

GLENN GOULD

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Welcome to our 2018 - 2019 school year at Glenn Gould Public School.

We hope your summer was enjoyable, relaxing and refreshing.



Your child matters. We at Glenn Gould want to start conversations about your child, about our school and about our community. This means as parents, you need to be involved in your child's education.

Why would we want parents to be involved in their child's learning?

According to the research:

- Students do better in school and in life. They are more likely to earn higher grades and test scores, graduate from high school, and go on to higher education.
- Parents become empowered. Parents develop confidence by helping their children learn at home.
- Teacher morale improves. Teachers who work with families expect more from students and feel a stronger connection to and support from the community.
- Schools get better. When parents are involved at home and at school, in ways that make them full partners, the performance of all children in the school tends to improve.
- Communities grow stronger. Families feel more invested in the school system, and the school system becomes more responsive to parent and community needs.

Please join the Glenn Gould family in making our students and school a great success. We intend to maintain high expectations and, with your support and guidance, continue to lead your children, our students, on the path to being not only productive but respectful and responsible members of society.

We are very excited and proud as administrators of Glenn Gould Public School to work with a wonderful staff. All our staff have been working very hard over the summer in preparation for today's opening. We owe our caretaking staff gratitude for their work in preparing the school building for the opening of another school year. We are looking forward to working together with all of you as we collaborate to do what's best for the students at GGPS.

Anna Bruno
Principal

Megan Roberts
Vice-Principal

Inside This Issue...

School Information

Staff Name	Position
Catherine McDonnell	K1/K2A
Emma Schafer	K1/K2B
Jennifer Patience	K1/K2C
Janet Malfara	1
Amanda Marsilio	1/2
Amanda Sestito	2
Mandy Sohal	2/3
Daniela Mancuso	3/4
Leah Pearl	4
Erin Harron	4/5*
Natalie Verri	5
Seema Chavez	5/6
Reema Awal/Matthew Paterino	6
Rebecca Monsier	7
Michael Raynor/Anna Tasciotti	7
Heather Rowe	8
Charlie Vilardo	8
Erika Iaboni	INT ASD CC
Joanne Arduini	PR SERT/SSC
Apryle Papaleo/Nunzio DiLecce	JR SERT/SSC
Angela Jackson	INT SERT/SSC
Kevan Li	Music/ELL
Katherine Boshan	Prep
Christina Franz	Prep
Raz Alexandru	French
Anna Tasciotti	French
Apryle Papaleo	Library
Melissa DiProspero	DECE
Mary Tourountzas	DECE
Amanda Stalteri	DECE
Tessa Baldwin	Support Staff
Shauna Orr	Support Staff
Cristina Virginillo	Support Staff
Nooshin Afshar	Support Staff
Franca Zappa	Support Staff
Anna Lombardo	Head Secretary
Devon Bailey	Secretary
Don Legere	Lead Caretaker
Luigi Regno	Caretaker
Jessica DeCaire	Caretaker
Megan Roberts	Vice-Principal
Anna Bruno	Principal



This is our school organization for the 2018-2019 school year.

Please note that due to enrolment changes and Ministry of Education class size compliance, we may need to reorganize classes later in September.

School Day Organization

School Day Organization: Kindergarten - Grade 8

9:05a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

8:50 - 9:05: **Entry**

9:05 - 10:45: **Instructional Time**

10:45-11:05: **Recess**

11:05-12:45: **Instructional Time**

12:45-1:45 Lunch

1:45-3:25: **Instructional Time**

3:25: Dismissal

Professional Activity & Training Days

Monday, September 24, 2018	Monday, October 22, 2018
Friday, November 23, 2018	Friday, January 18, 2019
Friday, February 1, 2019	Monday, June 3, 2019
Friday, June 28, 2019	

School Holidays

Labour Day	Monday, September 3, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Winter Break	Monday, December 24, 2018 to Friday, January 4, 2019
Family Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
March Break	Monday, March 11, 2019 to Friday, March 15, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22, 2019
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2019

School Information

School Start-Up Packages

The school start-up packages was sent home with students on the first day of school. Our start-up package includes important information and consent forms. Please take the time to review, sign and return all applicable forms to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

As well, students received an agenda as a gift from our School Council. A school agenda is an excellent resource to help students record their homework, organize their work, set goals for improvement and can be used for parent-teacher communication.

Attendance and Safe-Arrival Procedures

Reporting your child's absence:

- 1) Parents/guardians must telephone the school at 905-417-4517 before 8:00 a.m. to leave a message with your child's name, teacher, and the reason for the absence. Please speak clearly and spell your child's name when leaving a message.
- 2) Contact the school if your child will be arriving late, or if not returning after lunch.
- 3) Put a note in your child's agenda indicating an appointment that requires that he/she will arrive late or must leave the school during the day.

Students must sign in and out of the school using the binder in the school office.

