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Administrators' Message

While it still doesn't quite feel like it outside, Spring is indeed here, and we now enter the final three months of the school year, our busiest time. As a school, we continue to work in the areas of math, modern learning and well-being, while at the same time, planning for the 2018-2019 school year has begun.



This past month we were very busy with many memorable events at the school, including our Light It Up Blue Campaign for World Autism Awareness Week and our school band went to Music Alive and brought home Gold. Congratulations!

Mrs. Bruno
Proud Principal of
Glenn Gould Public School



Please Avoid Our EQAO Administration Dates

Between May 22nd 2018 and June 4th 2018 students in Grade 3 and Grade 6 will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1-3) and Junior Division (Grades 4-6). This assessment is administered to all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students in Ontario's publicly funded school system by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario.

While the exact dates for the administration of Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division and Junior Division are still being finalized for the school, we would kindly ask that you avoid planning appointments, vacations or breaks that may make your child absent during this two week period. Our thanks, in advance.



Safe Arrival Program

Through a directive from the Ministry of Education and Training, all School Boards are to implement a safe arrivals program in their schools. The York Region District School Board has been working very closely with the York Regional Police to ensure the safety of our students. The safe arrival program at Glenn Gould P.S. depends on parents notifying the office in the event their child is late for school or absent from school.



All parents and guardians are reminded to please call the school **(905) 417-4517 option #7 (attendance line)** if their child is going to be absent or late. You may leave a message on the answering machine. Please leave your child's last and first name, teacher's name, and the reason for the absence. The school will take the following steps if a child's absence from school remains unknown:

Step One:

Call the student's home.

Step Two:

If there is no answer, the school will call the parents/guardians at work or their cell phones.

Step Three:

If there is no response, the school will call the emergency contact person.

Step Four:

If the contact person cannot be reached then **the school will notify the York Regional Police that a child is missing.**

Please remember to call the school if your child will be late or absent, especially in the event of a religious holiday.

You may be interested to know that the secretary often spends over an hour daily following up on the numerous unreported absences. Each year we contact York Regional Police to assist in finding a 'missing child'. In each case the child is found with his/her parent. Please help out by being conscientious about phoning the school when your child is going to be absent or late. Our phone lines are available 7 days, 24 hours.

Twitter has arrived at GGPS!

Our school also launched its own Twitter account to keep our community informed.

Please follow us

@glenn Gouldps

for up to date information and celebrations of events happening at GGPS!



Summer Institute

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? [Summer Institute](#) offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum. The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 11 school sites around York Region.



For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) page on www.yrdsb.ca.

Registration opens March 7, 2018. Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.

Base Registration Weekly Fees:

York Region District School Board students:
\$105 (4 day weeks) \$120 (5 day weeks)

Non- York Region District School Board students: **\$130 (4 day weeks) \$155 (5 day weeks)**

Parking Lot, Bus Loop and Street Safety

Like you, we plan on your child arriving to and from school safely. For this purpose, the Board has provided the school with two separate driveways. **On the South side of the school, is a “Kiss’N Ride” loop for parents.** The parking spaces in the “Kiss’N Ride” loop are for school staff only. **On the East side of the school, is a “Bus Loop” for school buses and taxis.** Parents are asked not to use this loop for student pick-up, drop-off or for parking. Do not park your vehicle at the front of the school at any time. There is plenty of parking on many of the side streets for up to 3 hours. Feel free to park and walk your child over to our school.

Some students are not eligible for bussing while others are, as they live within the Board mandated walking distances. **We strongly encourage you to walk your child to and from school.**

Kiss N’ Ride and Bus Loop

The “**Kiss’N Ride**” loop is identified by signs and designated for parents and family members picking-up or dropping-off children. Please do not drop off students on Vellore Park Ave or Highmark Dr., as it is not safe for students to walk through a Kiss N’ Ride or Bus Loop.

We are asking parents to follow the rules below when using the Kiss n’ Ride Loop:

1. Arrive to school between 8:50 a.m. and 9:00 a.m..
2. Drive all the way through the loop and only drop off your children in the Drop-Off zone. Please see map.
3. Pull all the way up into the drop off zone—8 - 10 cars can drop off at the same time.
4. Please maintain your cue, and avoid passing/overtaking cars already in a cue. Please move up your car as space become available in the cue.
5. Students should have their backpacks ready on their laps.
6. To ensure a quick and safe drop-off or pickup, **parents are not to get out of the vehicle.**
7. Students are to exit from the passenger side of the vehicle ONLY.
8. Students should never walk through the parking lot or bus loop.
9. **End of day Pick-Up: You will have to circle the loop, exit onto Highmark and re-enter the loop if your child is not ready for pick-up at the end of the day.**
10. Park your car on the street if you have younger children who need assistance (in order to reduce congestion in the drop off zone).
11. Use your signal to merge when exiting the drop off zone.
12. Please follow instructions given by Glenn Gould staff monitoring the parking lot.

