



Glen Ridge News

NOVEMBER 2011

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome at Glen Ridge. I am enjoying getting to know the students, the staff and the community. I am excited that I have the opportunity to be part of the Glen Ridge Grizzlies!!

In order for you to be up-to-date on the Glen Ridge Happenings please be sure to check out the website <http://glenridge.dsbm.org/>. One of our goals this year is to reduce the amount of paper used. Below you will find a slip to indicate if you require a hard copy of the newsletter or if you are willing to read it online. In order to stay on top of updates you can make the Glen Ridge website your homepage. To make it your homepage simply open your Internet Browser, click on Tools, enter the Website Address in the Homepage Field and Click on Apply. Now when you open the Internet you will be able to see what is happening at Glen Ridge Public School easily. Within the school website you have access to a Calendar. This calendar will be updated regularly with events that are happening around the school. Feel free to check out what is coming up in the future months as well.

I would like to take a moment to welcome Mrs. Milko who will be teaching our Grade 4/5 class until the end of the year. I would also like to extend a big thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered their time over the last few weeks to plan and organize the upcoming Silent Auction. The evening is sure to be a huge success. If you have not purchased your ticket yet you can still get a ticket from the office. Thank you to everyone for supporting Glen Ridge Public School!

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are here to work with you!

Ms. Nunnenmacher



Dates to Remember:

- ✓ **Nov. 1** - Parent Involvement Conference
- ✓ **Nov. 4** - Random Act of Kindness Day
- ✓ **Nov. 5** - Glen Ridge Night at the Niagara Ice Dogs Game
- ✓ **Nov. 6** - Daylight Savings Time End
- ✓ **Nov. 8** - Kdg, 2, 4, 6 Dental Screening
- ✓ **Nov. 11** - Remembrance Day Assembly
- ✓ **Nov. 11** - Grade 6 to St Catharines Cenotaph
- ✓ **Nov. 11** - Silent Auction
- ✓ **Nov. 15** - Progress Reports Go Home
- ✓ **Nov. 17** - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- ✓ **Nov. 22** - School Council Meeting 6:30
- ✓ **Nov. 29** - Grade 3 Swim to Survive Program

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

This year we are hoping to reduce our paper use by posting our newsletters online. We understand that some families do not have access to a computer and require a hard copy. If you need to have a hard copy of the newsletter please complete and return the information below. Each month we will send you a copy of the newsletter. If we do not receive the information below we will understand that to mean you will be reading the newsletter online. Thank you!

Yes, please send me a hard copy of the newsletter.

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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KLEENEX

We are asking that each student brings in a box of "Kleenex" for his/her classroom. With allergy season and cold season upon us, "Kleenex" is a needed item in the classroom. Thank you for supplying a box for your child's classroom.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- All decisions concerning school closing are made by the Board Office, not the individual school.
- Bus and School Cancellation Information will be reported on local radio stations by 7:00 a.m. Information is also posted on the DSBN website www.dsbnet.org
- Early dismissal during the school day, due to inclement weather, is also announced on local radio stations. We would ask that you review with your child what arrangements have been made in the event of an early dismissal for their arrival home.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

At Glen Ridge P.S. we are very fortunate to have a number of High School, College and University students willing to fulfill their volunteer hours at our school. The following students will be spending time working in our classrooms, helping the students and the teachers.

Mrs. Robillard Kdg - Miss K Grant and Miss. D. St. James

Mr. Neufeld Grade 1 - Miss A. Liu

Mrs. Boccinfuso Grade 2 - Miss M. Macdonald and Miss S. Guest

Mrs. Anderson Grade 3 - Miss K. Yachyshyn, Miss L. Champion, Miss M. Minuk

Mrs. Milko Grade 4/5 - Miss S. Cole, Mr. B. Keffer, Miss E. Nauta and Miss H. Samuel

Mrs. Pohorly Grade 5/6 - Miss S. Teichgraf and Miss K. Turnbull

Mr. Spagnuolo - Mr. R. Kay and Miss N. Altseimer

FREE DENTAL SCREENING COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school on Tues., Nov. 8th, 2011 to provide dental screening to students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4 and 6.

