

GLEN RIDGE NEWS

TERM 1 REPORT CARDS

FEBRUARY 2012

The Junior Kindergarten Progress Report, the Senior Kindergarten Term 1 Report Card, and the Provincial Report Cards for Grades 1-6, will be arriving home on **February 9th**.

On this report card, students in grades 1-6 will receive letter grades (e.g., A, B, C, D) to indicate how well they are achieving the curriculum in each of their subjects. If a particular subject or strand is not part of a student's program this term, then the NA box will be checked. This subject or strand will be reported on in June.

The Learning Skills and Work Habits are the same as the ones that were on the Progress Reports. These are essential skills

that will help students be successful in both school and also as an active member of their community. The Learning Skills and Work Habits are: Responsibility; Organization; Independent Work; Collaboration; Initiative; and Self Regulation.

We hope that you are pleased to see the excellent work that our teachers are doing to ensure that the report card comments are written in parent-friendly language.

Comments will identify: the **learning focus** based on curriculum, **student strengths**, and the **next steps** that students should take in order to improve their learning. We invite you to continue to commu-

nicate with us if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress and achievement.

While there is no formal interview day, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to arrange an interview if you have any questions or concerns. You may receive a phone call from your child's teacher asking you to come in for a meeting to discuss your child's progress.

Great schools ensure that families and schools work closely together to ensure the fullest potential is reached for all our learners.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

Dates to Remember:

- **Feb. 6** - Lego Robotics Competition
- **Feb. 6** - Oakridge French Immersion Information Night
- **Feb. 7** - Briardale French Immersion Information Night
- **Feb. 9** - Sweater Day
- **Feb. 9** - Term 1 Reports Cards Go Home
- **Feb. 10** - Dance-a-Thon
- **Feb. 14** - Valentine's Day
- **Feb. 17** - Early Release Day
- **Feb. 20** - Family Day (No School)
- **Feb. 21** - Grade 5/6 Class to Brock Theatre
- **Feb. 22** - Niagara Recycling Presentation
- **Feb. 23** - Celebration Assembly
- **Feb. 24** - JK/SK Scientists in the School

BALANCED SCHOOL DAY FOR 2012-2013

Thank you to all of our families who returned their Balanced School Day Survey Forms. We had 45% of our families return the surveys and 95% were in support of moving to a Balanced School Day starting in September 2012. Thank you again!

SWEATER DAY



A fun way to promote Sustainable Living

Looking for a way to beat those cold Canadian winter-blues.....well cheer up with others who are participating in "Sweater Day". Sweater Day is a sponsored event by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada that was initiated last year...it challenges us to turn down the thermostat a couple of degrees and then invites everyone young and old alike to sport a fun or favourite sweater to show their commitment to action on climate change.

Last year's event was a great success, seeing many DSBN schools filled with all sorts of favourite sweaters on the day. Do you have a sweater that might be new, or from a decade past? Perhaps from a sports team? Or one that you have been saving for a special occasion?.....Then Sweater Day might be just right for you!

On February 9th the staff and students at Glen Ridge will be wearing their favourite sweaters and the thermostat will be turned down a couple of degrees!





THE LEGO ROBOTICS PROGRAM

By Maya Grade 6



LEGO Robotics is a program where you learn and have fun each time you go.

Anybody can join from grades 4-6. In this program, there are teams of four. Every time you go to a session of Robotics, there is always a challenge you have to face with your team. Each session, your team either has to finish or start a challenge. An example of a challenge would be that you would have to program your robot to move around two towers. Now, it sounds easy, but really, when you start to program and design your robot, you start facing small challenges because the robot has to be precise to actually work. When it comes to programming, you actually are using math because either you have to find what degree your robot has to

move either forward or backwards. When it comes to designing your robot, it lets you be creative of what accessories you are going to use, but also, the kit that all the robots come with do have an instruction book, so you are also able to use that. After the teams have some practice with programming and designing our robots, all teams start to get into a playoff of robots. There are five challenges, and the three teams to complete all of the five challenges get to go to the Lego Robotics Fair in Niagara-on-the-Lake, at School Support Services (the old Niagara District High School). This Lego Robotics Fair will take place this Monday, February 6. So, each time you go to a Robotics session, Mrs. Hanna and Mrs. Milko, the Robotics teachers, have been helping with skills to get ready for the Lego

