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A message from the Office...

February was a very busy month at Mackenzie Glen Public School! We celebrated the 100th day of school! We learned about the contributions of many Black Canadians as we observed Black History Month.

Term one report cards were sent home on February 17. As always, should you have any questions you are invited to call your child's teacher. Thank you to all families who have sent in the 'Student and Parent Signature' attachment at the end of the report card. If you haven't already done so, please send it in to your child's teacher.

Our Character Matters! Trait this month is **Perseverance**. Perseverance is an important trait to have. The past few weeks we have had to endure the frigid temperatures and indoor recesses knowing that spring is on it's way. On page four, we share ways in which you can model perseverance at home and help instill that value in your child (ren).

This month, we are excited about our Dance-a-thon on March 10. Students are encouraged to participate in this school fundraiser. Please see page three for further details.

A reminder to anyone who is planning on moving out of the area for this September. We really need to know as soon as possible if your child won't be attending Mackenzie Glen Public School in the fall as planning is well under way for the new school year.

March Break is the perfect time to book children's dentist and doctor appointments. We have been overwhelmed by the amount of disruptions to student learning. These disruptions include late arrivals and early dismissals. We are fortunate that we are an early start/finish school. Dismissal at 2:35pm provides for ample opportunity to schedule appointments after school and minimize disruption of instructional time.

We wish everyone a wonderful March Break! If you are planning on extending your break, please notify the office with your child's return to school date. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call either one of us at the office. Thank you for your support and partnership.

Mr. B. Taha & Mrs. A. Rye-Brown
Principal Vice Principal

March Break

There will be
NO SCHOOL on

**Monday,
March 14 to
Friday,
March 18,
2016**



REMINDER to *Spring Forward!*

Remember to move clocks **AHEAD**
one hour before going to bed on
Saturday, March 13th



THE AMAZING MATH

RACE

**Wednesday, April 13, 2016
6:00 to 7:00 pm**



Mackenzie Glen Public School Celebrates BLACK HISTORY MONTH

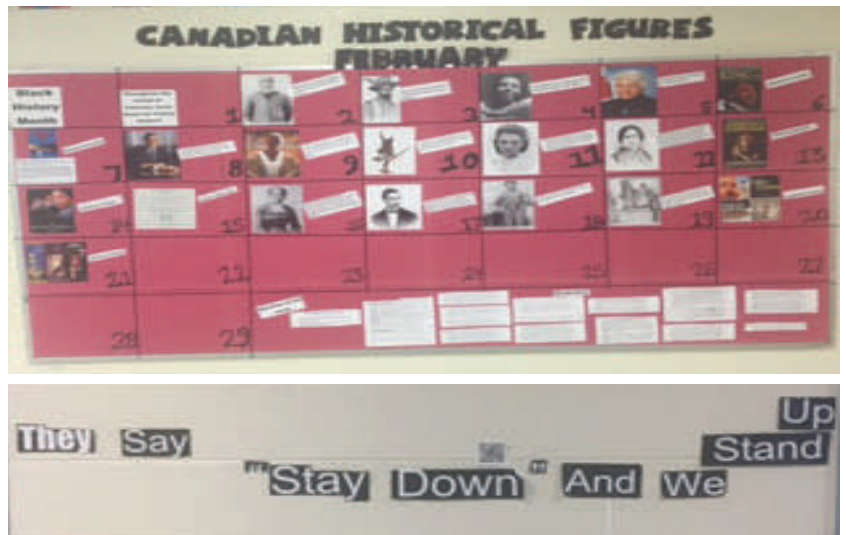
Celebration of Black History/African Heritage Month has been a part of Canadian society since the 1950's. Lieutenant Governor Hal Jackman declared February as Black History month in Ontario in 1993 and it was in 1995 that the Honorable Jean Augustine made the same declaration in the House of Parliament in Ottawa.

These declarations set the stage for acknowledgement of the contributions of peoples of African Heritage to the cultural, economic, political and social fabric of Canada dating back to the early 1600's. They also increased our awareness that people of African Heritage are an integral part of Canadian history.

During the month of February we deliberately reflect upon the legacy of African history in all its various forms, and we join all Canadians in celebrating Black History/African Heritage month. By contemplating on persons of African heritage, famous and not so famous, who have been of significant influence through their ideas, words and actions, we appreciate the place of African history in the history of the world. At Mackenzie Glen, students read daily announcements about the significance and contributions of many notable Canadians of African and Caribbean heritage. Each Friday, a trivia question was read and classes were encouraged to submit a ballot with their answer. At the end of the month, one lucky class was drawn to win the Black History Month Trivia Challenge. Congratulations to Ms. Bernbaum's class. They win a field trip to the Kortright Centre.

In class, some of our grade 7 and 8 students took an in depth look at the lyrics of some rap, hip hop and R&B songs. They looked at the meaning of lyrics and created an interactive visual representation that were displayed throughout our hallways. They were complete with QR codes that would link you to the students project, a youtube video and other interesting facts.

We strongly believe that Black history is something that goes beyond one month a year. Our staff always look to integrate the contributions and influence of all Canadians as we celebrate our unique diversity.



Are You Planning on Moving?