During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a visual inspection of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. Public Health dental programs may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care.

Please contact the Public Health dental program if you do NOT wish your child to participate in the dental screening or if your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to participate.

Call the Dental Health Information Line at 905-688-8248 ext 7399 or email dental@niagararegion.ca.



PLEASE CALL

We are asking all parents to help us with the daily attendance by calling the school before 9:00 a.m. if your child will be absent or late. We want to ensure the safety of all of our students and we need to verify when a student is absent. You are free to call at any time; there is voice mail that you can leave a message. If you know ahead of time that your child will be away due to an appointment or holiday please let us know and we will mark down the date(s). The school's number is 905-685-9586. Thank you for taking the time to help us with our daily attendance.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

This year we will be having a school wide Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 11th. 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.



BOOK FAIR

Mrs. Anderson would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the volunteers, staff and students who helped make this October's Scholastic Book Fair a huge success. A special thank-you goes out to Mrs. Randee Loucks for volunteering several days to work the cash at the fair. Parents and students not only purchased books for themselves and their loved ones but some also helped stock our classrooms' libraries by donating books selected from their teacher's Classroom Wish List. The Scholastic Book Fair will return to Glen Ridge in June 2012.

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THANK YOU!!

Special thanks to the following for their generosity to Glen Ridge Public School. To Mrs. R. Loucks, Mrs. Finnie and Mrs. G. Voelkner for their time to the library. To Mr. M. Easingwood for his donation of tennis balls for the chairs, to Mrs. L. Fitzgerald and Ms. M. Miller, for their donation of books to the library.



GO DOGS GO!!!!

This year the Niagara Ice Dogs Hockey Team have included Glen Ridge Public School in their Adopt-a-School Program. This program includes special visits from Ice Dog players and 2 tickets to every home game. These tickets will be awarded to students who demonstrate exemplary achievement in the school / classroom and during extra-curricular activities.

We enjoyed a visit from two of the Niagara IceDogs players, Shane Rover and Mark Visentin. The Glen Ridge students had the opportunity to ask these two hockey players questions and then enjoyed a Halloween story read by them. We are looking forward to seeing them in action at the Glen Ridge Family Night on November 5th. Don't forget that with your ticket you will get to enjoy a Family Pre Skate at the arena from 5:00-5:50 pm. See you all at the game!



GLEN RIDGE GREEN TEAM

The Glen Ridge Green Team has started their weekly meetings and will continue to meet every Thursday afterschool (3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.) throughout November. Litterless lunch Fridays begins on Friday, November 4th. Support your environment and refrain from pre-packaged foods and plastic wrapping. Washable and reusable containers are encouraged by the Glen Ridge Green Team. The team will also be monitoring classrooms for turning off lights and computers when not in use. Go Green! - Mr. Neufeld and Mrs Vaughn



JUNIOR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL



The Girl's Volleyball team is looking forward to the 2011 season which will begin on Wednesday, November

2nd. The girls have already made improvements in their bumping and volleying skills during practice. What has been most impressive, has been the support they've shown for one another, especially towards our youngest members. This positive attitude will certainly "serve" them well over the course of the season. Go Grizzlies Go! ~ Mrs. Pohorly



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

On Monday, October 31st Glen Ridge P.S. recognized students for RESPECT. The staff at Glen Ridge found it very difficult to select certain individuals because the students are all very good at showing respect.

The following students received recognition:

Kdg - Branko D., Natalie M., Eric Q. and Max B.

Grade 1 - Nigel S. and Canon M.

Grade 2 - Morgan D. and Hannah W.

Grade 3 - Amara E., Sidney M. and Nigel T.

Grade 4/5 - Curtis N., Spencer I. and Grace V.

