

October 2009 Principal's Message

As we begin a new month, I would like to take a moment to thank staff, students and parents, for a great start-up to another new school year! September was a busy place at Glendale School with a great beginning to the new school year. We welcome Miss Ardina Fidler to our staff as a full time educational assistant in the junior/intermediate division.

Our first School Advisory Council meeting was held on Tuesday September 29th. We had 8 parents attend to discuss issues concerning our students. Topics included: fundraising, Parents Reaching Out Grant, school organization, the library renovation and the new school website. Our chair again this year is Mary Lou Harry. The next meeting for the School Advisory Council is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27th @ 6:30 pm. All parent and community members are welcome to attend and babysitting has been arranged, please let me know if you need to access this service.

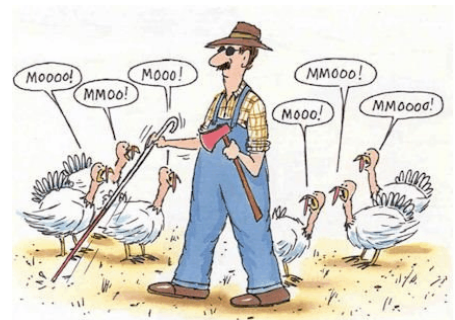
Interim Report Cards will be coming home on October 15th. Please check these carefully and respond as needed. By receiving these reports early in the term it is possible for parents to provide extra support and help, thus ensuring better results for the next Report Card.

October 9th is a Professional Activity Day. Teachers will be involved in workshops, in-services, and special presentations. There will be no school for any students on that day.

In closing, the staff of Glendale School wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend, one filled with great weather, good friends and lots of delicious turkey!

Warm Regards,
Mrs. L. Doyle

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Principal

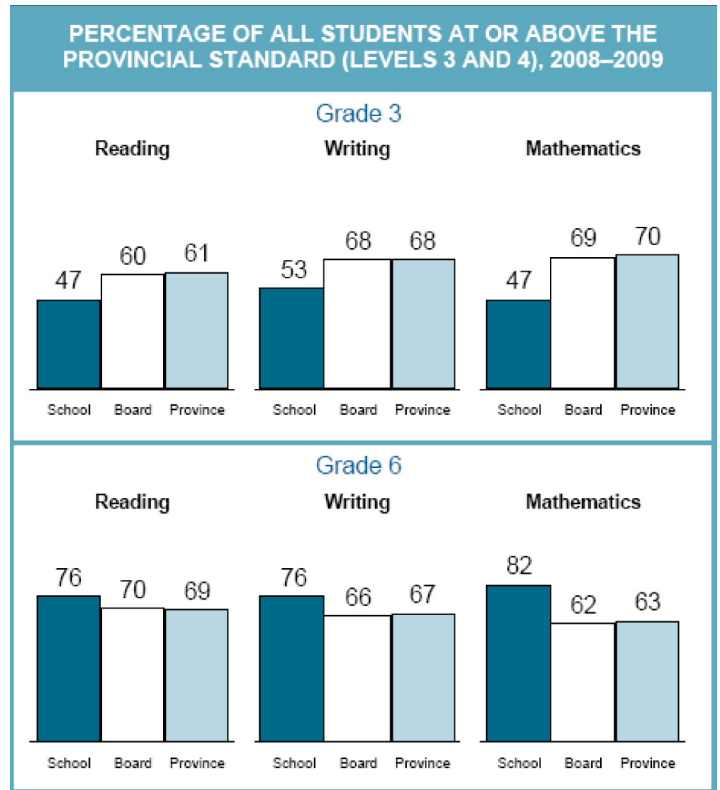


Happy Thanksgiving!

EQAO RESULTS

Listed beside are our EQAO results from the tests administered last spring to the present Grade 4's and 7's. I would like to point out that the best measurement of progress is to compare how the grade 6's did this year to how they scored in grade 3 as it is comparing the same children. The current class' scores increased from 58% to 76% in reading and writing and from 58% to 82% in math. That is a much better indication of their success.

As a staff, we will be spending the PA Day on Oct. 9th to sit down with the results and decipher our students' strengths and weaknesses and plan for next steps both individually and as a school. This data is used in conjunction with the assessments that teachers use as part of the ongoing day to day learning. This information will help to guide us as we create our school growth plan for the year and will assist us to determine the areas to which we will allocate money to purchase resources.



OPEN HOUSE



The school's Annual Open House was very successful! We were pleased to see so many parents and students in attendance. Your presence indicates an interest in the partnership between home and

school. This partnership is essential in reaching the educational goals we have set for your school. Please remember that continued success will depend on consistent effort on the part of students. Homework may be part of every evening routine, however if students don't have homework assigned, try to ask them what they've done in school and relate that to real life. For example, if they are doing measurement (fractions or measuring), you may want to use a recipe and bake or cook with your child. This sustained effort will probably be the greatest factor in students being academically successful.

Thank you to parent council members for organizing a very welcoming snack table for all families. A special thank you is extended to a//parents for assisting us with our school opening. We know our numerous forms are often repetitive, however we appreciate you taking the time to complete them carefully and returning them so promptly.

PIZZA DAYS



Every Tuesday is Pizza Day! Order your pizza by the month or bring your money and order that morning, and enjoy a hot lunch! Pizza is \$1.00 a slice. The grade 7 and 8 students are doing a great job to make pizza available every Tuesday.

STUDENT SAFETY

In keeping with District School Board of Niagara policy. We ask that parents report to the office when they come into our school. *Parents who are arriving to drop off lunches or homework, etc. are asked to leave these items at the office.* Volunteers are to sign in and wear a badge during their visit. This helps students identify that the adult is a volunteer and we know why they are in our school. Our co-op students continue to check in and out of our office daily as well. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated and helps to keep our school safe for your children.



