

September 2009

Welcome Back To School!



Welcome back!

My staff and I extend to the parents and the community our warmest welcome as we begin a new school year. This is always an exciting time because of the promise of fresh beginnings and the anticipation of great teaching and learning. The teachers, the students and the parents share both a great enthusiasm and high expectations for the educational process which shall move us progressively forward in meeting the needs of our young students.

It is our hope that through the best teaching and learning that we can provide, our school can fulfill the highest expectations; to have students excel in education and become well developed socially.

Mr. Villella has spent the entire summer getting our school in fabulous shape for the students! We welcome new teachers to our school: Mrs. Perry in the grade 4/5 class and Mrs. Clarke in the 7/8 class.

Like our students, we spent our summers in different ways and, like our students, we have returned with enthusiasm and anticipation of another great school year at Glendale. I am looking forward to another great year of working with you and your child/children! Thank-you in advance for your help and support throughout the year.

Warm Regards,

L. Doyle

Mrs. L. Doyle,
Principal



SAFE ARRIVAL

To guarantee the safe arrival of your child at school, we take attendance each morning and afternoon. If for any reason your child will not be in school, or will be late, it is very important that you let us know (905-735-5213). The school answering machine is on at all times, so calls can be made early in the morning or late in the evening. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

BICYCLE SAFETY

Students should walk their bicycles to the bicycle racks. Parents please note that the Niagara Regional Police Community Services Branch highly recommends that students not riding with adults, should be in Grade 4 before they can safely ride their bike to school. Bicycle helmets must be worn by all riders who are younger than 18 years of age.

**BIKE
SMART**



WEAR A HELMET



BALANCED SCHOOL DAY

8:50- 9:00 am	Entry/Opening Exercises
9:00-10:30 am	Classes in session
10:30-11:10 am	First Nutrition Break (eat 20 mins, outside for 20 mins)
11:10-12:50	Classes in session
12:50-1:30 pm	Second Nutrition Break (eat 20 mins, outside 20 mins)
1:30-3:10 pm	Classes in session
3:10 pm	Dismissal

Teachers are on duty outside starting at 8:35 a.m. Students should be arriving at school no earlier than this time so that they are supervised. On rainy or bad weather days we suggest that students should arrive in time for 8:50 a.m. so they have minimal time in the elements and teachers will be at their classrooms ready to receive their students.

For the safety of your child(ren), please do not send them to school before 8:35 am. All students should arrive at school by 8:45 am or by 1:25 in the afternoon.



MEDICAL FORMS

If your child requires medication during the school day, a medical form must be picked up at the school office and completed before any medication can be administered. Medication must be in its original container with the student's name and dosage indicated. **This form must be completed each year.**

ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe and life-threatening allergic reaction to foods, insect stings, latex and medications. Foods such as peanuts, other nuts, fish, shellfish, eggs, milk and wheat as well as stings from bees and wasps are the most common allergens that produce anaphylaxis allergies.

If your child is subject to anaphylaxis or any allergic reactions, you must inform the principal of this situation in writing, and outline the expected symptoms and requested intervention by school staff. **A form for this purpose is available at the office. Please be aware that this year we have children with food allergies and send nut-free alternatives. Please read the enclosed notice about Glendale's change to being "nut free".**

LUNCH PROCEDURES

Students going home for lunch (12:50-1:30 only) are fortunate to have that break in the school day. If your child needs to eat at school, either regularly or occasionally, we would ask that you fill out the lunch permission form and return it A.S.A.P. If you require more forms, please contact Mrs. Smith. Also, any children who leave the school property during the lunch who normally eat at school **must** bring a note signed by their parent. At Glendale, we are increasingly attempting to be environmentally friendly. **Please pack lunches in reusable containers whenever possible.** I also encourage families to send healthy foods for their child. Snacks like fruit, yogurt, crackers...etc. are all great choices.

LABELING

Please write your child's name clearly on absolutely everything that is brought into school including his/her backpack, coat, shoes, snow pants, etc. This helps to avoid huge piles in the lost and found.



PARENTS/VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please let the office know and we will make arrangements for you to see the teacher at the earliest mutually convenient time, outside of instructional and supervision time. It is always best to make an appointment or call first to make sure the teacher is available to speak with you.

For the safety of our students, **all visitors must report to the office immediately after entering the building.** At that time, we will take care of forgotten items, or call the students down from their classrooms to the office, as needed. If you are picking up or dropping off your child during the instructional day we ask that you use the sign out book located at the office.

MILK TICKETS

Glendale School offers a milk program for students who stay for lunch. Chocolate and white milk is available at a cost of 65 cents each or a sheet of ten tickets for \$5.00. Tickets are available at the office every day after morning announcements. Milk will be available at both nutrition breaks.



PARENT PARTICIPATION

Parent participation is an integral part of the running of our school. I welcome your time and input. Together we can make this year another successful one. Throughout the school year there will be a variety of special activities. I encourage you to attend functions, meeting and support as many school activities as you can. Your support of school activities makes your child feel important and sends the message that you value school. We are especially looking for volunteers that can help out with the library and home reading programs this year.



