



Glen Ridge News



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Principal's Message....

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a relaxing summer and that everyone is ready for another exciting year of learning.

The staff at Glen Ridge are excited about the opportunities that are in place for your children to learn to the best of their abilities. As in the past, we at Glen Ridge will continue the tradition of high academic standards within a positive learning environment.

We would like to invite all of our parents to get involved at Glen Ridge. This is your school and consequently your support and participation is vital for your children to have the best opportunities to be successful.

I look forward to working with you this year as we prepare your children for the challenges that lie ahead.

Educationally yours,

B. Harley
Principal



Character Trait for September ... Co-operation



Glen Ridge Staff 2011—2012

Mr. B. Harley	Principal
Ms. R. Izzo	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. S. Robillard	JK/SK
Ms. S. Byberg	Educational Assistant
Mr. D. Neufeld	Grade 1
Mrs. J. Boccinfuso	Grade 2/3
Mrs. T. Anderson	Grade 3
Ms. C. Meesters	Grade 4/5
Mrs. M. Pace	Educational Assistant
Mrs. B. Pohorly	Grade 5/6
Mme M. Culp	French
Mrs. Hannah	L.R.T.
Ms. C. Meesters	Literacy Lead
Mr. F. Spagnuolo	Prep. Coverage
T.B.A.	Youth Counsellor
Ms. G. Redpath	Lunch Supervisors
Mr. M. Bowman	Head Caretaker
T.B.A.	Night Caretaker

Crossing Guard Times ...

Our crossing guard, Diane, will be on duty at the following times at the intersection of South Drive and Ridgewood Road:

8:30—8:55 a.m.
 11:40—12:00 noon
 12:25—12:45 p.m.
 3:30—4:00 p.m.



Child Care ...

There has been several requests from families for before and after school care. If you know of anyone in the school area, that requires before and after school care, please contact the YMCA Daycare at 905-684-4770, as they are a few students away from offering an additional class of daycare.

Welcome Back Barbeque ...



Our annual Welcome Back BBQ will be held on Wednesday, September 21st from 5:00—6:30 p.m. An information sheet and order form is attached. As in previous years, we will have pre-ordering of tickets for hot dogs and drinks. This makes the lines shorter and move quicker. *Please return your family's order with your oldest child* to your child's teacher no later than Wednesday September 14, 2011. Also, we are pleased to offer trans fat free & peanut free ice cream treats as well, the cost is \$1.00.

To make our menu a little more healthy and adult friendly, salads will also be available. We do ask that any salad donations be nut-free as well.

Reserve this night to come out and meet your child's teacher and the rest of the staff.

Bell Times ...



ENTRY

8:45 a.m.

Period 1 8:50 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.
Period 2 9:40 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

RECESS

10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.

Period 3 10:45 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

LUNCH

11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Period 4 12:45 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.
Period 5 1:35 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

RECESS

2:25 p.m.—2:40 p.m.

Period 6 2:40 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

DISMISSAL 3:30 p.m.

School Council ...

... Mrs. C. Neilson, Chair

Welcome Back to the Ridge!!!! I trust you had a wonderful summer, enjoying time with your families and are ready to back in the swing of things at Glen Ridge.

Council's meeting has already been set for September 27th. The elections took place at the last meeting prior to school ending - please welcome the returning council members....

Carrie Neilson - Chair, Cheryl Cook - Vice - Chair / Treasurer, Robin Izzo - Secretary, Tony Rupnik, Laurielle Allan, Michelle Daly, Julia Eckert, Paul Sebastanielli, and the teacher representatives: B. Pohorly, C. Meesters, C. Hanna, S. Robillard.

As parents here at Glen Ridge, we are encouraged to participate in a variety of ways that would make our school a better place! Parent Council Advisory offers many opportunities throughout the year to assist with the varied number of events we organize to raise monies for the children and the school. This year will be no different, as we continually raise funds to further enhance the school, but more importantly, the experience our children receive at Glen Ridge. The end result should and always will be about ... the kids!!! If you want to come out, help out or have a concern or positive comment about what is happening around the school, please feel free to email me at cgneilson@sympatico.ca.

Just a reminder ... the artisan show will not be held this year instead looking to host it as a bi-annual event (fall 2012), and the silent auction is going to be held on November 11th at the St. Catharines Golf & Country Club (stay tuned for details).