We need your cooperation to ensure the safety of all students, parents and staff.



Kindergarten Registration Continues



Kindergarten registration started Friday, January 19, 2018 for the 2018-2019 school year, and has continued since that day. Families may register their child(ren) by visiting the school main office from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and completing the required documents. Please bring the following supporting documents (originals required) when registering your child(ren):

- Proof of child's age (Birth Certificate/Passport)
- Proof of your child's address - two documents, one from each of the categories below showing the home address;
- Category A - notice of tax assessment, current rental/lease agreement, agreement to purchase including proof of purchase provided before the pupil attends the school, or property tax bill, and
- Category B - utility bill, bank statement or other official document.

Note: Family living with relatives or friends must provide a letter of residency from the friend/relative, a property tax bill, and one utility bill in the name of the friend/relative.

Please feel free to contact the school should you have any questions about Kindergarten registration.

We look forward to meeting your family soon!

We Need Your Help in Projecting Enrollment for the School!

Our school is well underway in planning for 2018 - 2019. In some respects, the work we do now in the offices is especially important, because our accuracy with anticipated enrollment helps us better plan, and optimistically, minimizes the need to move students across classes ('reorganize') in September.

We would ask our community for its help in this work. If you know you will be moving out of the area in the months ahead, please let the office know as soon as possible, to help us be accurate with our enrollment estimates. Similarly, if you have a child who will be joining us at the school for the first time in Junior Kindergarten and have yet to register, we would ask you to do so at your earliest convenience. And if you meet someone moving into the community, encourage them to register sooner rather than later!



Thank you for your support with our school planning.

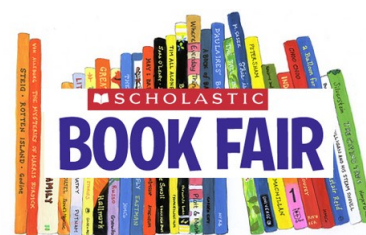
Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

York Region District School Board is revisioning its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd. Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 8 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd. Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd. Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill

Scholastic Book Fair is coming....

Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!!! We continue to promote reading to our students by having a Book Fair this month. The latest and greatest in children's literature will be available for purchase. By purchasing books and supporting our Book Fair, you enable our school to obtain new resources and support our library and classroom programs.



There is also a Family Event Draw where you can win \$25.00 worth of books for your family and another \$25.00 for your child's classroom. The fair will be set up in the school Library.

The dates and times are as follows:

Previews for all grades: Monday, April 16th to Wednesday, April 18th - expect your child to come home with a completed "wish list".

Purchasing days: Thursday, April 19th and Friday, April 20th – we accept cash, cheque (made out to Glenn Gould Public School) debit and/or credit.

***The book fair will be open to parents on Thursday, April 19th from 3:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Thank you for encouraging your child to read. We look forward to seeing everyone for this amazing event.

Monthly Wellness Tip

It's your head – use it!

Head injuries are the leading cause of serious injury and death to kids on wheels. Wearing a properly fitted, certified helmet can reduce the risk of serious head injury by 85 per cent. Children and youth under 18 years of age are required by law to wear a helmet when bicycling. Helmets must fit properly to protect your child in the event of a crash.



Remember the 2V1 Shake, Shake, Shake rule:

2: The helmet should cover the top of your child's head and sit two finger widths above his or her eyebrows. A helmet that is too big will not provide proper protection

V: Adjust the side straps so they form a V-shape under your child's ears

1: Only one finger should fit between your child's chin and the fastened straps Shake, Shake, Shake: Have your child shake his or her head up and down and side to side to make sure the helmet is snug.

