



Arbor Glen Monthly



Characteristic for the Month of February: - Fairness

Winter Safety Tips

Winter in Toronto can be really cold. Generally, we look to winter for its many wonderful opportunities for outdoor fun. If we are fortunate, the weather during the coming months will be more amenable to outdoor winter play. In order to keep everyone safe, here are a few winter reminders:

- Wear warm clothing, including hats and mitts.
- Dressing in layers keeps children warmer, safer and more comfortable and allows for fluctuations in temperature. Please send indoor shoes to school so that the children can leave their wet boots and shoes at the back of the classroom.
- There is NO SNOW THROWING at school.
- There is no sliding on ice in the yard during recesses
- Pushing games are not allowed.
- Students are not allowed to run or play tag on or near the playscapes. They may not use the playscape if it is slippery or if the ground below it is frozen.
- I know you don't need another reminder but...You are aware of the dangers of scarves, cords and drawstrings on jackets, hats and coats. They can catch on playground equipment, escalators, fences, cribs, vehicles, etc. Please be alert to the potential danger that these components of clothing present to our children and make sure your child is dressed safely.

Recess During Cold Weather

Students are kept indoors for recess and lunch times for a number of weather conditions such as rain, lightning in the area, extreme winds and extreme cold. They are also admitted into the school at 8:30 a.m. during these conditions.

When temperature and wind chill measure -28C or lower, students are kept indoors. Recesses and lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is between -20C and -28C

If a student's medical condition requires further consideration due to weather conditions, please contact the school office.

February Events

Monday, February 1 – Friday February 5

- Carnival Week – See article for details
- Boys' basketball game at Arbor Glen

Tuesday, February 2

- Grade 5's to Chocolate Factory

Wednesday, February 3

- Winter Walk Day – Walk to School

Thursday, February 4

- School Council Meeting 7 p.m.

Friday, February 5

- Winter Activity Day – p.m. – weather permitting

Monday, February 8

- Scholastic Book Fair Week Begins

Tuesday, February 9

- Report Cards sent home

Wednesday, February 10

- Boys' basketball game at Owen

Thursday, February 11

- Parent Teacher Interviews – 3:30 to 8 p.m.
- Family Book Fair Night 3:15 – 8 p.m.
- Valentine Bake Sale
- No International Lang. Classes - Mandarin

Friday, February 12

- P.A. Day – Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday, February 15

- Family Day – No school

Tuesday, February 16

- Officer Neil – Grade 6
- Scientist in the Schools – Grade 2
- Girls' Volleyball Tournament

Wednesday, February 17

- Boys' basketball at Bedford Park

Friday, February 19

- Solar Stage – Grade 1
- Lunar Lunch

Monday, February 22

- Jump Rope for Heart – Grades 1 – 6

Wednesday, February 24

- Kindergarten Registration 7:30 am – 5 pm

Thursday, February 25

- Grade 6 and ESL to Forest Valley

Friday, February 26

- Accolade – Willow Pod to host

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Lunar New Year

February 8, 2016 — The Year of the Monkey

We shall celebrate the Lunar New Year on **Friday, February 19th**. To commemorate this special time we have arranged for the students to enjoy a variety of Oriental dishes for their lunch. Many thanks to **Mr. Brunk and Mr. Wai** for arranging this exiting and delicious annual event for all of us.

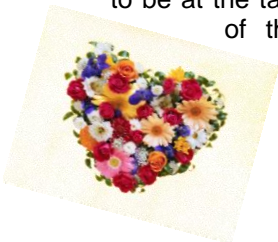


Valentine's Day Bake Sale to be held on Thursday, February 11th

It's that time of year again when students look forward to this annual delicious event. The Valentine's Day Bake Sale is such a huge success with all our students! Students are asked to bring baked goods to the conference room, beside the office, from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. Please do not send baked goods with any nuts because we do have some students who are allergic to them.



