

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____



GLEN SHIELDS EAGLE

SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2014

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 MR. A. MEDINA, PRINCIPAL MRS. M. OPPEDISANO, VICE-PRINCIPAL

Welcome to another exciting school year !

As a school community, we will continue to create a place of learning that focuses on student growth and development. We will foster mutual respect, active participation and an appreciation for each other. A vibrant learning community is equity minded and accepting of all!

This year we will work on our curriculum initiatives focusing on learning. Our goals include the following:

1. Strong literacy instruction in our literacy block
2. Developing a comprehensive math block
3. Differentiating our instruction to meet student needs
4. Improving our communication with parents

Our goals are clearly linked to creating a climate that encourages the best from our students.

We encourage you to help us keep the lines of communication open by contacting your child's teacher by phone, notes in your child's agenda or by calling the school office during the school year.

Have a great school year!

Mr. A. Medina
Principal

Mrs. M. Oppedisano
Vice-Principal

School Day Organization:

**Office hours are from
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

It is important to remember that regular and prompt attendance at school is important in achieving success at school. Your help in ensuring that your child is on time is greatly appreciated. We also ask that where possible appointments be scheduled outside the school day. If your child is going to be absent, **please call the school to report your child's absence in advance. Thank You!**

Period	Times
Entry	8:55 a.m.
Period 1	9:00-9:40 a.m.
Period 2	9:40-10:40 a.m.
Recess	10:40-11:00 a.m.
Period 3	11:00-11:40 a.m.
Period 4	11:40-12:40 p.m.
Lunch	12:40-1:40 p.m.
Period 5	1:40-2:40 p.m.
Period 6	2:40-3:20 p.m.
Dismissal	3:20 p.m.

Follow Us On Twitter!



We are thrilled to announce the launch of our school website! Stay up to date with announcements, school events and other exciting school news by visiting us at <https://sites.google.com/site/glenshieldsyrdsb/>. You can also follow Glen Shields PS on twitter [@glenshieldsps](https://twitter.com/glenshieldsps).

Attendance/Absence line
(905) 738-0333 Option #5
24 hours a day!

Important Dates

- Sept. 17—School Council Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- Sept. 24—Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 22 —P.A. Day
- Oct. 1—Curriculum Night
- Oct 8—Cross Country Regionals
- Oct. 13—Thanksgiving, No School
- Oct. 27— P.A. Day

Glen Shields Staff Sept. 2014-2015

Ext.	Staff Name	Grade/Assignment
153	Mr. Andre Medina	Principal
152	Ms. Mary Oppedisano	Vice Principal
150	Ms. Ava Gallo	E.O.A.A.
151	Ms. Cathya Saltarelli	Office Secretary
156	Mr. Mike Perry	Head Caretaker
156	Ms. Susan Costoglou	Caretaker
156	Mr. Mike Fasciano	Caretaker
118	Ms. Cynthia Cheung	JK/SK A
358	Ms. Brenda Dixon	DECE (JK/SK A)
116	Ms. Hannah Tудо	JK/SK B
357	Ms. Teresa Messer	DECE (JK/SK B)
106	Ms. Allison Fogel	Gr. 1
105	Ms. Josie Giorgio	Gr. 1
104	Mr. Brandon Kliman	Gr. 2
103	Ms. Maureen Pinsky	Gr. 2
115	Ms. Stephanie Colangelo	Gr. 3
114	Ms. Dianne Rampersaud	Gr. 3 / 4
214	Ms. Jodi Avertick	Gr. 4
215	Mr. Frank Preston	Gr. 4 Gifted
212	Ms. Natalie Lotta	Gr. 5
216	Mr. Craig Walker	Gr. 5 / 6
353	Mr. Richard Riha	Gr. 5 / 6 Gifted
203	Ms. Irit Gurevich	Gr. 6 Gifted
206	Ms. Amrit Minhas	Gr. 6 / 7
360	Ms. Yu	Gr. 7 / 8
204	Ms. Simla Brohman	Gr. 7 / 8 Gifted
200	Ms. Marsha McDonald	Gr. 7 / 8 Gifted
202	Mr. Mark Andrews	Gr. 7 / 8 Gifted
121	Mr. David Layton	Gr. 8
113	Ms. Fran Fainer	SERT/Reading Recovery
208	Ms. Lorraine Sher	SERT
104	Mr. Brandon Kliman	SERT
213	Ms. Rachel Forster	SERT
354	Ms. Barbara Layne	CYW
355	Ms. Tessa Dogger	CYW
107	Ms. Paula D'Orazio-Cirone	ADH/Breakfast Program
155	Mr. Babak Mansouri	Library/ELL/Gr. 1
122	Ms. Laurie Provenzano	Music
205	Ms. Mary-Ellen Vitale	French
120	Ms. Dana Naggar	French / Gr. 7 / 8A
352	Ms. Sheri Savlov	French / Prep Coverage
356	Ms. Laryssa Palin	French / Gr. 1
213	Ms. Rachel Forster	Phys Ed / Gr 5 / 6 Gifted

School Council Update

The Glen Shields Public School Council extends a warm welcome to all families, students and staff of this wonderful community. We are looking forward to working together to make this academic year a great success.

There is a large body of research which illustrates that children whose parents take an active role in their education enjoy greater success in school and beyond. There are so many ways that one can be involved, from assisting with homework to volunteering at the school. As always, we encourage you to play this important role in your child's education. The school council is just one of the means by which you can support the education of your child and the children of this community. Members of our council work to enhance the learning environment here at Glen Shields. We encourage you to join our efforts as many hands make light work.

On September 17, the 2014/2015 School Council will be meeting. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. Your commitment to the education of the children of this community will yield benefits for many years to come. Our children are our hope for tomorrow. Become involved!

