



Week #5 Glad Park PS E-Bulletin: September 28 - October 2

Thank you for another great week at Glad Park!!! Here is your weekly update...

Orange Shirt Day will be hosted by Mme Panizales and Ms. Nastasi's grade 8 classes. We invite everyone to wear an orange shirt this Wednesday September 30. To learn more about **Orange Shirt day** visit <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/> and have a conversation with your child about the importance of supporting this initiative.

Terry Fox Run: Thank you to all of our classes for participating in the Terry Fox walk/run this week. It was great to see our students outside being active to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run.

Keep the spirit of giving to the Terry Fox Foundation alive at Glad Park! We would like to thank our families for their contributions to this important cause.

Online donations for Terry Fox can be made through Glad Park's own fundraising page.

Fundraising Page: <http://www.terryfox.ca/GladParkPSSStouffville>

Username: 2020ON1580

Password: CUREON8229

Safe and Caring Schools virtual presentations:

It is important to us that we provide a caring, safe and inclusive environment in our school that supports the academic achievement and well-being of all students. This week Mrs. Dunham and Mrs. Cochrane will be holding virtual assemblies for Kindergarten, Grades 1 to 3, Grades 4 - 6 and Grades 7 to talk about some of the important elements of a caring and safe school. You may want to have a conversation with your child about what they learned and discussed. Topics covered include:

Positive Behaviour

Students are encouraged to demonstrate positive character attributes (such as empathy, courage and respect for human rights and inclusivity). We also discussed standing up for each other in bullying situations and the importance of reporting incidents of bullying, including:

- Telling a caring adult
- Using the YRDSB's "[Report It Button](#)" (located on our school website)
- Contacting [Kids Help Phone](#) (1-800-668-6868)

Student Discipline

We use a progressive discipline approach when inappropriate behaviour occurs. This means we consider a range of options to determine the most appropriate response to each situation to help students learn from their choices. In some cases, suspension or expulsion may be necessary. The Ontario Education Act and our Board Caring and Safe Schools Policy outline the situations in which suspension and expulsion must be considered. These infractions are also outlined in the Guide to the School Year. When inappropriate behaviour occurs, information will be shared with the victim and parents/guardians of the victim to the extent that legislation allows.

Tobacco/Alcohol/Drug-Free Environment

The use of tobacco, electronic products (such as vaping, electronic cigarettes and cigars and related products) and/or student possession of alcohol/illegal and restricted drugs, including cannabis, are prohibited on school property or within 20 metres of

school boundaries. This also applies during Board or school-sponsored events and activities. This is in compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which is enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services and the Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environment Policy and Procedure. A progressive form of discipline, including suspension from school and fines (up to \$5,000), is in place for students who break the law. In accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (SFOA), exceptions are made for the traditional use of tobacco that forms part of Indigenous culture and spirituality.

We also discussed the potential harms associated with vaping and e-cigarettes, including that e-cigarettes can contain nicotine, formaldehyde and other harmful chemicals, and are being used to inhale other harmful substances such as marijuana, weight loss supplements and other drugs. [Partnership for Drug Free Kids also provides a resource on how to talk to your kids about vaping.](#)

Appropriate Use of Technology

Students were reminded about the Appropriate Use of Technology agreement, including the importance of using respectful language and making positive choices when using electronic communications and social media tools.

Students were reminded that threats made online are taken seriously and may have serious consequences, including potential criminal charges. Where there are concerns for the safety of students, staff, community members or Board property, the school board works closely with York Regional Police and appropriate actions are taken. The safety and well-being of students remains our top priority.

For More Information

For more details on each of these items, please read the Guide to the School Year or visit the [Caring and Safe Schools](#) section on the YRDSB website for details and resources for families to continue the conversation.

Thank you for helping us create a safe, respectful and inclusive school community.

Enjoy the warm sunny weekend ahead!