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Administrators' Message

The safety of our staff and students is of primary importance to us at Glenn Gould. If there is no space to pull in when you are picking up your child, please go around a second or third time. When you have room to pull in at the curb kindly go as far forward as the pylons and keep moving forward as cars ahead of you pull out. Please don't call your children to come to you in the drive through lane or in the parking lot. It is extremely dangerous and supervising staff will not allow them to leave the sidewalk. We understand that everyone is busy and that having to drive through a second time is inconvenient, but we cannot allow students to walk between cars to get to you. In addition to your children's safety, it holds the other cars up and causes gridlock.

Please cooperate with us and the staff on duty and follow the rules. We would like to thank the many many parents who continue to follow our 'drop-off and pick-up' rules. Safety is our foremost concern. Setting a positive example for our children is also important.

It has been a busy two months. We had a very successful Terry Fox walk on September 28th and raised close to \$2,000.00 for cancer research.

On October 20th School Council sponsored Fuel for Kids, a fundraising fun fair at Fortino's Supermarket. Featured were face painting and henna, candy floss and popcorn, balloon creatures and a clown in addition to games, hot dogs, hamburgers and samosas. A good time was had by all.

We had a 'walk to school challenge' during the week of October 23rd and a 'lights out' for an hour on Oct. 20th. Our first Character Assembly was on October 27th highlighting 'Respect and Responsibility.'

On October 31st, staff and students alike dressed up for Halloween. The younger grades came to have a walk through the "Haunted Office" and everyone had lots of exercise at the dance-a-thon. We all learned some new dance moves.

On November 2nd, ten student leaders from Glenn Gould P.S. joined 60 schools for a unity rally, Ring of Peace: Inspire Learning, Inspire Action, to show support for safe inclusionary spaces free from discrimination and hate.

We will have our Remembrance Day Service on Friday November 10th in the gymnasium. Please consider sending a loonie or toonie with your child. Donations to the Legion's Poppy Trust Fund will assist in the care of Veterans in the community. Poppies will be distributed to students. At 10:45, students will go outside and at 11:00 a.m. we will play the Last Post, Reveille and have two minutes of silence. We encourage you to join us.

A heartfelt thank you to School Council and all the teachers who initiated and assisted with the various experiences for your children.

Just a reminder to all parents to [open their EDSBY account](#) as all of our parent-teacher interviews will be booked through this platform.

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School Council News

We encourage Glenn Gould PS families to become active in school activities through participation in the School Council. The efforts of the School Council has made a positive, lasting impact on school life at our school. Please consider joining the next School Council meeting on Thursday, November 9 from 7:00-8:30 PM.



Walking to School

Walking to and from school holds a number of benefits:

- 1) keeps students and parents active;
- 2) students and parents have a chance to socialize and connect with friends before the start of the school day; and
- 3) keeping the car at home means there is less pollution from automobiles.



Next time, why not keep the car at home and walk instead? You'll be glad that you took that walk.

Character Assembly

Our school held its first Character Assembly for the character traits respect and responsibility. Students had an opportunity to learn about the meaning behind these character traits through narratives shared by their peers at the school. A video created by three Grade 8 girls was shown to the entire school. These girls used their creative talents to help all audience members understand how respect and responsibility build a strong sense of community at Glenn Gould PS. We look forward to the next Character Assembly! Way to go Glenn Gould!



ECO team news

Glenn Gould's ECO team has been busy at work promoting eco-friendly initiatives. With the help of our student leaders, we have been able to track the number of students walking to school during The Walk to School Challenge. The results are quite impressive! Remember, a walk to school helps to keep us and the environment in a healthy state. The ECO team was also involved with the Lights Out initiative whereby during the week of October 30 the lights in select spaces were turned off for one hour. It's awesome to see everyone at Glenn Gould PS doing their part to help conserve resources.



Remembrance Day Service

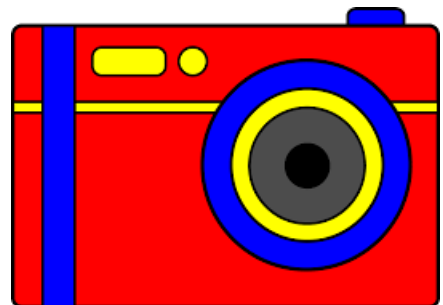
The school will be holding a Remembrance Day Service on November 10, 2017. The service is being held to honour the sacrifice and service of the many women and men during the Great World Wars, as well as military conflicts since then, all in the name of peace. Community members are invited to join us at 09:45 a.m. in the gymnasium for the service. Please RSVP the school to let us know if you are planning to attend.



Picture Retake Day

The school's photographer will be returning to Glenn Gould PS on Wednesday November 8th for Picture Retake Day. The photography session will happen in the morning.

Students interested in having their picture taken are asked to come dressed appropriately on this day. Please don't forget to bring your smile!