(Present Co-Chairs)

Ms. Dimitriadis & Ms. Richardson

We are looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting of the school year which will be held on September 17, 2014 at 7pm, in the school's library. Together, let's make it a great year!

JOIN US!
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014
7:00 P.M.

Safety First

Student Arrival and Departure Procedures

At 8:55 AM, the first bell rings indicating entry.

Ensuring the safety of our students remains our top priority. Staff have explained to our students the procedures that we have in place for morning entry and dismissal at the end of the day. Parents of primary students (Kindergarten to Grade 3) should pick up their child directly from their exit door. Please be aware that the bus loop and parking lots are closed to traffic between 8:45 and 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. This allows us to safely get our bus students to and from school. Once busses have occupied the bus loop, they must remain parked until they have loaded and/or unloaded the students under their care. If you need to visit the school during the times where the bus loop is closed, please make alternate parking arrangements outside of the parking lot and bus loop area. Please ensure that you follow local parking bylaws. Additionally, please do not park in the fire route at any point during the day.

Students who use bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards or scooters to travel to school:

- Must wear a helmet.
- Must walk while on school property.
- Should lock bicycles on the bike rack.
- Must store rollerblades, skateboards or scooters in their locker, or backpack.
- The school is not responsible for any lost or damaged personal items.

SCHOOL BUS UPDATES

Student Transportation Services
of York Region Website
1-877-330-3001
Click for Website
Click for Bus Route Stops

Access School Bus Route Schedules Online

On the Home page of our school website in the right column there is a “**School Bus Updates**” button. Clicking on the middle portion of this button takes the viewer to the Student Transportation Services website. Clicking on the “**Click for Bus Route Stops**” text will display the bus stops for our school.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING BUS ELIGIBILITY GRADE 4 TO 8:

Walking distance requirements change in Grade 4, therefore we encourage you to review your child’s eligibility.

Below are the general provisions of eligibility for busing identified in the Board Student Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

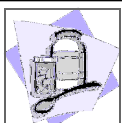
The distance is measured from the end of any driveway, via the shortest distance to the closest access point of the school property. Measurements are conducted using GIS software and confirmed via aerial photos.

For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter’s eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.



Student Allergies

School staff and parents are responsible for creating safe and healthy environments for students. This is an additional challenge for schools attended by children with allergies, especially life threatening allergies. In our efforts to create a risk-free 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. **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 have accurate records and establish the protocol to follow with your child.



Taking Medication At School

The office staff will dispense medication to students who have returned a completed medication form. If your child will be taking medication while at school please complete a Permission to Dispense Medication Form available in our office. Students who have any medical concerns should be brought to the attention of the office so that we can best support your child. Please request and complete emergency medical forms which we keep in the office.



Eco Team News

Over the last couple of years at Glen Shields P.S., our students, staff and community members have done many wonderful things to reduce our footprint. Let's start off on the right foot, once again, by ensuring that we have litter less lunches, and by supporting our "boomerang" snack/lunch program.

LITTERLESS BOOMERANG Lunch Guidelines:

We continue to require that ALL students and families support a LITTERLESS BOOMERANG lunch. The goal of this program is to encourage students to **reduce, reuse and recycle!**

How to pack a **Litter less Lunch:**

- ⇒ A reusable lunch bag or box (not a throw-away, single-use plastic or paper bag).
- ⇒ Reusable containers for packing food (no plastic wrap, foil, plastic bags, single-serving containers, pre-packaged foods). Hard plastic food containers or re-use of plastic tubs are suitable options.
- ⇒ Reusable drink containers e.g. thermos, or reusable bottle (single-use pop cans, water bottles, juice boxes). Recyclable containers (pop cans) are discouraged but acceptable as long as the student ensures they go into a recycling bin at home.
- ⇒ Organic waste like apple cores, orange and banana peels, other leftovers etc. can be composted at home.
- ⇒ Non-disposable cutlery (silverware) and a cloth napkin.

To support our **'boomerang' lunches**, any uneaten food and any waste material produced must be returned home and not become part of the school's waste collection.



2014-2015 School Year Calendar

2014-2015 School Holidays Will Be As Follows:

Labour Day	Monday, September 1, 2014
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13, 2014
Christmas Vacation	Monday, December 22, 2014 to Friday, January 2, 2015
Family Day	Monday, February 16, 2015
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 16, 2015 to Friday, March 20, 2015
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2015
Easter Monday	Monday, April 6, 2015
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2015

2013-2014 Elementary Professional Training / Activity Days Will Be As Follows:

1. Monday, September 22, 2014
2. Monday, October 27, 2014
2. Friday, November 14, 2014
3. Friday, January 16, 2015
4. Monday, February 2, 2015
5. Friday, March 13, 2015
6. Friday, June 5, 2015
7. Friday, June 26, 2015

Term 1: Sept 2, 2013- Jan 30, 2015

Term 2: Feb 2- June 26, 2015

The Terry Fox



National School Day Run

On Wednesday, September 24th, 2014 all students and staff at Glen Shields P.S. will be participating in the Terry Fox, National School Day Run. Students will walk/run in memory of Terry Fox, family members, friends, neighbours and all those who have battled cancer in their lives.

Throughout the week, students will engage in discussions in their classrooms related to Terry Fox and his journey, The Marathon of Hope. Students are encouraged to be brave and push themselves further than they have ever gone before, in honour of the 5 373 km, Terry ran over 143 days.

Students and families are encouraged to donate \$2 to support The Terry Fox Foundation and their mission to fund innovative cancer research. For more information please visit www.terryfox.org.



Please join us on
Wednesday, October 1, 2014
For Curriculum Night

Meet your child's teacher & learn about the curriculum expectations for upcoming school year.

IN-CLASS VISITS: 6:00-7:00 P.M.