Skateboarding safety

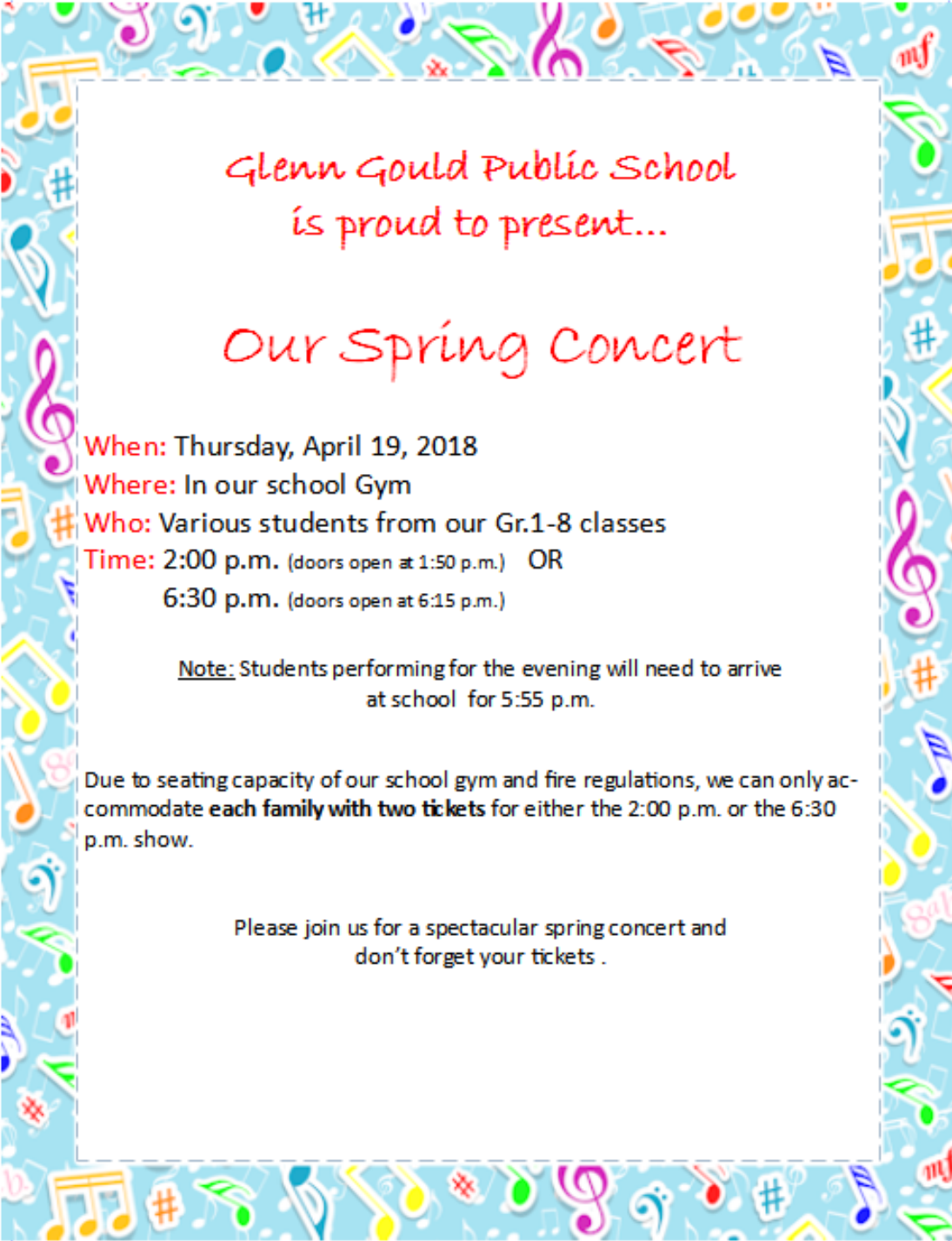
Skateboarding is a great way for children to be physically active. However, it involves a tricky combination of balance, coordination and speed on hard surfaces, so there is always the risk of injury. Injuries from falls are common due to a child's limited judgment skills and strength, and the challenge of maneuvering a skateboard on pavement. Younger children have slower reaction times and a higher centre of gravity, and children and youth who skateboard in the street are at an increased risk of being hit by motor vehicles.



Tips:

Always supervise children between the ages of five to 10 Make sure children wear skateboard helmets and other protective gear such as elbow pads, knee pads and wrist guards Go to a supervised skate park, or find places for your child to ride such as playgrounds, parks and rinks with smooth surfaces, far away from cars

For more information, visit york.ca/injuryprevention. This material is provided by York Region Public Health.



Glenn Gould Public School
is proud to present...

Our Spring Concert

When: Thursday, April 19, 2018

Where: In our school Gym

Who: Various students from our Gr.1-8 classes

Time: 2:00 p.m. (doors open at 1:50 p.m.) OR

6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:15 p.m.)

Note: Students performing for the evening will need to arrive
at school for 5:55 p.m.

Due to seating capacity of our school gym and fire regulations, we can only accommodate **each family with two tickets** for either the 2:00 p.m. or the 6:30 p.m. show.

Please join us for a spectacular spring concert and
don't forget your tickets .

Wellness Week is coming to GGPS

Our student's well-being or mental, physical, or nutritional well-being is a priority for Glenn Gould. We have a Wellness team that includes Teachers, Administrators, Non-teaching staff, students and parents. The team has worked diligently to provide wellness related activities for the students (e.g., Monday Mantras, Wellness Wednesdays, The Big Crunch, Glenn Gould Proud, etc...).



