



# Glen Ridge News



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## Principal's Message....

Your school continues to be a place where students are actively involved in their education. Field trips, numerous athletic, musical and artistic opportunities as well as hands on learning in core curricular areas provide our students the opportunity to achieve success in our investigative and co-operative environment.

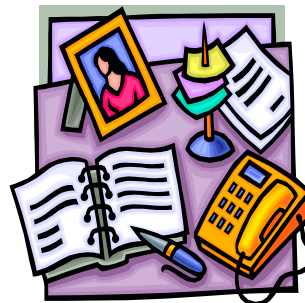
Please be informed that teachers will continue to test the students' knowledge and skill in various curricular areas over the next couple of weeks as they prepare for Term 1 Report Cards. It is important that students have a study area where their assignments (reading, working with words, etc.) can be completed. We ask for your support to ensure that your child sets aside a daily schedule to work in their own space.

We extend a sincere thank you for working carefully with us regarding areas needing improvement / encouragement as identified through discussions and correspondence with your child's teacher. Your co-operation and support in these educational areas will ensure a successful year for your child(ren).

We are pleased with the enthusiastic participation by Glen Ridge students in school activities to date. The achievements by our students continue to make Glen Ridge a proud place to be!!

Educationally yours,

B. Harley  
Principal



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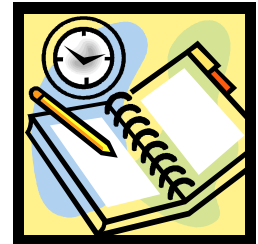
## Kleenex ...

It is cold season and our school budget is suffering from cutbacks. With our school population, it is not possible to supply "kleenex" on an unlimited basis. Please send a supply with your child if they have allergies or the sniffles.



## To School On Time ...

Every morning it is more and more difficult to get to school on time. By ensuring your child arrives early, they have the opportunity to develop strong social skills and they are ready to learn. Late arrival not only causes your child to miss some instructional time but the disturbance is not beneficial to others.



Thanks for your support in getting your children to school on time.

## Halloween ...

Once again, the students displayed outstanding costumes. We all kept our fingers crossed as we headed out for our annual neighbourhood parade and as always, it was great to see so many parents who greeted us along the way.



## Remembrance Day ...

This year, November 11<sup>th</sup> falls on a Wednesday so we will be having a school wide Remembrance Day assembly. Each class will be taking time to discuss what Remembrance Day means and why we should take the time to reflect on this historical day.

We hope that you will take the time to share with your child(ren) the meaning and importance of Remembrance Day.



Please join us in the gym with the grade JK—grade 5 students at 10:30 for our Remembrance Celebration.

NOTE: The grade 6 students will be walking to the Cenotaph on St. Paul Street to participate in the events.

## Inclement Weather ...

In the event of poor weather, please listen to the local radio stations starting at 7:00 a.m. for information about busses not running or school closures. The decisions are made at the Board level, not by the school, and given to various surrounding radio stations for reporting.

CKTB 610 AM	SPIRIT 91.7 FM
WAVE 94.7 FM	CHTZ 97.7 FM
K-LITE 102.9 FM	CHRE 105.7 FM
CHSC 1220 AM	CHCH & CHUM TV

## Jr. Boys Volleyball

... Mrs. Pohorly / Mr. Purdie

The Junior Boys Volleyball season has begun at Glen Ridge. The team has been chosen, and we have a good mix of Grades 4, 5, and 6 students on the team. Games are on Mondays and Wednesday throughout November, both home and away. Fan support at the games is always appreciated, so drop by the school gym and watch the boys serve, volley, and bump their way to victory!!

## Artisan Fair Thank You

... M. Solomon

A BIG thank you goes out to everyone who supported the inaugural Glen Ridge Artisan Show on Saturday, September 19. Nineteen talented artisans displayed and sold their work, including Glen Ridge parents Brenda Soccio, Melanie Johnston, and April Mitchell-Boudreau. The event brought in \$2570 before expenses. \$1100 after.

A special thank you goes out to Astrid Heyer, Tony Rupnick, Lisa Raham, Melanie and Bryon Johnston, and Jacqui Walker for being on the Committee and making things run smoothly; Joanna Cielen of Body & Soul Personal Training and Consulting, Steve Boldt of Niagara Insurance Benefit Consultants, and Erin King of Enjo Canada for sponsoring our event; and Laurielle Allan of Mantis Media for taking on our graphically-inclined design tasks. To the volunteers: we couldn't have done it without you. Thanks to the Parent Council for their continued support.