Lastly, please ...whether you help out in a big or little way, please consider volunteering your time. If its council meetings or helping out organizing an event - we can't do this without you! It truly is a wonderful way to help make your child's school experience a positive one. We all have jobs and busy lives! Let's remember that this is for your children and you shouldn't rely on the same people to step up and help out - lets see some new faces out there (I know your there, and welcomed with open arms).

Carrie Neilson
Family Advisory Council Chair

Hot Weather ...

This has been a very hot year.

Please make sure that your daughter / son are prepared to stay safe at school. Hats, sunscreen and lots of water are all helpful to allow your children to be able to enjoy the out of doors.

Also, to help our students "beat the heat" we will be offering cold treats. Chapmans Ice Cream and McNab Distributing, the suppliers of our milk program, have frozen yogurt and fudge flavoured ice milk on a stick that we will be selling. Both products will cost \$1.00 and are trans fat and peanut free. Both will be available after lunch starting Wednesday Septemer 7th, 2011.

A tasty way to "beat the heat".

Dress Code ...

We would like to remind parents and students at both the primary and junior levels of the dress code that was established by the Glen Ridge School Council:

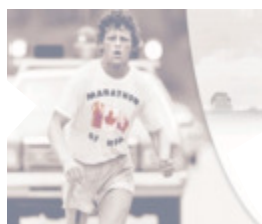
Students at Glen Ridge School are expected to be dressed appropriately in order to reflect the sense of pride that students and parents have in the school.

We request discretion in the choice of t-shirts and clothes, particularly in hot weather. Crop tops, short shorts, mesh tops, muscle shirts and other clothing thought to be inappropriate will not be permitted. Straps must be at least three fingers wide and messages on t-shirts must be respectful. Students are not permitted to wear hats indoors.

Students who come to school dressed inappropriately will be asked to change.

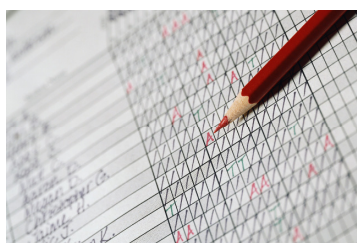


Terry Fox Run ...



Our ninth annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Friday September 30th. This year we are taking "the walk" to Burgoyne Woods where the Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6's will walk to help raise \$ for the Terry Fox Foundation and Cancer Research. After the walk the students will enjoy a pizza lunch—consisting of 2 pieces of pizza, water and a frozen snack. Please note all products will be nut free. The JK/SK students are participating with their activities being held at the school. More information for the JK/SK's will follow. Pledge forms for this important event, will be sent home in the near future.

Student Absences/Lates ...



If your child is going to be late or absent from school, we would appreciate it if you would call the school at (905) 685-9586 and notify Ms. Izzo in the office. Our answering machine is always on if you are calling outside of regular school hours. If your child arrives at school after the morning bell at 8:45 a.m., please remind them to come directly to the office to sign in before going to the classroom. This ensures **the office** will catch all late students and a phone call home won't be made in error.

Soccer

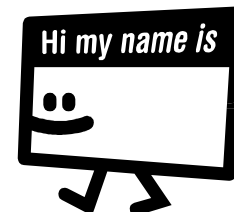
...Ms. Meesters

The Junior Co-ed Soccer Team will begin try-outs on Wednesday, September 7. There will be two more try-outs on Friday the 9th and Monday the 12th. Try-outs will be held during lunch recess, so all interested players must come prepared those days (cleats, shin guards, etc.). This year the team will be participating in a one day tournament on October 3rd at Lester B. Pearson Park. Please remember that as we are playing in a co-ed league, we must have 5 female players on the field at all times. As it is tournament style play, the games are very short (no longer than 20-25 min straight time). That means that the longer the bench is, the less time kids will have on the field. As such, the coaches will be choosing 14 to 16 players for this year's team. We will post the list on Tuesday, September 12th. Thanks in advance to everyone who is trying out. We certainly admire and appreciate your enthusiasm and determination. Those who do not make this year's team, are encouraged to play in the intramural soccer league, starting the week of September 12th.



School Visitors ...