Robotics Fair. Robotics is so much fun and I encourage all the students to join because you are learning in such a fun way! And even if you don't make it to the Lego Robotics Fair, that's okay because it's not really about winning, it's about having fun. Also, if you enjoy Lego Robotics, the kits are available at stores, probably Wal-Mart, Toys 'R Us, etcetera, and then, all you have to do is download the program onto your computer. Finally, please wish the three teams luck for the Lego Robotics Fair.

Team members that will be competing on Monday are Yazeed A., Reece W., Sophie J., Charlotte R., Aaden B., Devon B., Charlotte B., Tiernan D., Maya D., Elisabeth I., Amelia D. and Emily S.

LOST AND FOUND



Our Lost and Found is slowly starting to grow again. If you are in the building take a moment to check and ensure nothing of your child's has been left behind.

If you are interested please check out the Mabel's Labels link that was created for our school.

<http://glenridgeps.mabelslabels.com/>

From this website you can order different labels to put on all of those things children lose. Their sticky labels and clothing labels are dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe. Each label can be customized with your child's name, choice of colour and icon. They are a great product that may help ensure your child returns home with everything he/she brought to school.



JANUARY CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

January's focus was on "Courage". The Grade 4/5 class took the time to share many different ways we can show courage every day. The following students were recognized at the Celebration Assembly for displaying courage.

Kdg - Griffin R.

Grade 1 - Theo and Nira

Grade 2 - Eva Ruby S. and Loren C.

Grade 3 - Ben D., Janee H. and Charlie B.

Grade 4/5 - Drew W., Patrick E., Jonas H., Darren

Grade 5/6 - Jack H, Maya D., Natalie B., and Amelia D.

Treat the Kids to a Hot Lunch in February!



Check us out online for new menu choices for March.....Yummy!

Order Online within 3 days of any lunch date at:

www.thelunchlady.ca

Popcorn available for sale at the afternoon recess (morning recess for Kindergarten's only).

\$1.00 per bag and there are 3 flavours (Light Butter, Kettle Corn and White Cheddar)





MIKE WADE

By Sebastian W.

Today Mike Wade came to our school and did a presentation and I liked it because he read us different stories. The story he read was called April Fools and it was about Gordon's plan to faint at lunch and to get the best things out of the teacher's lunches. The second thing I like about the presentation was that he showed us how book seven is upside down and book nine has eye holes to watch t.v. The third thing I liked about the presentation was that he showed us this unrippable toilet paper he got in a comic book and Charlie gone one piece of it. Mike also showed us a line from the first Harry Potter. Mike looks a lot like

Mr. Clean from the commercial. Mike showed us how to take something and how you make it funny like taking corn oil and you make it by crushing and squeezing corn so do you do the thing for baby oil. Mike showed us how to use a dictionary to make a funny joke. We learned that 1 fourth of a book is just 31 simple words like and or it. I wish Mike told us about his partner and wife Laura Wade. Another thing I wish Mike told us about was where he got the idea and characters for **And Then It Happened** and how he could write 10 books each one taking a year to write.

By Caleb L.

Today Mike Wade came to visit Glen Ridge Public School. My first star is that he read some of his stories to us. My second star is

that he told us that 25 percent of one book has very little and easy words. My third star is that we get a set of books to read at school or home. The thing I wished is that he brought his wife and we got a free set of books to keep at recess during school and at home. Another star is that we got to see book nine and how there is holes through it so we can pretend we are reading but we are actually watching T.V. Another star is that book seven is turned upside down so when you are reading it teachers or parents say that you are goofing around reading you say "Fine then I'll watch T.V. or play video games for the rest of my life.". I love that Mike Wade came and it was awesome!

