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Administrators' Message



February was a great first month for me at Glenn Gould Public School. The staff, students and families welcomed me and made the transition to Principal at Glenn Gould Public School a very successful one. Thank you!

This past month we were very busy with many memorable events at the school, including a visit from Tommy Douglas Secondary School to chat with our grade 8 students, National Sweater Day emphasizing our commitment to being responsible in our energy usage, our first family movie night and Pink Shirt Day, in support of anti-bullying. We have also had very dedicated Grade 8 students working on fundraising for Graduation and Technology. 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!



March is looking equally busy with many school events being prepared and planned including celebrating World Autism Day with a week long of events during March 26 to 29th. The event will end on March 29th, where we encourage everyone to wear blue to help the world "Light it Up Blue" for World Autism Day.

I wish everyone a wonderful month ahead and an enjoyable March Break.

Mrs. Bruno
Proud Principal of
Glenn Gould Public School

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Peanut-Free Classroom



Please do not bring any peanuts or products containing peanuts into classroom.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.



While we take every step to create a safe environment, school staff and parents can take important steps to minimize potentially fatal allergic reactions as there are implications for the whole school, not just individual classrooms. Several of our students have severe allergic reactions if they come in contact with certain allergens. Even a trace amount or airborne particles can trigger a reaction. **Please ensure that your child does not bring in any nut snacks.** Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Eco Thought for March

"Turning off Computers and Monitors"

Technology is used to complete many everyday tasks. It has in many ways transformed the way we share and gather information, and complete our work. The act of turning on a computer means electricity is being consumed. In an effort to be more eco-friendly, let's work together to turn off computers and monitors when they are not needed. Some computers have a "sleep mode"; it might be a good idea to activate this feature when you are away from your computer.



Please know that we make efforts to be eco-friendly when using computers at Glenn Gould PS. Your support with this initiative is appreciated!

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 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.

Additional information about Kindergarten registration may be found by following this link:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Kindergarten/Pages/default.aspx>

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



We look forward to meeting your family soon!

School Council News

The School Council has been diligently working to organize parent engagement activities for the Glenn Gould PS community. One recent initiative is the offering of "Positive Parenting" workshops at our school. These workshops have been well received by attendees. There will be another one—the last of a three part series—on the topic of "Raising Resilient Children" being held on Wednesday, March 28 from 6:30—8:30 p.m.. Please plan to attend this informative workshop.



The School Council will be meeting on Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m.. Please consider joining us at this meeting as we discuss topics such as fundraising, parent engagement activities, and supporting the school's instructional programs. We look forward to seeing you there!

Family Movie Night

Glenn Gould PS held its first Family Movie Night on February 15, 2018. The event provided an opportunity for families to come to the school and enjoy a movie. Lots of fun was had by both the students and their parents/guardians.



Did you know that the idea of a Family Movie Night was started by a small group of dedicated, committed Grade 8 students? These students wanted to find a way to engage the community through a fun, family-friendly activity while fundraising for their graduation event; their collective efforts led to the idea of a Family Movie Night. With guidance from their teachers, the students were able to make their idea turn into reality. Other Grade 8 students quickly became involved in this event through their volunteer efforts. The planning and thinking behind this event speaks loudly to why we are so Glenn Gould proud of our students—they make a difference every day in their own way!

Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

York Region District School Board is revising 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

Winter Weather and Bus Cancellation

If the condition of the roads necessitates the cancellation of bus service, local radio stations will be informed as early as possible and will broadcast this information to the community. **Please be advised that if buses are cancelled in the morning they will not run after school—regardless of the weather.** Review your plans as to what your children will do in the event of late buses or cancellations. The following radio stations announce cancellations:

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| AM 590 | AM 640 | AM 680 | AM 1010 | AM1050 | AM 1530 |
| AM 1540 | | | | | |
| FM 88.5 | FM 90.3 | FM 92.5 | FM 93.1 | FM 97.3 | FM 98.1 |
| FM 99.9 | FM 100.7 | FM 104.5 | | | |

Information about bus cancellations can also be found on the website www.schoolbuscity.com will also share about closing.

Should your child(ren) be absent from the school due to bus cancellation, please call the school to report the absence. This phone call will help ensure that your child’s attendance is accurately noted in our records.



Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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.



Monthly Wellness Tip Handwashing

Children share many items throughout the school day and at home including books, toys, computers, puzzles, water bottles and sports equipment. Sharing can spread germs that can cause sickness, especially during cold and flu season. Correct handwashing is the best way to prevent the spread of infection.



Follow these simple steps to help stay healthy:

- Sneeze into the bend of your arm rather than into hands
- Wash hands before eating and after using the bathroom, nose blowing, sneezing, handling garbage, touching animals, playing outdoors and visiting someone who is sick
- Wash hands whenever they look or feel dirty.



Together we can take simple steps to help stop the spread of infection! Read more about preventing infections and proper handwashing at York.ca/infectionprevention York Region Public Health 1-800-361-5653 or TTY 1-866-512-6228

SCHOOL ZONES WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Winter can be a treacherous time for drivers and pedestrians. Follow these tips to help keep our school zones safe for children this winter during changing weather conditions and general daily drop-off and pick-up chaos.

PLEASE DO:

- ✓ Park in designated spots.
- ✓ Keep sidewalks shoveled and salted.
- ✓ Keep fire routes clear for emergency services.
- ✓ Use the Kiss and Ride area to avoid causing traffic congestion on city streets.
- ✓ **Obey crossing guards!**
Drivers must wait until the guard has cleared the intersection and lowers their sign before moving into the intersection.
- ✓ Come to a complete stop at stop signs and pedestrian crossing areas.

PLEASE DO NOT:

- ✗ Do not block school or residence driveways, pedestrian crossings, intersections or roads.
- ✗ Do not shovel snow or ice onto the road.
- ✗ Do not allow child to climb over snow banks when exiting car.
- ✗ Do not park beside snow banks that are protruding from the curb as this creates a danger by narrowing the roadway.
- ✗ Do not park in **NO PARKING** or **NO STOPPING** zones. Please look for signs.
- ✗ Do not speed, make u-turns or be distracted while driving in school zones.



By-law related concerns such as illegal parking can be reported to By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services at:

- Email: bylaw@vaughan.ca
- Phone: 905-832-2281

For City of Vaughan snow removal concerns, contact the SNOW hotline at:

- Email: snow@vaughan.ca
- Phone: 905-879-SNOW (7669)



Report aggressive or unlawful driving behaviour to York Regional Police Road Watch.



This is an online reporting system where you can report vehicles who may be failing to stop at stop signs, distracted driving or speeding. To create a report, you need the licence plate of the offending vehicle and have a valid email address.





**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 מאד. 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 சொல்க.
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.