



Week #8 Glad Park PS E-Bulletin: October 19 - 23

This week was a great week for outdoor learning at Glad Park. Many of our classes are taking advantage of the great weather to do their learning outside! Please ensure your child comes to school dressed to be outside

Our grade 2 and 4 classes welcomed our Sibbald Point Outdoor Education team. Classes spent 100 minute blocks outside learning about the environment and nature from the Outdoor Educator team.

We had a visitor under the porch of Mme Smerek's portable stairs. This is our little owl friend, a Northern Saw-whet. Thank you to the quick actions of our students and staff the owl was taken to a rescue facility in Pefferlaw, Shades of Hope Wildlife Refuge.



Many of our students were creative with their Health and Safety posters about wearing a mask, physical distancing and washing your hands. Thank you for all of your submissions. The next challenge will be to create a 15 second Health and Safety jingle to share on the morning announcements, due to the office Friday October 23. Students can record and share in this [folder](#) or they can submit the jingle to be read on the announcements.

Virtual Curriculum Night - We will have our first Virtual Curriculum Night on Thursday October 22. You will be receiving information from your child's teacher about:

- 1) Google meet link to your child's teacher's session
- 2) Your child's Google Classroom username and password
- 3) Session times

If you have not received information from your child's teacher please call or email your child's teacher to ensure you are connected for this important evening.

Family Virtual Conferences will be held on November 12 - 13th. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and learn more about the classroom. We regret that for health and safety reasons, we are unable to host an event at the school as we normally would, however we look forward to meeting with you virtually.

School Council Fundraising - Our school council has planned for two fundraisers this school year

- 1) **Oliver's Labels** - This is a great way to ensure your child's belongings come home and are easily identified. We have attached more information along with the ordering link: <http://www.oliverslabels.com/gladpark>
- 2) **New Spirit Wear** is on its way. Stay tuned for more information

Resources for parents and families:

Attached - Parents of Black Children Flyer, Parents of Black Children postcard

Supporting Well-Being

- [Tips for Speaking with your Child about COVID-19](#)
- [Mental Health Resources for Students and Families \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Summer 2020 Mental Health Groups](#)

Community Resources

- [Community Resources for Behaviour, Mental Health and Financial Supports](#)

Resources for our Muslim families:

While all YRDSB staff are deeply concerned about the violent effect of Islamophobia and while we condemn these violent acts of hate, we are also committed to taking action to support our Muslim students, staff, and community.

Resources for Educators and Families:

- [Age-Related Reactions to a Traumatic Event National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)
- [Addressing Race and Trauma in the Classroom: A Resource for Educators](#)
- [NCTSN Suggestions for Educators](#)

Culturally Relevant Resources for Emotional Well-Being:

- [Naseeha](#) provides an anonymous, non-judgmental, confidential and toll-free peer support helpline for youth experiencing personal challenges. Naseeha's services are open to all regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, family makeup, social status, income, ability, physical and mental health, and religion.
- [Khalil Center](#) is a psychological and spiritual community wellness center advancing the professional practice of psychology rooted in Islamic principles. Khalil Center utilizes faith-based approaches rooted in Islamic theological concepts while integrating the science of psychology towards addressing psychological, spiritual and communal health

General Supports for Emotional Well-Being:

- [Victim Services of York Region](#) provides crisis counselling and referrals for longer-term support. Advice and support for families and educators on best practices for providing support can be found here.
- [Kids Help Phone](#) provides support for children and youth. Professional counsellors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- [310-COPE](#) provides crisis counselling for all. Professional counsellors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

YRDSB works in partnership with the National Council of Canadian Muslims to counter Islamophobia. Schools may wish to access NCCM's [educational resources and programs](#).

Islamic Heritage Month Learning Resources: :

[Internet Islamic History Sourcebook](#) The Internet History Sourcebooks from Fordham University by Paul Halsall are a collection of public-domain and copyright-permitted historical texts for educational use. Muslim Scientists And Islamic Civilization The focus of this site is on Islamic contributions to science and learning, but there are many useful and informative history-related sections and features.

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UPCOMING DATES:

October 17th - International Day to Erase Poverty

October 22nd - IEPs go home

October 22nd - Fire Drill #2

October 22nd - Virtual Meet the Teacher - more information will follow

October 23th - Spirit Day - Glad Park Dress up day - we have revised this day to be a day where everyone is invited to dress up as they wish - some examples might be...Pajamas, Dressing up Fancy, Crazy hair BE CREATIVE!!!

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Spirit Day Movember TBA stay tuned

November 5th - Fire Drill

November 11th - Remembrance Day

November 12th - Virtual Interviews (3:00 pm to 8:00 pm - tentative)

November 14th - Diwali (Diamond Day)

November 16th - Virtual School Council @ 6:30 pm link will be shared closer to the date

[Meet the Teachers @ Glad Park](#)