that!

Mrs. Johnson

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Did you know that Canadian children/youth ages six to 19 spend an average of 8.6 hours per day, or 62 per cent of their waking hours, being sedentary?

Here are some ways to help your children meet the recommended 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity each day:

- Limit recreational screen time to no more than two hours per day
- Encourage children and youth to play outdoors
- Play outside with your children:
 - Go for walks, hikes, build snowmen, go tobogganing
 - Introduce your child to skates or skis so they can learn to slide
 - Play catching games using a wide range of soft objects



For more information go to www.activehealthykids.ca or www.participaction.com

MILK DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who were our Milk Draw Winners for the month of October: Matthew T, Ryan O, Connor D, Donny M, Emily C, Miya C, Kaylie W, Adelle E, Caileb S, Aiden E, Emma W and Joshua G.



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DRAW

Winners of last month's newsletter draw were Griffin & Nalea L, Kyle & Lee-Ann S, Mitchell & Matthew W, Leigha & Nick R.

Fill in the answers to the following "skill-testing" questions, then hand into your teacher who will ensure it is placed in the draw box at the office for your chance to win a free pizza for your family, courtesy of **Columbo's Pizzeria 905-732-2306**.

Why should you bring footwear to leave at school? _____

How much daily physical activity should children have? _____

Name(s): _____

Newsletter Questions and Answers

Do you have any questions about the school or curriculum that you would like to see answered in our newsletter? If so, send it in with the newsletter draw form and we will do our best to provide the answer in next month's edition.

The Christmas Store

The Christmas Store will be available again this year. The store will be open from Tuesday, December 6th to Friday, December 9th or while supplies last. All the items in the store range from \$1.50 to \$3.00. It is a great way for younger children to purchase something special for family members. Children can shop in the safety of the school and still surprise family!

We are also looking for parent volunteers to run the store throughout the week. If you are available for any time or day, please contact the office (905) 735-5213.

Thank you,

The Glendale Staff





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www.crimestoppersofniagara.com

Dear Parent:

Technology has made it possible to send a text message to Crime Stoppers without revealing your ID. By sharing this news with your children and their friends, you'll be helping to keep our community safer.

Here's how it works: when a text message is sent to Crime Stoppers, it travels first to a server where the caller ID is removed. The message without ID then travels to the software developer, and they forward it to the appropriate Crime Stoppers program. In this region you simply need to type the word, NIAGARA, within the body of the message to ensure that it comes to us. *The message goes through, but the texter remains anonymous.*

Recent surveys of students in the Niagara region have shown us that young people know very little about how Crime Stoppers works. It's commonly believed that Crime Stoppers is run by the police; in fact, we're volunteers. Our role is to forward information to police without revealing the source of the tip.

Tips to Crime Stoppers can be submitted by phone at 800-222-8477 (TIPS) and by encrypted web mail to www.niagaratips.com. But young people need to know that they can send text messages anonymously to 274637 (CRIMES) with the word, NIAGARA, included in the body of the message.

"*Thumbs Down on Crime*," an initiative endorsed by the District School Board of Niagara, provides another tool to help keep our community safer. Crime Stoppers of Niagara is grateful for the support provided by DSBN principals and staff.

We encourage you to speak openly with your children about crime. The fastest way to get results is to call police directly with information that could prevent or solve crime. It's also understandable when people express a fear that someone may find out and take action against them. That's the reason why Crime Stoppers was created. We act as the 'go-between' allowing people to share information with a solid guarantee: *you will never be identified and you will not have to appear in court.*

Tips received may help to solve a crime, or even prevent a crime from being committed, and cash rewards are offered for tips that lead to successful arrest or conviction.

Encourage your children to visit www.niagaratips.com to check out Crime Stoppers for themselves. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and for starting the dialogue with your children. If you have any questions regarding this initiative or other matters relating to Crime Stoppers, please call me.

Yours truly,

Stu Black

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Woodend

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The Living Campus

Update

Outdoor Education: healthy children, engaged learners, critical thinkers, tomorrow's leaders

Bringing Learning to Life!

The New Woodend Website!

The Living Campus has a new website. To find out what's happening at Woodend The Living Campus and to Donate visit us at: www.DSBN.org/Woodend



DSBN-ETFO Trivia Night!

ETFO Niagara is hosting a Trivia Night on February 10th with all proceeds going to The Living Campus. So, grab a team of 10, start honing your Trivia skills and join us for a night of fun and fundraising for The Living Campus! For more information visit DSBN.org/Woodend and click on the "Events" button.



A Week for Woodend... Come On Out and RIDE, HIKE or RUN!



Help us celebrate The Living Campus by participating in the *Week for Woodend* from April 30 - May 6, 2012. During this exciting week schools will be involved in fundraising activities to help raise awareness and funds for The Living Campus. The week will end with the 2nd Annual DSBN Ride-Hike-Run for Woodend on May 6th. Online Registration Opens on January 12 at DSBN.org/Woodend. More details to come. We hope to see everyone there!



Thank You TV Cogeco For Generously Supporting The Living Campus!

TV Cogeco was at the Living Campus last week to present DSBN Director Warren Hoshizaki, Chair of the Board Kevin Maves and Vice-Chair Dale Robinson with a cheque to help support the creation of The Living Campus. Thanks to support from our community partners The Living Campus will *Bring Learning to Life* for our students and community.

Welcome John McCall MacBain

A Huge Thank-you and welcome to the McCall MacBain Foundation, the newest members of The Living Campus' Founder's Club! Through their generous support we are one step closer to providing a new and innovative Outdoor, Environmental Education Centre for our students and community – *a real Living Campus!*



Support Us with Your Purchases!

Metafore and Acer have partnered with the DSBN to help us reach our fundraising goals! A portion of each Laptop or Tablet you purchase will go directly to The Living Campus, helping create a place for generations of students to come. Click the "Donate" button on DSBN.org/Woodend for more information and access to [metafore](http://metafore.com) Metafore's website.



By supporting Woodend – The Living Campus you are providing children with a place that *Brings Learning to Life* by engaging them in hands-on learning and discovery through play. To find out how you can support the children of Niagara visit us on our website, on Facebook and our blog: