

# Glenbrook Elementary School

# Newsletter



April 2016

## Principal's Message:

As we enter into Spring, I am reminded of a Mark Twain quote, "In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours".

Thank you to all those who have been helping neighbours, family and friends cope with our power outages and storm damage. We truly have a wonderful community!

Our teaching community at Glenbrook is also fantastic. Our Grade 7 & 8 teachers are working on a cross panel Math project— Building Innovative Practice. This project is designed to identify specific student learning needs with respect to math and develop a comprehensive teaching strategy to address these needs. This is exciting work for our staff and students as we look forward to positive learning outcomes.

Additionally, our Directions Team and staff are collaborating with our school board Program Consultant to identify school wide student learning needs and develop teaching strategies that will best meet these needs. This work is critical to our students' continued success!

## School Council Meeting:



The next Glenbrook School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13th, 2016, at 6:15 p.m. in the school's staff room.

We invite you to come to hear about all of the wonderful things that are happening at Glenbrook Elementary School. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting. New members are always welcome. Baby sitting is available on site.

## Glenbrook Playground Update ~ Phase 2:



We would like to thank the Glenbrook community for their overwhelming support of Parent Council fundraisers that have allowed us to proceed with the next phase of playground development. The Playground Committee has been meeting to create plans for developing the tree area on the East side of the field into an accessible area with mulch paths and seating for students.

In addition, there are plans to create an outdoor gathering space on the West side of the field which can be used by students at recess and as an outdoor teaching/learning space. Glenbrook is happy to continue to develop our Natural Playgrounds to connect students to their environment in healthy and educational ways.

## World Autism Day—Celebrate on April 4th at Glenbrook

The eighth annual World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2016. Every year autism organizations around the world celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness raising events. This year, global landmarks will light up blue to raise awareness. In Canada the CN Tower will participate by shining blue to shine a light on autism and turn awareness into action. Please join Upper Grand District School Board in our effort to inspire compassion, empowerment and hope by wearing BLUE on Saturday April 2nd 2016. Glenbrook will be recognizing this special day on Monday, April 4th! Wear Blue!

Use #LIUB to share your experience across social media and help light the world up blue this April!

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/liub>

Autism Ontario

Kerry's Place Autism Services



## Concussion Information Session:

Concussions can have a serious effect on a young, developing brain. Proper recognition and response to concussion can prevent further injury and help with recovery. Children and adolescents are among those at greater risk for concussions due to body trauma at any time.

Although falls and motor vehicle accidents are the leading causes of concussion, physical activity and sports can also cause a concussion.

To address the risk of concussion and to assist parents and students to identify the signs and symptoms of concussion, the Board is presenting free workshops to increase awareness.

Wednesday April 20th 7-8:30 pm

Westside SS, Library, 300 Alder St, Orangeville



**Glenbrook Grizzlies Have GRIT!**

## Students Get involved at Glenbrook:

It's Spring time and our students are active and involved! We have just wrapped up Junior Sideline Basketball and Intermediate Hockey. Thank you to our coaches Mr. Long, Mr. Grin, Mr. Ardis, Mrs. Fernandes, Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Squirrel.

Currently, many of our students are signed up and participating in a wide variety of opportunities:

- Me To We
- Office Helpers
- Drama Club/School Play
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Recess Revival
- Skills Canada Club

## Earth Day—Celebrate the Earth:



In April we celebrate Earth week and Earth Day so it is fitting that the environmental theme is all about what we are really trying to protect. We are working together to save our Ecosystems. An Ecosystem is a group of plants and animals living in their own environment of soil, water, air and sun. So, examples are a garden, or a forest, or a lake, or even a fallen, decomposing log.

As humans on planet Earth we have a responsibility to take care of all Ecosystems. We need to have thoughtful, long-range plans on how many forests to cut down and turn into houses or parking lots or factories. We need to think about the long-term effects of turning good farmland into a subdivision. There are more and more people living on this planet every year and we need to make plans on how to give everyone a place to live without destroying our essential Ecosystems. With good planning this can be done.

We need to get outside and learn more about all of the many different Ecosystems on planet Earth and do everything we can to protect them. When we pollute, or destroy habitats, the plants and animals can no longer live there and species become endangered or extinct. When we buy too many things we don't need, or don't buy locally, or use the car too often instead of biking or walking, Climate Change speeds up and Ecosystems can't survive the new temperature changes or flooding or drought. So all the suggestions we have been talking about all year - including turning off the lights, or not wasting water when you brush your teeth, using cloth bags instead of plastic, and reducing, reusing and recycling are really very important. Together we can make a difference!

## Walk To School Day for Earth Day: April 22nd

Please join in the fun and exercise your body and mind. Reduce your carbon footprint in celebration of Earth Day. Leave the car keys at home and walk to school on Friday, April 22nd. All students walking to school will receive a "Green Leaf" for our Earth Day Tree. Please help us to fill our tree!



## Read This Newsletter and Win a Prize!!!

### Win a Kite:

After your family has read this newsletter, please sign and detach this coupon. "Our family" must include at least one parent/guardian who has read the newsletter. This coupon must be placed in the yellow mailbox in the front office at Glenbrook school. A ballot will be drawn from the yellow mailbox each month indicating the winning family for the month. This month's draw will be held on Friday, April 29th, 2016.