If you are at a show in the future and see an artisan you think would be a good addition to our show, please pick up a business card. We will contact them. In addition, if you have any comments, ideas for 2010, or questions, please e-mail us at [glenridgeartisans@gmail.com](mailto:glenridgeartisans@gmail.com). We are going to make next year's show bigger and better.

## Communication Matters:

### “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 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.

## M&M Meat Shop ...

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M & M Meat Shops, at the Pendale Plaza, have offered a special "School Shop Day" to Glen Ridge again this year. They have designated Friday November 27, 2009 as our day that will run from 9:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. During this time, they will donate 10% of any purchases made back to the school, when Glen Ridge Public School is mentioned.

M & M Meat Shop is offering a Free bag of meatballs (1 lb size) with a minimum \$40.00 purchase.

This offer is open to anyone who shops at M & M, so please spread the word to friends and families who you know—just remember to mention Glen Ridge Public School.

## Literacy at the Ridge...

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The Glen Ridge staff have shared in rich discussions about the literacy strengths and struggles of our students. Our observations are based on classroom activities and assignments, as well as standardized assessments such as EQAO and CASI. Together we have set goals for building skills in reading comprehension. Primary and junior staff are meeting regularly to share best practices and celebrate successes. Keeping current on professional reading and research is a high priority at the Ridge.

What does this mean in the classroom? Students are being taught using carefully considered strategies. Assessments are informing the decisions we make for the program each child receives. Already, we are celebrating growth in target areas. It is an exciting way to reach students.

What this mean at home? Children need to log many hours with the printed page. Research consistently shows us that children who spend more time with books are achieving profoundly higher results on assessments. Read with your children. Discuss what they are reading. Show them you value the time spend with books.

**School Council****... Mrs. J. Cawood-Fleury**

Hello all,

We are well into the school year and it's hard to believe that Winter is right round the corner. As parents here at Glen Ridge we are encouraged to participate in any way we can to make our school a better place. School Council offers many opportunities throughout the year to assist on the varied number of events we organize to raise for our children. This year will be no different as we continually raise funds to further enhance the school itself but more important, the experience our children receive at Glen Ridge. In the end that's what it's always been about....the kids!

The first year of the Glen Ridge Artisan Show was a big success. We raised \$ 960.67. Can't wait to see how next year goes! A big thank you goes to all who helped organize this event and to everyone who helped out the day of.

The Parent Council and the Glen Ridge teachers are putting together two Holiday Baskets to be raffled off at the Holiday concert. Tickets will be sold for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Two books of tickets will be sent home with each student on November 23rd, 2009. They need to be returned to your teacher, no later than Wednesday, December 16th, 2009. If you require more tickets, they will be available at the school office.


Poinsettias will go on sale Monday, November 16th and order forms will be sent home to every family. Further information will come home on the 16th, and will include prices and options. They will be available to take home the **day/night** of the Holiday Concert, Thursday December 17, 2009.

The holidays are fast approaching and with that comes holiday cheer! On Friday November 27th, you can go to M&M Meats on Glendale in the Pendale Plaza and stock up on meals, appetizers or sweets for your party. Just by mentioning Glen Ridge School a percentage of the cost will help support our school library. Feel free to pass on the offer to friends and other family members, so that they may take part and prepare for the upcoming holiday season. M&M meats! Hundreds of meals. One aisle.

Our next Council meeting will be on Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the school library. The meeting is open to all parents of Glen Ridge and all are welcome to visit and participate.

Your sincerely,  
Jennifer Cawood-Fleury  
Parent Council, Chair

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9 Volleyball Game	10 Photo Club	11 Remembrance Day Assembly a.m. Volleyball Game Green Team 3:30—4:15 p.m.	12 Pizza Day Robotics Club	13 P.A. Day—NO SCHOOL 
16 Volleyball Game Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17 Dairy Presentation JK—6 Scientist in School 5/6P Photo Club	18 Green Team 3:30—4:15 p.m.	19 Robotics Club	20
23 Volleyball Game	24 No Photo Club	25 Sub Lunch Puppet Program—p.m. Green Team 3:30—4:15 p.m.	26 Robotics Club	27 HERO DAY Character Ed. Assembly— a.m. M&M Meatshop Fundraiser
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