READING AT HOME WITH TUMBLEBOOKS



www.tumblebooks.com

The Tumblebook Library is an online collection of Tumblebooks. These books are animated, talking picture books. Children love the

engaging nature of Tumblebooks which add animation, sound and music to already existing picture books. The Tumblebook Library contains a collection of various children's books from some of the following publishers: Simon & Schuster, Chronicle Books, Candlewick Press, Charlesbridge Press, Harcourt, Little Brown,

Walker & Company, Lerner Books and many more. Tumblebooks are a great resource to help support home reading, and are also engaging for those students who require extra reading practice and motivation. Also, they are well received by English Language Learners.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

- All decisions concerning school closing are made by the Board Office
- Bus and School Cancellations will be reported on local radio stations by 7a.m. and on www.dsbn.org.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE: MEDICATION

If your child requires prescription or non-prescription medication at school (cough syrup, Children's Tylenol, asthma medication, etc.) an Authorization of Administration of Oral/Topical Medication **MUST** be completed. Forms may be obtained from the school office. Students are **NOT** to keep any

medication in their backpacks or lunch bags. All medication should be given to the office and should be clearly marked with the child's full name. We will keep track as to when your child takes his/her medication. Thank you!



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6-8 March 2012

Participation and Registration are **FREE**
Practice Starts **1 February 2012!**



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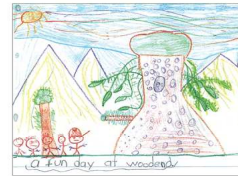
WORLD MATH DAY WORLD SPELLING DAY

Students will be receiving usernames and passwords to participate in World Math and Spelling Day on March 6 and 7 (competition takes place as long as it is March 6 and 7 somewhere in the world). Until the actual day they will have the opportunities to practice (at school and home) in preparation. Students compete against students within their age group from around the world. World Math Day was first introduced in 2007 with over 287 000 students from 98 countries answering 38 904 275 questions correctly. In 2011 5.5 million students from 235 countries and territories took part.



A Beautiful Day at Woodend!

A very special thank-you to the students from Lincoln Centennial School for sharing their stories and drawings about their day at Woodend! The Living Campus will expand opportunities for students to enjoy outdoor education and to engage in hands-on learning.



Dear Mrs. St. Catharines, My class and I went to woodend conservation park and had our first day at woodend. I did a lot and my friend Lily did a lot too. We had a very nice day and it was really fun. We had a picnic and it was so nice. I was happy. The End

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's website.



It's All Here: The Woodend Website
To find out about all of the exciting events taking place in support of The Living Campus visit us at: www.DSBN.org/Woodend



Coming Soon: A Week for Woodend and RIDE~HIKE~RUN!

A Week for Woodend (April 30 - May 6, 2012) will be an exciting week, with schools 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. Registration opens soon at DSBN.org/Woodend. More details to come. We hope to see everyone there!



Our Newest Silver Level Partners!

VEX Robotics and Ontario Power Generation have just become The Living Campus' newest Silver level Founder's Club members. A Special Thank-You for helping to Bring Learning to Life for our students! If you'd like to make a donation, please visit our website at www.dsb.org/Woodend and click on the "Donate" button to download a pledge form.

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:

dsbn.org/woodend [DSBN Woodend - The Living Campus](https://www.facebook.com/DSBN-Woodend-The-Living-Campus) woodendthelivingcampus.blogspot.com

VACCINES AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

At this time of year, Niagara Region Public Health conducts an annual review of vaccination records for all elementary school children in the Niagara region. If the vaccination information we have on file for your child is NOT complete, you will receive a suspension letter in the mail from Public Health next month (March 2012).

Please take a moment to ensure that your child's immunizations are up-to-date and that you have reported your child's vaccinations to Niagara Region Public Health using ONE of the following:

WEBSITE: www.niagararegion.ca

TELEPHONE (Immunization Report Line): 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7459

FAX (a copy of your child's Immunization Record): 905-688-8225

In most cases, we are missing vaccination information about your child's booster dose of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and polio (DPTP/Quadracel) between the ages of 4 and 6; **and**, second dose of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to immunize your child, you will need to provide Niagara Region Public Health with an original legal exemption document (i.e., a statement of medical exemption, or a statement of conscience or religious belief affidavit).

Please call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 if you have any questions or concerns.