



November 2009

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you for continuing to co-operate with us during the respiratory outbreak that we are experiencing. If your son/daughter does have flu-like symptoms such as vomiting, fever, sore throats, headache or muscle aches and pains, coughing and sneezing, they should remain at home until at least 24 hours after experiencing these symptoms. At the school, we have Purell dispensers throughout the school and at the entrance, we have upgraded our cleaning supplies to the most current that are available. We have been encouraging hand washing and proper sneeze/cough etiquette and have also been encouraging children to bring their own water bottles to school.

We are continuing to maintain normal instruction and activities in our school. If you would like to pick up work for your child, please contact your child's teacher.

This year, our school focus will continue to be "Reading for Meaning", and our goal will be for all of our students to move up a level in reading. One focus will be that teachers will be giving students specific feedback on their assignments, in order to improve their work and know exactly what they have to do to improve. Another focus is "Critical Thinking" and we will be working on creating critical thinking challenges in our classrooms. We know that teaching children to be problem solvers and good thinkers is an important skill for today's children. We also have several volunteer readers who are coming in regularly to support your children in their reading and give them the opportunity to read on a daily basis and I encourage you to continue this practice at home. With the support of our great teaching staff, the continued home support and now our community support, I know we can achieve that goal. We have several new titles in the library for children to read and our mural in the library is coming along beautifully. The library is quickly becoming a great place for children to read and learn. If you would like to see a snapshot of what it looks like, go to www.artbydarlene.com and see what Darlene Kisur-dePagter has done so far! Together, your School Council and myself will keep you updated on what is occurring around our literacy focus as we proceed throughout the year.

Lastly, please check out Glendale's new website! There you will find our newsletter, calendar and other school information and links. The website is www.dsbn.edu.on.ca/Schools/Glendale

Warm regards,

Mrs. L. Doyle,
Principal



REPORT CARDS

It hardly seems possible that we have entered the month of November and that first term report cards and interviews are

around the corner. Please be informed that report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, December 2nd along with a confirmation of your interview time.

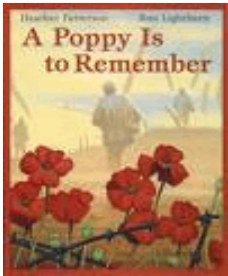
We look forward to communicating your child's progress to you and establishing goals for term two. Parent teacher interviews will be held that week and during the day on Friday December 4th.

THANK YOU

A thank you also goes out to Mrs. Clarke and our Grade 7/8 students for organizing, supervising and monitoring our pizza lunch which is available every Tuesday!



REMEMBRANCE DAY



On Tuesday, November 11th at 11:15 a.m. there will be an assembly to help our students understand the significance of this special day. It is important that we take time to reflect and renew our appreciation for the privilege of living in such a peaceful country as Canada.

Poppies will be provided for each student prior to the assembly. If students wish they may give a small donation to the Royal Canadian Legion for their poppy.

Parents are welcome to attend.

NUTRITION BREAKS AT GLENDALE

The majority of our students remain at school to eat lunch everyday. All students are reminded about polite eating manners and are expected to follow the simple rules for eating lunch in their classrooms.

1. Stay in your own seat and do not leave the room.
2. Eat your food politely
3. Throw garbage out when the bell rings, use the washroom, and dress to go out side.

Please review the above with your child, and do your best to send litterless lunches. Thank you to all students for not eating snacks outdoors because of the "yellow jackets" (wasps).

GLENDALE SCHOOL SIGN

A special thank you to Mr. Vilella for taking time to regularly update our events posted on our school sign!

NOR CARD CAMPAIGN

Thank you to our Glendale families and friends for supporting our Norcard fundraiser. Money raised will be used towards funding many of our field trips and activities.



GLENDALE'S HALLOWE'EN PARADE

In the afternoon of Friday, October 30th, the students from Afternoon Kindergarten to Grade 6 had a parade for parents and visitors at 1:30. Our parade consisted of many scary and creative costumes. After the parade, the children had participated in games and activities in classrooms and in the gym. The 7/8 class had put a lot of thought and effort in designing their games. Thank you!

ALL VISITORS PLEASE SIGN IN

We want to continue to ensure the safety of every student at Glendale School. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated. Please be sure you enter through the **MAIN ENTRANCE** only in the front of the school. Please check in and sign in at the office. All visitors must wear a visitor tag. If students are arriving late or if you are picking them up for an appointment, please come into the school and sign them in/out in our register.

STUDENT ARRIVAL

Students not participating in sports practices in the early morning, are observed as arriving as early as 7:45 a.m. unsupervised. For safety reasons, we encourage students to arrive at school no earlier than 8:35 a.m. when teacher supervision begins.