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CROSS COUNTRY

Our cross country team has been training very hard since the beginning of September. This dedicated group of runners will compete at two cross country meets: one on September 30th and one coming up on October 7th. They all participated with enthusiasm and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Congratulations to our team members :

Josh Huisman, Andrew Battista, Christian Pavely, Justin Haymes, Emily Oakes, Sarah Egert, Hayley Williams, Emma Wright, Kylar Lampman, Connor Dinn, Tyler Henry, Alex Hollinshead, Kennedy Seebach, Tyler Haymes, Ryan Oakes, Chaise Higgins, Curtis Egert, Bailey Mitchell, Meaghan Beaton, John Snow, Matthew Stratako, Bryne Fuller, Hannah Williams, Nolan Repovs, Ariel Hartwick, Lexie Thomas, Kristyn Hollinshead and Fraser Weir.

A very special Thank You to Mrs. Fisher for coaching the team and for the early morning practices!

CO-OP STUDENTS

We welcome our new co-op students from Niagara College's educational assistant and child and youth worker programs. These young people perform a valuable service for our students for our school. They are involved in reading to students, helping them with assignments, preparing bulletin boards, and performing other duties under the supervision of teachers. A special welcome and thank you goes out to: Brittney Rivait, Kaitlyn Brown and Ashley Willis-Kerr.

PARKING LOTS

Parents are asked to use our visitors parking with care. Often parents are backing up vehicles as students are being dropped off and picked up. Sometimes it's difficult to see students. An extra eye, care, and caution should keep everyone in our community safe. Escorting younger students to their playground area is recommended. Please do not block entrances and exits with your vehicles as we need to keep these passages open at all times, especially if needed for emergency response vehicles. Also, if you are parking across the street from the school, please assist your children crossing the street as some of them cross the street carelessly and we do not have a crossing guard. Thanks!

BOSTON PIZZA RECEIPTS & ZEHR'S RECEIPTS

We will continue to collect Zehr's receipts and Boston Pizza Receipts. Please send them in and we will tabulate them and send them in for a cash rebate which will be used for school resources. Thank you!

10th ANNUAL WORLD MILK DAY

On Wednesday September 30th, every child at Glendale received a free milk, compliments of the Ontario Dairy Industry. Milk is a source of the vitamins and minerals that kids need to stay active, healthy, alert and ready to learn. In fact, no other drink comes close to providing the 16 essential nutrients found in white and chocolate milk.



MILK TICKETS

Our September Milk Ticket Draw winners are: Matthew Wieler, Lee-Ann Skulj, Elizabeth Snow, Georgina Holditch, Ethan Podetz and Kylar Lampman. Congratulations!

Milk tickets are available every morning after the announcements for 65 cents each or a sheet of 10 for \$5.00 at the office.

HALLOWEEN PARADE INFORMATION

We will have our Annual Parade at 1:40 p.m. Friday, October 30th. Right at the end of the second nutrition break. Children should put costumes on during the second nutrition break.



P.A. DAY - THANKSGIVING DAY

Friday, October 9th is a Professional Activity Day in the District School Board of Niagara. Staff will be involved in various work shops. Students do not attend school on Friday, October 9th.

Monday, October 12th is Thanksgiving Day, have a wonderful weekend!



**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK,
OCTOBER 4 - 10, 2009
"IT'S FIRE PREVENTION
WEEK - DON'T GET BURNED"**

Fire Prevention Week is October 4 to 10 and this year's theme is Stay Fire Smart – Don't Get Burned. Designed to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities from fires, the theme will educate Ontarians about preventing burns and keeping homes safe from fires.

The top three leading causes of fires are cooking, heating and cooling appliances and electrical wiring. Ways to reduce these fires include:

Watch what you heat. Stay in the kitchen when cooking – especially if using oil or high temperatures.

Plug space heaters and other heavy appliances directly into an electrical outlet.

Avoid running cords under rugs, which can damage the cord and cause a fire.

PHOTO DAY

Please be informed that Picture Day this year will be held on Thursday, October 8th. Students are asked to dress appropriately and wear their best smile.

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER
WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following students who will enjoy a free pizza for with their family!
Michael and Kiefer Culliford
Tessa and Sophia Vermilyea
Sarah Booth

**Superintendent:
Mrs. S. Greer
Trustee:
Mr. L. Lemelin**

**A HUGE
THANK YOU!**

I'm sure many families have noticed that our front garden has been refreshed. I would like to thank all of the parents involved!!! A very special Thank You to Kyle, LeeAnn, Emily and their mom....they spent hours of their time to help our school look fantastic.



I urge everyone to please help out in any way that you can and everyone is welcome to come to parent council meetings. We cannot do things like this and also book fairs, popcorn sales, hot lunches, planning events etc...without the help of parents. If you have some time, please let us know in what ways you are willing to assist us!

We would love to have parents and grandparents come to listen to our students read, if you can spare some time, please let Mrs. Doyle know.

*Just a reminder:
**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Friday, October 9th (P.A. Day)
Monday, October 12th
(Thanksgiving Monday)***

FUNDRAISING OPTIONS

This fall we do most of our fundraising. We will be offering a variety of items - NORCARD - which is cards, calendars and paper items, MAGAZINES - subscriptions and renewals for magazines, COOKIE DOUGH - before Christmas. Please feel free to choose to support whatever fundraising appeals to you. We do a variety because that's what parents have asked for, however we like to leave that as an option.

Please don't feel obligated to purchase everything we send home, however we do need your participation in fundraising so we can subsidize many of our field trips and special activities throughout the year.

October Newsletter Draw
Please return by Monday October 19, 2009.

Student's Name & Grade: _____

Comments: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