Grade 5/6 - Emily S., Spencer K. and Devin B.

During the month of November we will be focussing on Responsibility and the Grade 3 class will be hosting the assembly next month.

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.



DSBN STUDENT FAMILIES IN ST. CATHARINES AND SMITHVILLE ARE INVITED TO PROVIDE A ONE-MONTH HOMESTAY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

International students are participating in
The District School Board of Niagara's
KOREAN WORLD CLASSROOM PROGRAM

International students in participating schools
in St. Catharines are in Grades 7 & 8
International students in participating schools
in Smithville are in Grades 4-6

The homestay timeframe is Jan 11–Feb 7, 2012

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION BEING HELD

Wednesday, November 9 @ 6:30 – 7:30 .pm.
at the DSBN Education Centre
191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines

- open to families in St. Catharines who ideally have a Grade 7 or 8 child themselves (other ages may be considered)
 - open to families in Smithville who ideally have a Grade 4-6 child themselves (other ages may be considered)
- your child will build intercultural awareness and leadership skills as a host buddy

Registration for the information session is not required

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<http://glenridge.dsb.org/>

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER **Mrs. C. Neilson, Chair**

I can't believe that we are already well into the school year and that winter is going to be right around the corner. This school year already has had a lot of changes - Mr. Harley had to say goodbye for awhile. We had to say goodbye to a few great teachers beingMiss Meesters and sincerely wish her all the best at Memorial, Ms. Pace left the grade 4-5 class in exchange for Mr. Perron who is here full time as the EA. We welcome Mrs. Milko who will be teaching the 4-5 class and finally we need to extend a warm grizzly greeting to Mrs. Nunnenmacher who has joined the Glen Ridge Staff as the Acting Principal. A special shout out goes to the staff at Glen Ridge - you have truly kept the focus on our children through these changes and we thank you!!

Our annual Silent Auction is fast approaching, have you gotten your tickets yet? In case you may not have remembered the date; here is your friendly reminder - November 11th @ 7pm @ the St Catharines Golf and Country Club. I am excited to send a huge thank you to a few parents who have stepped up with a lot of enthusiasm to assist with this event. Thank you to Louise Speck, Lori Gill, Miranda Brittan, Jess Lindsay, Tammy Gilby, Susan O' Farrell, Amber Butler, Katie Fruere, Dianna McAdorey & Mamie Hurd. They have brought forth tremendous new donation ideas, and the drive to regain excitement on the school ground and in the community as well as selling tickets. Obtaining tickets is easy, you can either grab them from any of the following people: **The Office** : Mrs. Izzo **Any of the Council Members** : Carrie Neilson, Laurielle Allan, Cheryl Cook, Michelle Daly, Julia Eckert, Melanie & Paul Sebastianelli, Tara Beauchamp, Penny Easey, Linda Bowden, Katie Fruere or Tony Rupnik. This event truly will be a night to remember and what is best The best part It's within walking distance for us all. A specific volunteer list was compiled and distributed to all classes, please consider contacting Jess or Louise so they can slot you in to help out - "many hands make light work" and remember..... its all for our children!!! See you on November 11th!!!!!!

Due to requests to once again have Poinsettias available, we have decided to honor those requests and send home order forms with a delivery date being November 29th. Seaway Gardens have given us a fantastic deal, including the option to purchase gift certificates so people can pick up their own plants right up until December 24th should they not want them so early!

I realize that there seems to be a lot of fundraising at Glen Ridge being sent out to our families. We recognize that everyone cannot participate in everything but it does give people the choice to participate in the areas they want. The bottom line, our children benefit from our willingness to help support the school, and I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your help!!!

I wanted to direct you to the school's website to you <http://glenridge.dsb.org/>. Under the "calendar" tab you will see a live calendar with all school events/programs listed. This is sure to keep our lives a little bit easier to organize. Our next council meeting is November 22nd 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.