Superintendent: Mrs. S. Greer 905-641-1550

Trustee: Mr. L. Lemelin 905-735-6262

MILK FOR HEALTH

This year we are continuing to keep our milk prices affordable to ensure more students are able to buy milk tickets. Please be aware that students can purchase milk tickets by the sheet, 10 tickets for \$5.00 or individually for 65 cents each. We are proud to announce that more and more students are buying white and chocolate milk and they are drinking milk at both nutrition breaks. It's cold, it's healthy and refreshing! Our Milk Draw winners for the month of October are Matt Beattie, Logan Young, Ryan Oakes, Alana Franco, Joshua Huisman and James Fink. Congratulations!

STUDENT CALL BACK

Thank you to all the parents who call the school when your child(ren) will be absent or late. It is also very helpful, if they are sick, if you could let us know the types of symptoms they are experiencing during this time of high absenteeism as we have to report to the health department when there is a high number of students absent.

The answering machine is available 24 hours.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Many parents have asked for cookie dough again this year. So, we booked the supplier for a delivery in time for holiday baking!

Details and order forms will be sent home in November. Happy Baking!



M & M MEAT SHOP FUNDRAISER

M & M Meat Shops in Welland are offering an amazing fundraising opportunity. On Tuesday, December 12, 2009, they are offering a special "School Shop Day".

This event will run from 9:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and 10% of any purchases made that day will be donated back to Glendale School. It is an opportunity for teachers, parents, friends and relatives of students, to go to M & M Meats and sample some great M & M products and support our school. All you need to do is go to the store on December 12th and identify yourself as a supporter of Glendale School and make a purchase.

As a bonus for the promotion, customers will receive a FREE bag of Meatballs with a minimum \$40.00 purchase.

YOUTH CONNECTION NURSE

The Youth Connection Nurse assigned to our school is Mrs. Brenda Desjardins. She will be promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. For further information, she can be reached at the Regional Niagara Public Health Department at 905-735-5697 ext. 33, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to Fraser Weir, Isabella, Sheridan, Hayden and Emerson Dykstra, Christian Pavely and Burke and Tate Wilson who are the October Newsletter draw winners.

They and their family will enjoy a pizza! Congratulations to all of our winners!!



LIBRARY DONATIONS

One of our goals is to up-date and increase our library collection, of books and resources. We have two suggestions for you. In lieu of staff gifts to celebrate special occasions or holidays, you may want to purchase a picture book or novel from a series as a donation to the library. To celebrate a child's birthday, a book may also be purchased and placed in our library. On either occasion, a label would be added to the book to explain the date, the occasion and who was honoured. We hope you will consider these suggestions throughout the school year. We wish to increase our library collection, encourage literacy in our school and make our students proud of their honorarium!

PLEASE note that Friday, November 13th, 2009 is a PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY. There is no school for students on that day. Teachers use this time for professional development.

Communication Matters: Vocabulary Development
“Smart talk from your DSBN Speech-Language Pathologist”

We learn the meanings of words throughout our lives. Word skills are important as the foundation for learning to read. Follow the suggestions below to make vocabulary development fun:

Play ‘I Spy.’ (e.g., I spy something blue. I spy something round. I spy something you use to wash dishes. I spy something in the sky. I spy something small, red, with a peel). If your child has trouble guessing the answer, provide hints. For more of a challenge, use the variation of this game, “I am thinking of something....”

Read joke or riddle books to teach about multiple meanings. Discuss how the play on words makes you laugh. Also, look for books that include pictures that illustrate how words can be misinterpreted.

Play a ‘homonym’ game to teach alternate meanings of words. Think of a word that has many different meanings and try to come up with as many meanings as possible (e.g., The word ‘rock’ can mean ‘to rock in a chair’, ‘rock music’, ‘a rock you throw’ or ‘rock hard’). Other homonyms include: saw, rose, pop, watch, block and bank.

Consider commercially available games such as Pictionary, Scrabble, Scattagories, Password or Outburst or access vocabulary games and activities on your computer at home.



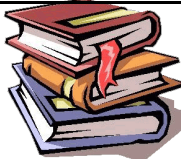
Congratulations to Glendale's Cross Country team on a very successful season.

Eight of our runners competed at the board level on Wednesday, October 14th. Thank you to Fraser Weir, Kristyn Hollinshead, Lexie Thomas, Ariel Hartwich, Curtis Egert, Tyler Henry, Sarah Egert and Hayley Williams for representing Glendale. Go Griffins!

GRADE 3 LIBRARY TRIP

On Wednesday, October 21st, the grade 3 class went to the Welland library. This was the first city bus trip for some students. We were invited by the library as part of a literacy and library initiative to promote literacy. The author was Michael Wade, who has written 8 books, one a year. His main message was that anyone, even a prison guard (that's what he does) can be an author. He encouraged children to stay in school and practice reading whenever possible. Each student was given a copy of one of his books, "And Then It Happened." The whole series is available at the Welland Library. He was very informative and entertaining. He has all of us laughing! We had a great day. ~ Mrs. DiCenso



	NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DRAW
	Please return by Monday November 16th.
Student's Name/Grade: _____	
Comments: _____	

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____	
