



Glenn Gould Headliner

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Administrators' Message

First, we would like to tell students, parents and guardians how excited and happy we are to be at Glenn Gould P.S. You have a beautiful facility and from what we have seen so far, a bright and respectful student body.

We would like to take this time to wish everyone all the best for a happy and successful new school year at Glenn Gould. We anticipate the 2017-2018 school year to be a memorable one for all of us. We look forward to the active involvement of our parents, volunteers and School Council in our efforts to provide a well-rounded educational experience for all our students.

We will continue to ensure that Glenn Gould P.S. is a nurturing, dynamic and inclusive school community.

Teachers have been in the school throughout August to prepare their classrooms for the school start and they all look fantastic. Our caretakers have been working hard all summer to ensure that everything was just right for the first day of school and it was. Sincere thanks also to our office staff who have been here working tirelessly to register new students, create class lists, speak with parents and generally do whatever was needed to make the start of the school year a positive one.

We have an incredible staff with expertise in so many areas. Our teachers and support staff are enthusiastic, talented and very eager to work with you and your children.

One of the greatest indicators for students' academic success in school is the involvement of parents in their education. At Glenn Gould, we encourage the participation of parents in our school community. We encourage volunteers, membership in the School Council, involvement in parent workshops, ongoing communication through agendas, grade and school newsletters, notes, phone calls, meetings and a variety of technology. Go over your child's assignments through their agenda and the various communication tools teachers are using. Especially important is taking the time to read to and with your child often. Even intermediate students enjoy being read to.

We look forward to meeting all of you personally at the curriculum evening Thursday, October 12, 2017 from 7:00—8:00 p.m. and throughout the year.

Mrs. Beck
Acting Principal

Mr. Tran
Vice Principal

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Glenn Gould PS Staff List 2017-2018

The tentative school organization for the 2017-2018 school year is listed below. **Please note that there may be changes later in September to ensure compliance with class sizes as set by the Ministry of Education. You will be informed of any changes to your child's class placement by the school.**

Name	Grade		
Ms. Schafer / Ms. Tourountzas	JK/SK	Ms. Tasciotti	French
Ms. Arduini / Ms. Richards	JK/SK	Mr. Alexandru	French
Ms. Patience / Ms. Stalteri	JK/SK	Ms. Papaleo	Library/Literacy
		Mr. DiLecce	ELL / Reading Recovery
		Mr. Bow	Music
Ms. Malfara	1	Ms. Baldwin	EA
Ms. Marsilio	1	Ms. Zappa	EA
Ms. Sestito	2	Ms. Virginillo	EA
(replaced by Ms. Guaragna)		Ms. Raouda	CYW
Ms. Persicone	2/3	Mrs. Lombardo	Office Admin. Assistant
Ms. Awal	3	Mrs. D'Aversa	SAS
Ms. Chavez	3/4	Mr. Legere	Lead Caretaker
Ms. Harron (Gifted Program)	4	Ms. Decaire	Caretaker
Ms. Boshan	4/5	Mr. Regno	Caretaker
Ms. Verri	5		
Ms. Mancuso	5/6	Mrs. Beck	Principal
Ms. Monsier	6	Mr. Tran	Vice-Principal
Mr. Raynor	7		
Ms. Pearl	7		
Mr. Vilardo	8		
Ms. Rowe	8		
Ms. Iaboni	Community Class		
Ms. Stuart	Primary SERT		
Ms. McDonnell	Junior SERT		
Ms. Jackson	Senior SERT		

Dates to Remember...

September

- 5 First Day of School
- 25 PA Day—no school for students
- 28 School Council Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

October

- 9 Thanksgiving—No School
- 12 Curriculum Night (7:00—8:00 p.m.)
- 13 Photo Day
- 20 PA Day—No School

School Day

Daily Schedule

- Supervision Begins 8:50 am
- Entry Bell 9:00 am
- Instructional Time 9:05-10:45 am
- Morning Recess 10:45-11:05 am
- Instructional Time 11:05-12:45 pm
- Lunch 12:45-1:45 pm
- Instructional Time 1:45-3:25 pm
- Dismissal 3:25 pm

Anaphylaxis Safety

As a friendly reminder, students are asked to avoid bringing products containing peanuts to school. There are students who have serious, life-threatening allergic reactions to peanuts called anaphylaxis. Please take a moment to read food labels to ensure that the product is indeed peanut-free. Thank you for helping to keep Glenn Gould PS students safe!



Student Accident Insurance

Early in September, all students will receive an IA Financial insurance form. There is always a potential risk of injury with field trips, competitive sports, and other student activities on and off school grounds. Accident Insurance helps parents pay for unexpected expenses arising from accidents. Please take some time to review the insurance information. If you have any questions or, if you have not received an info package, please be sure to contact the school.

Medication Required ?

The safety of our students is paramount. Please let the office know of any medical conditions or allergies that affect your child by completing the Emergency Form. This form is available in the office. It is a good idea to mention any significant health issues to your child's homeroom teacher.



Children who need to take medication at school require a **Request for Administration of Oral Medication Form** signed by the parent before the medication can be given. If your child requires medication during the school day please speak to the Secretary in the office.

Transportation

Information regarding your child's bus is automatically uploaded according to your home address and is the same information that you can obtain on the website:



www.schoolbuscity.com.

If your child is eligible for bussing and you do not wish to take advantage of transportation, please notify the office so that we may remove the bussing information from our records.