**Our family has read the newsletter corresponding to this draw.**

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Dogs at School:



Now that the spring like weather has returned, we are noticing that pet owners are choosing to exercise pets on school property. We kindly ask that you respect the following:

- Please do not bring your dog on to school property when dropping off or picking up children.
- Exercise your dog only outside of school hours.
- Please clean up after your dog every time.

## Litterless Lunch Month:

Glenbrook has applied for ECOSchool status. In order to achieve this goal, we must collect points by demonstrating our commitment to caring for our environment through initiatives and activities at the school and in our community.

In keeping with our Earth Day Theme, our goal will be to make April a litterless lunch month. In this Newsletter, you will find inserts with ideas for packing a litterless lunch for each day of the month. If you can't manage everyday, try picking one day a week to plan for an environmentally friendly lunch! Save money, help the environment, help the planet!



## A Note from the UGDSB Orangeville School Board Trustee—Barb White



I would like to invite families and staff from our UGDSB Orangeville—Dufferin Schools, who have a Facebook page, to “LIKE” my new “**INFORMATION ONLY**” page. This page has been designed to help keep you current on things that are happening within the UGDSB that impact families in the Orangeville/Dufferin County area. It will also highlight events that are happening within our community that have special significance to families within our schools. Please note that this is an **INFORMATION ONLY PAGE** and all comments will be removed. If you need to connect with me concerning a post, please use the message option. You can find my page using “Barb White Trustee”. Thanks! ☺

## Family Math Night:

On Wednesday, May 4th from 5:30-8:00pm the whole family is invited to our Family Math night. This evening will be filled with fun math games and activities for the entire family. These games will promote problem solving strategies, mathematical thinking and basic math skills. Please complete a registration form to let us know you will be joining in the fun. If you need a registration form please contact your child’s teacher or go online at <https://goo.gl/Zgulaf>

## A Message From Ms. Stewart:

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are continuing to read Blue Spruce Books in the library. We are down to our last 2 books. During April, voting will occur at the end of the month for all primary students in the Blue Spruce reading program. We will find out which book students across Ontario and Canada selected as their favourite in May. Students who participated in the Silver Birch and Red Maple programs will also be voting for their favourites and will be attending the Festival of Trees in Toronto in May. Thank you to Parent Council for your support of this reading program. Happy Reading!

## At Glenbrook “Sharing Is Caring”:



April 11 to April 15th will be “Sharing Is Caring” week at Glenbrook. Our “Me To We” student team is planning to have teachers and special guests from our community hand out “sharing is caring” cards to those students who are observed doing nice things at the school and who are being respectful.

This is our 3rd annual event. We are looking forward to having a number of adults in our school and on the yard to recognize the good deeds that our students do. We thank Mrs. Bernard-McCabe and Mrs. Horsley for organizing this event.

## BAG 2 SCHOOL:



On Tuesday, April 5th will be sending home collection bags for you to pack up your gently used clothing and send to Glenbrook for our Bag 2 School Fund Raiser. The clothing will be collected until our pick up date of April 22nd (Earth Day). The school will receive funding according to the total weight of the donated clothing. This is a great time to do your spring cleaning!

## E.Q.A.O. Primary and Junior Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Math:

The students at Glenbrook Elementary School have been preparing for the Education Quality and Accountability Office’s (E.Q.A.O.) Provincial Assessment of Reading Writing and Mathematics throughout the school year.

During the months of May and June, students in Grades 3 and Grade 6 will take part in the Education Quality and Accountability Office’s (E.Q.A.O.) Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. This assessment has been scheduled to take place between May 25th and June 8th, 2016. During the month of April we will be providing further information about this assessment to parents of the Grade 3 and 6 students who complete this assessment.

Students will engage in two 1 hour assessments each day for a three day period. The assessment is designed to be completed within 6 hours. The Grade 3 students will complete the assessment from May 25th to May 27th. The Grade 6 students will complete the assessment on May 30th, May 31st, and June 1st. We ask that the parents of our Grade 3 & 6 students make every attempt to have their child(ren) at school on time for each of the assessment days in order to ensure that your child has the opportunity to complete the assessment. Results of this assessment will be returned to the school in the fall of 2016.



# April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Swimming Grade 3  Litterless Lunch 	2
3	4 Tosa Orders Due 	5 Bag 2 School goes home	6	7 Pizza Day 	8 Local Food Club Orders Due  Swimming Grade 3 	9
10	11 Maple Syrup Trip to Island Lake ~ Gr. 1 students	12 Grade 7 & 8 Vaccinations Hep B & HPV	13 Parent Council Meeting 6:15-7:15  International Day of Pink 	14 Pita Pit 	15 Empowerment Day @ Fergus Rec. Complex Swimming Grade 3 	16
17	18 Jump Rope for Heart 	19	20	21 Pizza Day 	22 <b>GRIT Assembly</b> Earth Day: Walk to School Day Smoothie Day Bag 2 School Pick Up	23
24	25 Rafiki Sales Start Today ~ Me To We	26	27 Dufferin Youth Festival of the Arts Local Food Club Delivery Day Scientists in the school ~ KDGN	28 Pita Pit Pita Day Scientists in the school ~ KDGN	29 Scientists in the School Grades 1-6	30