PIZZA DAY LUNCH



Pizza Tuesdays will continue, starting Tuesday, September 15th. Students will be able to purchase pizza for lunch each Tuesday. Pizza will be sold for \$1.00 a slice. There will be no order forms sent home only reminders on the morning announcements.

It is possible to prepay for pizza for several weeks if you prefer to prepay.

JUNE REPORT CARDS

If you have not done so, please return page 3 of your child's June report. The Ministry of Education asks us to file page 3 in each student's Ontario School Record. We want to complete our students' records for the school year 2008-09. Thank you!

CELL PHONES

It is understandable that some students may have cell phones for safety reasons traveling to and from school. Our school is committed to ensuring an environment conducive to learning and to the protection of privacy, dignity and safety. **From 8:50am to 3:10pm, all cell phones should be stored in a locker with a lock, powered off and secured out of sight as quite often these devices are targets of theft.** The school is not responsible for the replacement of items that may be stolen or lost. **Cell phones should not be used to make or receive phone calls, send or receive text messages, emails...etc within the course of the school day.**



Students are prohibited from taking or posting photos of other students or staff without consent. Phones with camera capability will not be allowed in washrooms or changerooms. All parents can contact their child through the main office during the school day and messages can be relayed to students. We thank you for your co-operation as the use of cell phones by students has proven to be an increasingly distracting problem.

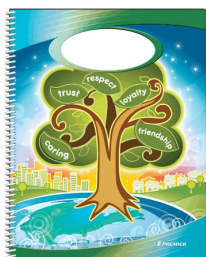
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

A reminder that Friday, September 25th will be an Early Release Day, providing teachers with an opportunity for professional development. Students will be dismissed at noon and either go home on the bus, or be picked up by parents. There will be no classes for the afternoon Kindergarten on that day. If you have any questions regarding this day, please call the school at (905)735-5213.

INFORMATION PACKAGE

Each family will receive the following information this week:

- Reliable Life Student Accident/Insurance Form-(voluntary), to be sent directly to the agency. If you have no other coverage it is important that parents/guardians consider to purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of an accident. It costs as little as \$2.00 per student for basic school day/school activity coverage.
- District School Board of Niagara Calendar.
- Confidential Student Enrolment Information update to be corrected and returned to the school. ***Please sign and return even if there are no changes. We need to have accurate information on file for each student.***
- Parent Volunteer Form
- Lunchroom Form
- Netiquette Form



STUDENT ORGANIZERS

Grades 1-8 students will be coming home with a student organizer to help keep them organized and responsible for their assignments. The students are asked to contribute \$5.00 each towards their organizers, the school budget will cover the remainder of

the cost. The student organizer will also help to keep parents informed of assigned work and aware of other information from the classroom teacher.

Each classroom will have an area where all daily assignments will be posted and teachers will give students time each day to record the information.

We ask you to support your child by:

- reading and ensuring the return of the organizer daily.
- reviewing assignments with your child.
- ensuring assignments are completed and returned the next day.
- communicating with your child's teacher via the organizer.

OPEN HOUSE

Our Annual Open House will be held on **Tuesday, September 22nd** from **4 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** This is an ideal opportunity to meet your child's teacher and other parents.



DO YOU READ

magazines? We are going to be starting our 4th annual magazine subscription fund-raiser this fall. Our students are hoping to make the campaign very successful and your support is very much appreciated.



Please save your magazine business for our school. Simply renew your current magazine subscriptions, purchase new ones or send someone a gift through our campaign. The program is serviced by Canadian Community Reading Plan (www.ccrp.ca). They have over 680 magazines to choose from and they guarantee lowest prices, product satisfaction and delivery. Not only will you be paying the lowest prices but our students benefit, since 40% of the money stays with the school here in our community. Our campaign will start in October and more details will follow at that time. Everyone involved would like to thank our community in advance for saving your subscriptions and making this campaign a great success.

CROSSING GUARD

We have one crossing guard to assist students crossing from First Avenue to Trent Street. The crossing guard is on duty:

8:15 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.
12:50 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
3:10 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



September Newsletter Draw

Please return by Monday, September 14th.



Student's Name/Grade: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

GLENDALE SCHOOL STAFF

2009 - 2010

Principal
Area Superintendent
Trustee
Secretary
Custodian
Junior/Senior Kindergarten
Grade 1
Grade 2
Grade 3
Grade 4/5
Grade 5/6
Grade 7/8
Learning Resource Teacher
French/Library
Educational Assistant
Youth Counsellor
Noon Hour Supervisors

Evening Cleaning Staff

Mrs. L. Doyle
Mrs. S. Greer
Mr. L. Lemelin
Mrs. A. Smith
Mr. N. Villella
Mrs. K. Jolliffe
Mrs. A. Fisher
Mrs. J. Caron
Mrs. S. DiCenso
Mrs. B. Perry
Mr. M. Collins
Mrs. K. Clarke
Mrs. Z. Jakibchuk
Mme. M. Moccia
Mrs. K. Fraser
Mrs. A. Hamilton
Mr. D. Romano
Mrs. M. Ross
Mrs. R. Donald

NOTE: The classroom and teacher assignments may change by the third week of school, dependent upon the enrolment of students per grade. We will do this with as little disruption as possible. Have a great year!