We need parent volunteers in the morning to help sort the baked goods for the sale that will take place in the afternoon. Then we need a few parents in the afternoon to be at the tables to collect the money as each of the classes comes down to the gymnasium. Please contact Ms. Sunkel or Ms. Kirsh if **you are able to help for just a couple of hours on this special day.**

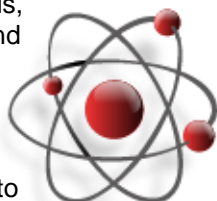


Science Fair

Arbor Glen's Fifth Annual Science Fair

Students will be given specific instructions on how to do their research for their science fair project. The students in the Junior Grades will need to remember the scientific method - question, hypothesis, procedure, materials, observation and conclusion. There will be sample projects on display in the library for ideas.

Students will have an opportunity to see all of the entries during the day of the Fair. Parents and other visitors will see the fair in the evening during our Open House on **Thursday May 5, 2016.**



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration at Arbor Glen will take place

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, February 26, 2016 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

To attend **Junior Kindergarten** in September, children must turn four by December 31st of this year. They will have been born in the year **2012**. To attend Senior Kindergarten, children must have been born in **2011** and will turn five by December 31st of this year.

Please phone (416) 395-2020 for an appointment.

To Register a child, Parents/Guardians must bring original documentation with:

- proof of the child's age (a birth certificate or baptismal record or passport)
- proof of address (two pieces of identification that show your address, such as your Property Tax bill, Utility bill, Personal Income Tax evaluation, legal rental/lease agreement from the Property Management Office or notarized rental agreement if renting from a private person)
- child's immunization (the card that shows a list of needles your child has received), and the child's Health Card.

Note:

If your child was not born in Canada, verification of date of arrival is required. Families who are permanent residents and refuge claimants may register directly at the school. All other families should visit the International Program and Admissions Office, Toronto District School Board (TDSB), 5050 Yonge Street, for a TDSB School Admission Letter. Children without immigration status are welcome in our schools and information about them or their families shall not be shared with immigration authorities, as per TDSB Policy P.061 SCH.

If possible, please bring your child with you when registering. The teachers would like to meet him/her.

Please bring a translator with you if need help to fill out the paper work or if you have any questions.



Annual Scholastic Book Fair February 8th to 11th

The Book Fair will be held from Monday, February 8th to Thursday, February 11th during school hours.

There will also be a **Family Night** so that children may come with their parents on **Thursday, February 11th from 3:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Science Centre Trip

by Prantik S., Grade 2

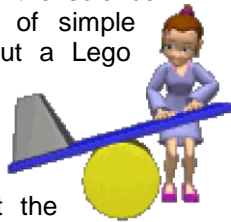


On our trip to the Science Centre, I went on the bus and sat with Steve and Justin. We had lots of fun. Steve kept making Justin and me laugh. After we got there, Ms. Popovic bought some lockers for our stuff and we went to kidspark. We had a turn to put a ball in a machine and then had a cookie break. We went to the science classroom and met Helen, a teacher. She taught us lots of things about simple machines.

We also went to a tropical rainforest. There was a cove and a cool control video airplane. Some people went to the science arcade and got to ride and turn on lights. Some people got their hair stuck up high. We also went to the human body area.

by Joshua H., Grade 2

On Friday, I went to the Science Centre with my class. It was a lot of fun. My mom was one of the volunteers on the trip. We first went to kidspark, where kids can play. I played with the ball apparatus. In the science classroom, we sorted a big box of simple machines. After that, we took out a Lego teeter-totter. We had to balance a Lego man with three gold coins, then two coins and then one. After that we made a slide with a marble. We had to pretend that the marble was a bird's egg.



There were tons of escalators and stairs. We really got our exercise! In fact, Ms. Popovic passed her phone pedometer's goal.

After that, living earth rain forest. It was cool! In the earth area, we also went in the tornado, overhead airplane and cave.

by Chantal ., Grade 2

All of the grade 2's went on the bus to the Science Centre. I sat with Jessie and I had the window seat. We also had moms on the bus: Linha's, Joshua's, Elizabeth's, Daniel's and Eunjie's.

Next, we were at the Science Centre and we put our things in the locker. We went to kidspark. I played the spinning circle. After that, we went to the kids' workshop and learned about simple machines.