All school visitors are expected to report to the office. If a child is being picked up for an appointment, please report and wait at the office. If you are one of our valuable volunteers, we ask that you sign in the binder on the front counter in the office and take a volunteer tag. Parents picking up their children at lunch or after school are asked to wait outside. Your co-operation in this matter minimizes disruption to the classroom instructional program.



It is also important for children to develop independence and responsibility for themselves and their belongings. By waiting outside for your children, they will then become responsible to get ready to go home with the necessary school items. These measures are for the safety and security of all of our students. Please recognize our concern if we do stop and question you.

Accidents Can Happen ...

Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury? The District School Board of Niagara does not provide medical payment coverage for students. If you have no other coverage it is important that parents/guardians purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been provided to each student to assist you in getting coverage.

Nut Allergies ...



Again this year, we have students in our school who have severe allergies to nuts. Due to the life threatening nature of this food allergy, we would like to keep any potential risk to an absolute minimum.

For the continued safety of these children, we respectfully request that no food containing nuts or nut by-products be sent to school with your child.

We consider the safety of all our students a top priority and we feel confident that you will understand the serious nature of this request. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Cross Country

... Mrs. Robillard

Any students in Grades 3-6 who are interested in being on the Cross-Country team need to meet Mrs. Robillard at 3:30 on Thursday September 8th at the back of the school for the first practice run. The Cross-Country team will meet every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:00 during the month of September and part of October. More information regarding the dates of Cross-Country meets will follow!



Computer Headphones ...

For sanitary reasons, every student is expected to supply their own personal headphones for their use in the computer lab. These headphones can be purchased at most local dollar stores. They will be maintained in a personalized zip lock bag for each student.

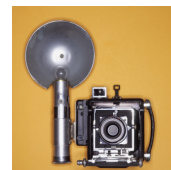
Medication at School ...



As outlined in the District School Board of Niagara policy, staff members are ***not permitted*** to administer medication to students without a written request by parents and a physician's authorization indicating the name, dosage, frequency, time and method of administration of the drug. Forms are available at the office.

Picture Day ...

School photographs will be taken by Edge Imaging Photography on Monday September 26, 2011. This is a "family approval" package, so once photos are processed, a package will be sent home to you and you can purchase any or all of it as per the instructions on the package.



Lost and Found ...

Let's be sure to start off the school year on the right foot. Please identify your child's clothing, outwear, lunch bag and back packs. It only takes a moment to write the name or initials (with permanent marker) on all items. All items that are identified are returned on a regular basis. Last year, Glen Ridge School generously donated several large bags of quality clothing, footwear and lunch bags to local charities. Please encourage your children to be responsible and assist them with the identification of their belongings.



Did You Receive Everything? ...

All students should have brought home these items the 1st day of school:

1. Preprinted Student Information Form—to be checked, corrected if necessary, signed by parent(s) and returned to the homeroom teacher on September 9th, 2011. (***front and back!***)
2. Nettiquette form
3. Lunchroom Procedure Form
4. Student Insurance Forms
5. Meet the teacher BBQ order form (attached to this newsletter).



If you did not receive any of these items, additional forms are available from the office.

Back to School Secrets to Student Organization ...

BACK TO SCHOOL

7 secrets to an organized school year

It's well worthwhile to teach your kids to do things themselves

BRANDIE WEIKLE
PARENTCENTRAL.CA EDITOR

At its best the start of school brings a welcome return to routine, the end of patchwork summer child care and all the possibilities of a fresh pack of pencils.

It also brings the rush to get to school before the bell, the rigour of extracurricular activities and responsibilities of helping with homework and remembering which Friday is Crazy Hair Day.

When things go badly, library books disappear under the couch and bananas compost in backpacks. It's worthwhile to put a few sanity-saving systems in place.

We talked to some organized parents to bring you their secrets to a successful school year.

CREATE A COMMAND CENTRE

Designate one spot in the house

where all sports and school schedules are kept and where forms and other paperwork are handled, says Stacey Crew, mother of two and author of *The Organized Mom*. It doesn't matter whether you have a mudroom wall to spare or just enough shelf space for a binder, says Crew.

What's essential is teaching kids to take important papers out of backpacks and bring them to the same spot each day. **TIP:** Sign permission forms as soon as you see them and return them to the backpack immediately.