Fall weather is here!

With the arrival of Fall, Winter will soon follow. We are asking families to consider the weather when making clothing choices. Weather forecasts can provide useful information about how to best prepare for the next day of school. Students are encouraged to dress warmly for the cooler weather. Heavier coats, toques, gloves, scarves, sweaters, and boots are all needed for the winter weather. Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes for school. An extra pair of socks have proven helpful when boots become wet from melting snow.



The colder weather also presents slipping hazards due to the presence of ice and snow. Please be mindful of slipping hazards associated with snow and ice, and the melt of snow and ice. Please also pay special attention to changes in pavement grade, wet stairs, and surface condition when exiting a car.

Snow and ice can also make road surfaces slippery. As motorists, please drive according to the weather and road conditions. Pedestrians are asked to ensure that cars have come to a full stop before proceeding to cross the road.

Healthy Snacks Program

Glenn Gould PS is proud to be a Healthy School. Providing a healthy snack for your child is a great way to prepare them for a day of learning. Healthy snacks can include fruit, vegetables, cheese sticks, crackers, etc. Thank you for sending a healthy snack with your child every day.

The healthy snack program started on Tuesday, October 3rd. Each week a variety of healthy snacks (e.g., fruit, vegetables, crackers, cheese) are provided to each homeroom at snack time.



Sometimes a healthy snack is overlooked or a student is still hungry and is looking for more food. The healthy snack program helps to meet those needs by providing healthy options.

We are very excited to be able to offer this program again to Glenn Gould students.

Edsby and Parent/Teacher Interview

Glenn Gould PS will be using the Edsby platform to engage families. Families may access Edsby by clicking on this link



<http://yrdsb.edsby.com/>

One feature of Edsby is the parent/teacher interview scheduler. We will be using this scheduler for booking parent/teacher interviews. Families may find this scheduler ideal especially where they would like to book consecutive interview times with their children's teachers.

In order for parents/guardians to use the scheduler, they will first need to register with Edsby; a letter was sent home late October to families in support of the registration process. Access to the scheduler will be available starting November 10, 2017. Families in need of assistance with registering for Edsby and/or interview scheduler may contact the school at 905-417-4540. We are ready to help you!

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.

Terry Fox Walk

Each autumn, students at Glenn Gould PS come together to support the Terry Fox Walk. This event raises money for initiatives linked to cancer awareness and cancer research. This year's walk took place on September 28, and the weather was perfect for this event. Some students even created a banner and posters to highlight their participation in the Terry Fox Walk! Through the effort of students, teachers and parents, we were able to surpass last year's goal. We raised \$1,900 for this year's Terry Fox Walk! We are very proud of our students because it is through their efforts that we were able to raise that amount of money. Way to go Glenn Gould Gryphons!



What happened to our October newsletter?

The newsletter remains as an important communication tool between the school and families. It provides information about recent and upcoming events. The newsletter is still being generated by the school, but it will now be issued once every two months. (Our next issue will be January 2018.) This publication interval was chosen by the school administration and School Council given that more and more families have responded favourably to email notices about events happening at the school or in their school community. In the upcoming months, we will be moving towards replacing the newsletter altogether with an online school blog. More details to follow.





Flu Season is on its way – are you ready?



Flu season is nearly here. Be prepared by getting the flu shot as early as possible.

The first and best step to preventing influenza (the flu), is to get the flu shot every year. Influenza spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others.

Everyone six months of age and older can get the flu shot.

Flu shots are available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

Visit ontario.ca/flu to find where you can get the flu shot.

How can the flu be avoided?

- Get the flu shot!
- [Wash your hands](#) well and often with soap and warm water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based [hand sanitizer](#)
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out immediately. Wash your hands afterward. Cough into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid large crowds and stay home when you are sick
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected

To learn more about flu and the flu vaccine visit york.ca/flu

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Blue Willow Public School

Invites all parents and caregivers to join us for a free parent presentation

A Simple Gift: Emotional Regulation

For parents of children birth to 12 years of age

Negative emotions (e.g., anger, sadness, fear, jealousy) and the difficult behaviours that may follow (e.g. temper tantrums, whining) are normal in young children. Not learning to manage negative emotions in the early years may result in later problems. This presentation will provide information and practical strategies to help families.

You will learn about:

- What is emotional regulation
- Long term implications of negative emotions
- The importance of learning about your child's unique temperament, strengths and areas of improvement
- Triggers that set off emotions
- The 8 principles of emotional regulation and how you can teach you child to identify and cope with their feelings

Location: Blue Willow Public School
250 Blue Willow Dr. L4L 1E1

Date: Thursday November 9, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

To register please contact:
Oksana Majaski, Community Resource Facilitator
Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca or 416-568-2252

This presentation is brought to you by Blue Willow P.S. in partnership with Blue Hills Child and Family Centre and York Region District School Board



**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.