2017-2018 School Calendar and Professional Activity Days

School Holidays

Labour Day - Monday, September 4, 2017
 Thanksgiving Day - Monday, October 9, 2017
 Winter Holiday - Monday, December 26, 2017 to Friday, January 5, 2018
 Family Day - Monday, February 19, 2018
 Mid-Winter Break - Monday, March 12, 2018 to Friday, March 16, 2018
 Good Friday - Friday, March 30, 2018
 Easter - Monday, April 2, 2018

2017-2018 PA Days

Monday, September 25, 2017
 Friday, October 20, 2017
 Friday, November 24, 2017

Friday, January 19, 2018
 Friday, February 2, 2018
 Monday, June 4, 2018
 Friday, June 29, 2018



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. Alternatively, you may inform the school in person about your child's 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.

Before/After School and Daycare

York Region District School Board has approved Among Friends Child Care as the daycare provider for our school. The program is offered from 7:00 am until school begins and again from school dismissal until 6:00 pm. It is open to students in JK to 12 years old.

If you require information, they can be reached at (905) 417-1970. Please leave your name, phone number and a brief message. Staff will respond within 24 hours of your call.

You can also access their website at:

www.amongfriendschildcare.com

Food and Celebration

Glenn Gould Public School is proud to celebrate different events at various times of the year. We would like to continue these celebrations, however, we must adhere to board and school policies that include Equity and Inclusivity Policy #260 and Anaphylaxis Policy #661.0.

Parents are reminded that teachers **will not accept** the distribution of any gifts (e.g., pencils, gift wrapped packages, candy, etc.) and/or any food products. This includes birthdays and any other events. If parents send these items to school, they will be returned with your child.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

We Need YOU!

Glenn Gould Public School Council Nominations

Are you interested in being a part of our School Council? Your participation can make a difference by strengthening our community partnerships. Our School Council will meet on the council approved dates for this year beginning on September 28, 2017. Meetings are held in the library at 7:00 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome! You do not have to be a member of the School Council to attend meetings.

According to the Ministry of Education Regulation 612.0 and in accordance with Board Policy 262, I formally give notice that nominations are now open for our School Council. Please submit nominations by Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., however, we will accept them up until 7:00 p.m. in an effort to accommodate individual schedules.

Once parents have been elected to the School Council, those parents will then elect the Executive of the School Council. The elections of the School Council Executive will be held at our first School Council meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in our library (also referred to as learning commons).

School Council Chair:

- Acts as a liaison between parents and the Principal/Vice-Principal.
- Plans meeting agendas with the Principal.
- Works with other parents on the council to achieve council goals.

Secretary:

- Takes notes during the meeting.
- Distributes notes to the other members.

Treasurer:

- With administrative assistant, develops a financial report for council funds
- Ensures that administrative assistant is aware of upcoming council contributions/expenditures
- Shares financial report with council

Members at Large:

- Attend school council meetings on a regular basis.
- Provide input during meetings.
- Lend support when available.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact the school. If you are interested in becoming a member of the School Council please complete the 'School Council Nomination Form' found as part of the School Start-up forms. Please return all completed forms to the office.

A message from our Trustee - Linda Aversa

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families. This is an exciting time of year and I hope you are starting this new school year as trustees are - with optimism and a commitment to working together to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

An important part of that commitment is working together with staff members, families and communities to ensure our schools provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. This takes on increasing importance given recent local and global events. We take pride in the diversity of our communities and will continue striving to uphold the values of equity and inclusivity in our system.

Trustees have had a busy summer, welcoming our new Human Rights Commissioner and beginning the process for selecting a new Director of Education as we continue to move forward implementing the Minister's Directions.

An important part of the director selection process includes collecting input from students, staff, families and community members - input that will be used to shape the job description, interview questions and more. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts through the survey available in September. We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses.

Our schools are stronger when we work in collaboration with families and communities. Partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving the goals we have for our students, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get engaged with the school and your child's learning this year.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

Each year cases of pediculosis (head lice) are found throughout our schools. In an effort to reduce the numbers of cases found and decrease the inconvenience to parents/guardians and students, the York Region District School Board requests your assistance. As your child is now returning to school after the holidays, please inspect his/her hair and scalp for pediculosis. Periodic inspections during the year will help prevent the spread of head lice. Head lice are tiny (1/8" or 3mm long) wingless insects with flattened bodies. They cling to the hair by means of six legs. They live mostly behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. The female lays tiny, yellowish-white eggs called nits. They resemble dandruff but are attached to the hair by a cement-like material and are very difficult to remove. It is usually the eggs that are noticed first. If head lice are found, do not return your child to school until treated. This will prevent the spread of pediculosis. Children will be sent home and will need to remain at home if live lice are present in the hair. For more information, please call the Public Health Nurses at York Region Health Services Health Connection line, 1-800-363-5653, (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).

Start-Up Packages

This week, you should have received the School Start-Up Package which includes student forms based upon YRDSB policies and procedures. More information about YRDSB policies and procedures can be found at www.yrdsb.ca. If you have yet to return the start-up package, please do so as soon as possible. Please let the office know about any changes to your contact information over this year.

Volunteering at Glenn Gould PS

Parents, guardians, and adult community members are invited to volunteer throughout the school. If you have an interest in working with children, and are available to volunteer, please contact the school office at 905-417-4517. We look forward to hearing from you.





**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.