PLAN MENUS

Not knowing what's for dinner is "a huge stressor" for busy families, says Lindsay Harris, a mom of two whose company Glow Baby produces organizational products geared at keeping households run-

ning smoothly. "Menu plan so you have all the supplies you'll need for lunches, too, and make those the night before so you're not stressed out trying to get out the door." **TIP:** Trade simple dinner ideas with friends. Just hearing that another family has pancakes for dinner once a week or does a soup-and-sandwich night can be liberating.

ORGANIZE CLOTHES

An important part of making sure mornings go smoothly is ensuring everyone has what they need to get themselves dressed. You don't need anyone having a meltdown because they can't find a matching pair of socks. **TIP:** Set up Monday-to-Friday shelves for each of your children and organize the week's worth of outfits on Sunday.

GET KIDS INVOLVED

Family life coach Laurel Crossley is a big proponent of involving children in simple daily tasks such as getting ready for school in the morning.

"Most parents feel they really need to control everything or it won't get done," she said. But having kids who make their own beds or get dressed on their own alleviates tension, adds Crossley. And they need to learn to do things themselves eventually, right? **TIP:** Your little fashionista might like to pick out her outfit as well as her little brother's each evening. Pre-schoolers can gather everyone's shoes for the next day and put them by the front door.

DO IT THE NIGHT BEFORE

The temptation to hit the couch for well-deserved chill time is great, but anything you do in the evening helps to prevent morning chaos. In addition to lunches and wardrobe selection for the kids, says Harris, make sure homework is packed away. **TIP:** Insist your children do a weekly purge of backpacks. "A lot of kids will use the backpack to store things and really they're meant to transport things," says Crew.

CREATE A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING

School routines happen more smoothly when there are clear spots for essential gear. Crew says she encourages parents to carve out somewhere for backpacks, lunch boxes, coat and boots. **TIP:** "Kids are so much more capable than people give them credit for. You might have to tell them a 100 times but they'll get it eventually and put their stuff there."

EXAMINE THE BIG PICTURE

"Parents want to have their kids doing a lot of activities and we end up overcommitted," says Crew. Lindsay Harris concurs. She designed the Organized Family Calendar so she could get the detail she needed about the week while also seeing the big picture of how much her family has scheduled in a month.

If your kids are constantly asking if they can skip their lessons and practices, it could mean you need to drop an activity or two.

September 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5 <i>Labour Day</i>	6  Back to School	7	8	9 Completed Forms Due to office 
12	13	14 <i>BBQ Orders Due to Office</i>	15	16 <i>School Spirit Day</i> "School Jersey/T-shirt" or blue & yellow colours
19	20	21 <i>Meet the Teacher BBQ</i> 	22 <i>Pizza Day</i>	23 <i>Early Release Day—No School p.m.</i>
26 <i>School Photos</i> 	27 <i>Council Meeting—6:30 p.m. Library</i> 	28 <i>Grade 3—6 to Crawford Lake</i>	29	30 <i>Terry Fox Run—Pizza Lunch provided</i> <i>Character Ed Assembly - p.m.</i>



WELCOME BACK BARBEQUE ORDER FORM

Our annual Welcome Back Barbeque will be held on Wednesday, September 21st, 2011 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. on the school playground.

To help us with estimating the supplies we will need for our barbeque, we ask each family to return an order form *even if you are unable to attend.*

Classrooms will not be open for visitation during this evening.

Please return your order form by **Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 14TH.**

Sincerely,

The Glen Ridge Public School Staff

The _____ family will have _____ members at the Glen Ridge Welcome Back Barbeque. Our oldest child is _____ in home room _____.

Our order is:

_____ hotdogs (all beef) at \$2.00 each	=	_____
_____ cartons of white milk at \$1.00 each	=	_____
_____ cartons of chocolate milk at \$1.00 each	=	_____
_____ bottles of water at \$1.00 each	=	_____
TOTAL (please enclose payment)		\$ _____

Tickets for your order will be available for pick-up by family name the evening of the barbeque.

Salads have been added to make our menu a little more healthy and adult-friendly. However, we do ask that **ANY FOOD PRODUCTS BE NUT-FREE.**

I can make a large _____ salad to donate for the barbeque. (Please send salad servers as well.)

Parent=s Name: _____ Phone: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION.
----- Paper plates, napkins and plastic forks will be provided. -----