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT AT SCHOOL AND IS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR BY A NOTE OR TELEPHONE CALL, THE SCHOOL WILL:

- 1) Call home to check (and if not accounted for)
- 2) Call the parents at work (and if the child is still not accounted for)
- 3) Call the emergency numbers (and if the child is still not accounted for)
- 4) **We will then telephone the York Regional Police, as per our safe arrival policy.**



Student Registration Verification Forms

During the month of September each student will receive a computer generated Student Registration Verification Form which is used to confirm and/or update personal information.

The information on these forms is essential should you need to be contacted by the school. Please check the accuracy of your child's form, make all necessary changes, sign and date the form and return it with your child's teacher ASAP.

Note: Doctor information and Health Card numbers are not required



"SMILE... SAY CHEESE" ...



Student and Class pictures will be on **September 25th, 2018.**

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Bussing Information

York Region District School Board Policy states that the walking distance for students from Kindergarten to grade 3 is 1.2 km and for students from grades 4 - 8 is 1.6 km. Students who live within our boundaries but beyond the distances stated above, are eligible for bus transportation as long as they adhere to safety and behaviour rules.

As well, students **MUST** ride the bus to which they have been assigned. They must also get on and off the bus at their assigned stop. Students will not be allowed to switch buses or to take friends home on the bus unless their parent/guardian sends a written request to the school for that particular day. If there is room on the bus, the office will sign the note and the driver may allow the student on their bus.

Please keep the school bus website www.schoolbuscity.com and telephone hotline 1-866-287-7837 handy to check route updates for your child. Each year, your child's bus number and route may change as students move in and out of the area. Once set for the year (usually by mid-September), the school will advise you of any changes to your child's route.

Bring Your Own Device: What Parents Need to Know

The possession of and use of a variety of electronic devices is definitely part of today's fast paced society. Students must sign a waiver with their homeroom teacher if they would like to use a device to help them with their school assignments. The responsibility for this device lies solely with the student and the school cannot be responsible for theft or damage.

However, at Glenn Gould the use of cell phones during the school day to make phone calls, text or use social media for personal purposes is **not allowed**. If your child needs to contact you during the day, s/he may come to the school office and request the use of the landline. Should your child bring a cell phone to school, it needs to be turned off or

Being Prepared - Helpful Tips

Here are some additional items that are very helpful for parents to consider:

- Send an inexpensive pair of indoor shoes to be kept at school and to ensure your child's feet are dry and clean. This will also assist in maintaining cleanliness of the school.
- For Kindergarten and Primary Students, send an extra set of clothing (i.e., undergarments, pants and tops) in a labelled, clear bag. This goes a long way in the event of accidents or wet weather.
- A bag or backpack and reusable lunch bag will allow your child to bring important school notices and homework back and forth to school in good condition.
- Labelling your child's clothing would be helpful. Our lost and found is often full with unclaimed items. Lost items

First School Council Meeting and Elections

Our first school council meeting for the 2018-2019 school year will take place on:

Tuesday, September 18th, 2018

In the library at 7:00 p.m.

We encourage all our parents/guardians to come to the meeting, learn about our school, and participate in our shared work to support the learning and well-being of your children. **All are welcome and encouraged to attend!** At the first School Council meeting, elections will be held to determine our 2018-2019 chair/co-chairs, secretary, treasurer, and executive members. The School Council Candidate Nomination Form is included in the School Startup Package sent home to all families. You don't need to be an executive member to participate, attend and lend your voice to the discussion. We look forward to seeing you there!

School Information



Creating Safe and Healthy Schools for Children with Allergies

School staff and parents are responsible for creating safe and healthy environments for students. Our school has a number of students and staff with food allergies, some of which can be life-threatening. While we take every step to create a risk-free environment, school staff and parents can take important steps to minimize potentially fatal allergic reactions. It is especially important that parents communicate a life-threatening allergy to the school as soon as they are aware of it. Please notify the principal and your child's teacher so that we take the steps to create accurate records and inform staff of the established protocol. Parents will also be required to fill in a medical form.

Parents, **do not send any food items** to celebrate a birthday, as they will not be distributed, both in support of our anaphylaxis policy and healthy schools policy. Please refer to the Healthy Schools insert in the School Start-Up Package for more details.

—Medical Forms—

If your child requires any other type of medication, please see the school office where you will be required to fill in a medical form. Students may not keep medication with them in their desks, lockers or schoolbags, with the exception of puffers and epi-pens.

Follow Us!!

If you like to follow Glenn Gould's Twitter feed, where school information such as events, news, etc, will be posted. You are encouraged to follow the school's twitter feed @glenn Gouldps



Visitors to the School

We welcome visitors and volunteers to the school. All visitors and volunteers must start their visit in the office. All visitors and volunteers are required to wear a "visitor" or "volunteer" sticker while in the school. If you are bringing an item for your child or picking up your child for an appointment, please come to the school office. A staff member will contact the classroom and ensure the item is delivered, or direct your child to the office if you are picking up your child. If possible, try to arrange appointments after school hours so that your child does not miss valuable class time.

Please notify us in writing or by telephone if someone other than the parent/guardian will pick up your child. We will only release children to adults listed as emergency contacts.