In planning for next year's classes, it is most helpful to know if your child or children will be attending another school in September 2016 (high school not included). If your child (ren) will not be returning, please complete and return to the school office. If your child currently attends Mackenzie Glen P.S. and you have moved out of the school's attendance area, please contact Mrs. Kemble at the school office. Mrs. Kemble will advise you on how to make arrangements for your child's September placement at their new school.



Student Name(s): _____ will not be returning to Mackenzie Glen PS in September 2016.

Next School: _____

Character Corner: Perseverance

The Character Matters trait for the month of March is Perseverance. This trait is an important one for students and adults. Too often, we look for short cuts or for an easier way to get things done. It is important for us to model the importance of Perseverance to children around us. A fun family activity to build perseverance is putting together a 1000 piece puzzle!

You show perseverance when you...

- Try a new activity that is very difficult but you don't give up
- Have missed school but you work hard to catch up
- Are at the end of a difficult race but you cross the finish line
- Save money and make sacrifices to buy something
- Spend hours practicing on your music
- Study and work hard to raise your grades
- Try out for something you weren't successful at the first time

Parents can support their children by reviewing these key ideas...

- When something starts to bother you, wait as long as you can before you express frustration.
- When something doesn't work right, try again and again.
- Don't lose your temper when something upsets you.
- Always finish what you start.
- Keep working at something that is difficult until you complete it.
- Don't give up on difficult jobs or situations.
- Work a little harder or a few minutes longer on a task that you do not like.

"It always seems impossible until it's done!"

Nelson Mandela

Triple P Tip of the Month: Swearing

Children often learn new words their parents do not like, particularly swear words. Some swear words may not be a problem because parents use it themselves. Parents need to decide which words are acceptable and which ones are not.

KEY STEPS:

- Set a good example
- Use planned ignoring the first time your child swears
- Decide which words are acceptable and discuss them with your child
- Praise your child for using acceptable words
- Act immediately when you hear your child swear
- Apply a consequence for swearing



BE ON TIME!

Supervision begins at 8:00 AM
Entry bell rings at 8:10 AM

*Students must be on time
for school each day.*



**We have a number of
students with life
threatening allergies.**

Please only send NUT-FREE
snacks and lunches.



Follow us:
@MackenzieGlenPS

POPCORN SALE

\$1.00

Sold each morning at recess.

Our next Spirit Day is

BEACH DAY!



Thursday, March 10

(day of our Dance-a-thon)

Students are encouraged to wear beach hats, sunglasses and leis!

Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for the weather and following school dress code.

BEACH BASH DANCE-A-THON

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Mackenzie Glen PS will be hosting a dance-a-thon! All students from kindergarten to grade 8 will have an opportunity to participate in our Beach Themed Dance-a-thon.

Students have received pledge envelopes. Students are encouraged to collect donations from family and friends. Door to door canvassing is not permitted. Donation envelopes are due on the day of the dance-a-thon—Thursday, March 10. If a student fills an envelope, they are permitted to receive a second envelope upon returning the completed envelope. Please ensure that cheques are payable to Mackenzie Glen Public School.

There are many prizes available for students to win. The top fundraiser will win an ipad mini. Other prizes include: movie passes, iTunes gift cards, Menchie's gift cards, Principal and Vice Principal for the day as well as other fun opportunities! For each 5 dollars received students will receive a ballot. Students will be invited to drop their ballots for prizes they would like to win. Prizes will be drawn on Friday, March 11.

The funds raised from this school initiated event will help support the purchase of additional technology to support student learning. We hope that you will support this school initiative. Students who wish not to participate will have alternate activities. Please speak to your child's teacher.



York Region District School Board's **WORLD CLASSROOM**

Student Program

Join the many YRDSB students and families who have participated in the World Classroom Program since it began in 2005.

Since then local teachers, students and their families have had the opportunity to learn about another country and culture and made life-long friendships by hosting an international student in their schools and homes.

Host families receive \$250 per week to cover the cost of hosting a visiting student.

We are expecting students from China during October/November of next school year and are looking for:

a 4-week commitment, (confirmed)

boys and girls in grades 7 & 8

a 6-week commitment, (tentative)

boys and girls in grades 7 & 8

AND

a 4-week commitment, (tentative)

boys and girls in grades 5 & 6



To find out more call 905 884 2046 ext.237 or email homestay@yrdsb.ca



**Power
Stream**

60+
EARTH HOUR



VAUGHAN

Earth Hour Vaughan



Be Part of the Change

Vaughan City Hall

Saturday, March 19, 2016

Starting 6:30 p.m.

MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Day 5	2 Day 1	3 Day 2	4 Day 3	5
			19 Day Fast Begins			
6	7 Day 4	8 Day 5	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3	12
		Mahashivaratri		 BEACH BASH DANCEATHON		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Sikh New Year's Day First Day of Lent (Eastern)	March Break		Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem		
20	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 1	24 Day 2	25	26
Spring Ohigon Palm Sunday	Naw Ruz		Holi	 Maundy Thursday Purim	◆ Good Friday	
27	28	29 Day 3	30 Day 4	31 Day 5		
Easter Sunday	Easter Monday Birthday of Prophet Zarathustra					

April	
7	School Council, 7:00 pm
13	Amazing Race
22	Vaughan 20 Minute Makeover
May	
6	PA Day—No School

To report your child's absence,
please call our Attendance Line

(905) 417-9771

Leave a message at any time!