Last, some of us put our hands on the ball and our hair came up.

Respect and Bullying Awareness Presentations – Gerry Mitchell

By Aspen, Grade 2



On Thursday, January 14, we watched an anti-bullying presentation by Jerry Mitchell. He taught us to respect the environment which is nice because it reminds me of wildlife. Speaking of wildlife, we should respect animals as we would respect ourselves. I liked his presentation because of the magic tricks that he did and his songs. My favourite song was called "Power Up and Power Down"!



by Victor, Grade 2

On Thursday we had a special presentation by Jerry Mitchell. He performed some songs and tricks. He talked about respect and he was really funny too! He asked us for a respect magic word for his trick. He tried abracadabra but that didn't work. Then, we told him to try "please" and it worked! Next, he did the power twist dance and invited 7 students down to be dance models. The last thing he did was singing the song "Power up and Power down". We sang for a long time and after he thanked us for letting him come today.

Winter Activity Day

We hope to have our Winter Activity Day on February 5th, weather permitting. For the students to enjoy themselves, it is important that come dressed warmly. The best is to dress in layers. Snow pants that fit over the boots and mittens that are wind/waterproof should help to ensure warm hands and feet for an afternoon of play outside.

Winter Challenge with the 60 Min.Kids Club!!

by Cynthia Husband

Arbor Glen is set to do the Winter Challenge again this year. This tracking program focuses on the healthy habits of getting enough sleep and exercise as well as drinking water and eating vegetables and fruit.

If you and your child would like to participate in the challenge go to:

60minkidsclub.org to find out more and sign-up. The challenge begins FEBRUARY 1st and runs until MARCH 1st.

Go Arbor Glen!!!

February is Heart Month

by Cynthia Husband



To recognize the importance of **heart health** we will be holding our annual **Jump Rope for Heart** event in February in the Gymnasium.

Each class will come to the Gymnasium to participate in heart healthy activities and learn about the heart; lead by our very own **Heart Heroes!**

Our Grade 1-6 students will participate on February 22, 2016 and our Kindergarten students will participate on February 23, 2016.

Every student will be given a pledge envelope. All pledge envelopes need to be returned by February 25, 2016. We have **prizes** for the first class to return all their envelopes by Feb. 25!



Visit to the Science Centre



by Zeina, Grade 2

On Friday, January 15, the grade twos went to the Ontario Science Centre. First, we went to Kidspark. Then we went to a show on electricity. We had lunch and then went to our workshop. We met Ms. Helena who was going to teach us. The workshop looked like our classroom. She taught us about simple machines like ramps, levers, pulleys and gears. We made a track for an egg and the egg was a marble. When we were done we went back on the bus and came back to Arbor Glen.

by Helena, Grade 2

On Friday, January 15, we went to the Ontario Science Centre to learn more about simple machines. First we went to Kidspark. Mr. Baik said "we will stay here for a while, let's go boys and girls!" I went on the spinning thing and a lot of other grade 2s were on it. I closed my eyes because I didn't want to get too dizzy. After we went to the second part of Kidspark. I played at the water station and then the bubble station. After lunch, we met Ms. Helena and she took us to a secret room. She taught us about simple machines and how they can make our lives easier. The Ontario Science Centre was awesome!





Arbor Glen Carnival Week February 1 – 5, 2016

by Ms. Liinamaa and Ms. Popovic

- Week long events** Classroom Bonhomme Bingo
Colouring Contest (one winner per grade)
- Monday** Jersey Day! Wear your own team's jersey (for example, your soccer jersey) or a jersey or shirt of your favourite team.
- Tuesday** Toque day! Wear your favourite winter hat
- Wednesday** Stuffed animal day! Bring your favourite stuffy toy to sit on your desk for the day.
9:45 am Whole School Early Recess!
- Thursday** Wacky Hair Day!
Individual Colouring Contest sheets due.
- Friday** Arbor Glen Spirit Day – Wear green, white and black
Colouring contest winners will be announced.
Winter Activity Day [Weather Permitting] – p.m.
Hot Chocolate Sale at afternoon recess.

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