Health & Wellness 2018

The team is also very excited about our upcoming Wellness week, April 23rd to April 27th. The week is filled with activities that enhance the programs already in place. The activities include an anxiety workshop for the Grade 8's, a full day of activities on Wednesday, April 25th that will provide learning about mental wellness (e.g., coping with stress, learning to relax), nutritional (e.g., healthy snack, dental hygiene and hand-washing) and physical wellness (e.g., Karate, Fitness Instruction, Dance, and Yoga). The classes will rotate through a variety of stations throughout the day. The week will end with a closing ceremony assembly where we will share all the learning and celebrate together. We are so looking forward to this opportunity for the students and staff.

ECO Team News for April

The Eco team has a busy month planned in April. The collection of MILK bags was so successful that we decided to join the "Shopping Bag" Challenge. We are asking our school community to send in your plastic shopping bags. We are competing against other schools in the Vaughan area. Please send in your plastic bags starting April 16th until April 20th. Thank you for your support.



Earth Day is April 22nd, a day where people all over the world think about ways that they can help the environment. Glenn Gould is very committed to helping the environment and has a special week (April 23rd- April 27th) of Eco activities planned. We encourage everyone to join the Walk to school challenge and walk to and from school each day. A Prize and the "Golden Shoe" will be awarded to the class with the most walkers. The team will continue to weave the "MILK" bag blanket. Thank you to everyone for sending your MILK bags to school. The whole school will engage in Eco themed art during our Wellness Day (on April 25th). The Eco team will build bird feeders using recycled materials, clean up the garden and plant vegetables. The entire school will join together and pick up garbage around the school community. We are participating in Vaughan's 20 Minute Make-over. We hope that you can continue our effort to help the environment by cleaning up the garbage in the area around your home.

We are very proud of the efforts of Mrs. Monsier's grade 6 class who developed and painted a banner on Global Warming for Vaughan City Hall's Earth hour competition. Earth Hour was celebrated all around the world on March 24th. Glenn Gould did our part on Friday, April 23rd and turned off all non-essential lights for an hour. We recorded a significant savings in energy consumption in just one hour.



**This is an important document.
Please take it to someone who can explain it to you.**

Arabic:	هذه وثيقة مهمة. يرجى منك أخذها لشخص يستطيع شرحها لك.
Chinese:	这是一份重要文件。 请您将它拿给可以向您解释此文件的人。
Farsi:	این مدرک مهم است. لطفاً آنرا نزد شخصی که بتواند در مورد آن به شما توضیح دهد ببرید.
Gujarati:	આ એક અગત્યનું દસ્તાવેજ છે. મહેરબાની કરી તે કોઇ પાસે લઇ જાઓ જે આપને સમજાવી શકે.
Hebrew:	מסמך זה חשוב מאוד. אנא קחו אותו למישהו שיוכל להסביר לכם אותו.
Hindi:	यह एक महत्वपूर्ण दस्तावेज़ है. कृपया इसे किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति को दिखाएँ जो इसे आपको समझा सके .
Khmer:	នេះគឺជាឯកសារដ៏សំខាន់មួយ។ សូមយកវាទៅអ្នកណាម្នាក់ដែលអាចជួយពន្យល់វាឱ្យលោកអ្នក។
Korean:	이것은 중요한 문서입니다. 내용을 설명해줄 수 있는 분에게 보여드리십시오.
Punjabi:	ਇਹ ਇੱਕ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਹੈ . ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸਨੂੰ ਕਿਸੀ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਕੋਲ ਲੇ ਜਾਓ ਜੋ ਇਸਨੂੰ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਝਾ ਸਕੇ.
Romanian:	Acest document este foarte important. Apelati la cineva care va poate ajuta sa-l intelegeti.
Russian:	Это важный документ. Пожалуйста, обратитесь к кому-либо, кто сумеет Вам его разъяснить.
Spanish:	Este es un documento importante. Lléveselo a alguien que pueda explicárselo.
Tamil:	இது ஒரு முக்கிய ஆவணம். தயவுசெய்து இதனை உங்களுக்கு விளங்கப்படுத்தக்கூடிய யாராவது ஒருவரிடம் எடுத்துச் செல்க.
Urdu:	یہ ایک اہم دستاویز ہے۔ براہ مہربانی اسے اس فرد کے پاس لے جائیں جو آپ کیلئے اس کی وضاحت کر سکے۔
Vietnamese:	Tài liệu này quan trọng. Xin đưa tài liệu này cho người nào có thể giải thích nội dung cho quý vị rõ.