If you wish to arrange a meeting by phone or in person to speak with your child's teacher, please call the school ahead of time to arrange a convenient time. We cannot ask teachers to leave their classrooms during the instructional day to take a phone call or meet with a parent. If you are coming to school for a pre-arranged appointment, please begin your visit in the office and we will notify the teacher that you have arrived.

September Eco-Focus: Litterless Lunches

Pack your child's lunch with reusable containers to help reduce our carbon footprint!

Don't forget a reusable water bottle as well!



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Message From Our Trustee

I am pleased to welcome all of our students and families to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This is an exciting time of year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the months ahead.

York Region District School Board is committed to advancing student achievement and well-being. The Trustees' new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), developed based on feedback from the community, outlines four priorities that will guide this work: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, Build Collaborative Relationships and Empower Ethical Leadership. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.

Our schools are stronger when families are engaged. There are many different ways families can support their child's learning and get involved in life at the school, and I hope that you find opportunities to get engaged.

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 are only allowed to re-enter the class when all the nits are removed from 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.).

Will your child be late or absent?

Be sure to call the school before 8:00 a.m. to let us know.

You can also leave a
message anytime at

(905) 417- 4517 press 7

for the attendance mailbox.

School Information

Food and Gift 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, Anaphylaxis Policy #661.0.

Parents are reminded that teachers **will not accept** the distribution of any food products (e.g., candy, timbits, cupcakes, etc.). 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.



Welcome to Edsby

York Region District School Board has partnered with Edsby to provide a secure platform for families to connect with what's happening at school and with your child's education.

Edsby offers many different features that YRDSB will be rolling out over the next several years. Some of these features include:

- Absence reporting
- A news river with school events and information
- Appointment bookings for Parent-Teacher Interviews/Student-Led Conferences
- Program registration
- Extra-curricular Groups and Activities
- Access to your child's schedule and upcoming events.

Our school will communicate more information as features become available.

For Edsby to be effective, it contains personal information about you and your family that is collected by the Board at registration. This information is used to provide services and support to you and your family. Edsby has been designed as a secure system that protects the privacy of this information for our families.

Setting up your Edsby Account for the first time

You will receive an email from York Region District School Board on September 20th with instructions on how to create an Edsby account. Make sure the school office has your current email address on file.

If you do not see the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

1. Click the link in the email. The browser will send you to a screen like the one on the right.
2. Click the "I don't have an Edsby parent account" button. **Your username will be your email address. You will choose your password.** Similar to a banking password, it is important to choose a strong password. Please do not share your password.
3. Click "Create Edsby Account." A "Welcome to Edsby" message will be sent to your email address.

Glenn Gould P.S. is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

Step 1: Register

Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website at <http://glenngould.ps.yrdsb.ca/> and select the **"Get Started Today"** button.

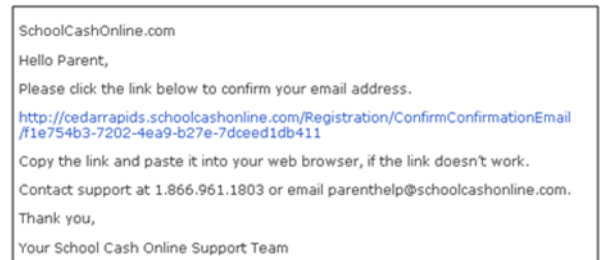
Complete each of the three Registration Steps

***For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED

This step will connect your children to your account.

Enter the School Board Name

Enter the School Name

Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name

Select **Continue**

On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the

Agree box and select **Continue**

Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the *GET HELP* option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803.

School Information

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.

Kiss N’ Ride and Staggered Entry

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 requesting parents who are choosing to drop off their children in the morning to abide by the following rules:

1. Arrive to school between 8:50 and 9:00 a.m. and have your child(ren) walk in through the front doors as part of staggered entry.
2. Drive all the way through the loop and only drop off your children in the Drop-Off zone. Follow the map provided.
3. Pull all the way up into the drop off zone—8 - 10 cars can drop off at the same time.
4. Students should have their bags ready on their laps.
5. To ensure a quick and safe drop-off or pickup, **parents are not to get out of the vehicle.**
6. Students are to exit from the passenger side of the vehicle ONLY.
7. Students should never walk through the parking lot or bus loop.
8. **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.**
9. Park your car on the street if you have younger children who need assistance (in order to reduce congestion in the drop off zone).
10. Use your signal to merge when exiting the drop off zone.
11. Abide with instructions given by Glenn Gould staff monitoring the parking lot.



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

Thank you!

School Information



**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:	ឯកសារនេះសំខាន់ណាស់ សូមយកទៅអ្នកណាម្នាក់ដែលអាចជួយពន្យល់វាឱ្យល្អិតល្អន់បាន
Korean:	이것은 중요한 문서입니다. 내용을 설명해줄 수 있는 분에게 보여드리십시오.
Punjabi:	ਇਹ ਇਕੋ 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.