



# Gledhill News

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## **From the office...**

It is hard to believe we are wrapping up the school year here at Gledhill. This year has seen many hard and difficult issues, including the continued effects of anti-black racism and injustices to Indigenous peoples in our society, and the inequities that have become even more apparent during the current COVID-19 crisis. The challenges have been daunting, and we know that the new “normal” has been extremely difficult for many families. The return to school in the fall may look very different from the past. What will be the same are the relationships and caring of the Gledhill community, and we will forge ahead to support our students.

We continue to celebrate the strong ties between school and community through our Gledhill “Roar and Ride”, the Gledhill Virtual Spring Concert, and the myriad of daily activities organized by staff for students in distance learning. Please look further in this newsletter for new opportunities, including the office hours for Music and Library and an opportunity for students to participate in the virtual ***Jump Rope for Heart on June 19th***.

Important information was emailed from our school on May 29th about retrieving personal belongings and returning school materials (e.g., library books, musical instruments). The protocol for coming into the school was approved by Toronto Public Health and must be strictly followed. Please get in touch with your child’s teacher if you have not received the specific date and time for one person from your family to access the school.

To our grade 5 graduates, we wish you all the best as you move on to middle school. Information about celebrating this milestone for our graduates has been shared with families by their grade 5 teachers.

We wish you all a safe and restful summer.

Cathy McAleese & Janet Bambrick

**Perseverance** is the character trait for June.

“Success consists of getting up just one more time than you fall.” – Oliver Goldsmith.

If you think about the quote above, it is really a very simple concept. However, the reality of actually getting up each time, especially that one last time, can sometimes be incredibly hard. This is the idea of perseverance, and it is one that most successful people know well. It is the drive that keeps you focused on your goals, and it is the quality that is most often the determining factor in achieving those goals!

To support children to develop perseverance families can:

- Have children solve puzzles, build structures (with Lego or found materials/loose parts), or make a craft
- Read stories about perseverance and Growth Mindset like “The Dot” by Peter Reynolds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Clpw7PG7m1Q>

\*\*Taken from inspiremykids.com TDSB Character Traits are important parts of learning, supporting students to achieve success in school.

## **ONLINE SUMMER SCHOOL THROUGH D.A. MORRISON**

Students in **Grade 3-8** are invited to enrol in the online summer school offered through D.A. Morrison from **July 6-31** from 9 am to 12pm. This online summer school will operate through the Google Classroom environment. The summer school program will include:

- Dynamic and Interactive Literacy and Numeracy Programming
- Mental Health and Well-Being
- Engaging and collaborative environment
- Daily conferencing with teachers
- Online learning platform

To register go to: <https://bit.ly/2020SummerSchoolReg>



**JUNE IS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MONTH** During the month of June, people across the country mark National Indigenous History Month in recognition of the rights, histories, contemporary realities and extraordinary achievements of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. The unique cultures and perspectives of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities are celebrated nationally and locally. On June 21st, the TDSB also recognizes National Indigenous Peoples Day. June 21st is a day of significance for many Indigenous Peoples in the country we call Canada today. It marks the day when the Sun is closest to the Earth. It is the longest day of the year and the shortest night. Many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples celebrate Summer Solstice. It is a time that reminds us to remain grounded, humble and appreciative. **Learn More:** [National Indigenous History Month in Canada](#); [National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada](#)

### **JUNE IS ITALIAN AND PORTUGUESE SPEAKING HERITAGE MONTH**

**Italian Heritage Month:** The TDSB is joined by the Province of Ontario in recognizing Italian Heritage Month since June 2010 as the Italian Heritage Month Act was passed. This Act recognizes the important contributions that immigrants made in building Ontario's communities and the economic, political, social and cultural achievements of Italian Canadians throughout the province. Italian Canadian immigrants have played a prominent role in supporting Canada's post-war boom and Toronto's emergence as a diverse, vibrant world-class city. The mass immigrations of Italians to Canada from 1870-1914, 1920-1930 and 1950-1970 are part of the broader history of the Italian Diaspora, a migratory movement prompted by poor economic conditions in Italy that arose in the 1860s and lasted for over a century. While the first Italian immigrants came to Canada in the 1830s and 1840s, mass Italian immigration did not begin until the 1870s.

**Learn More:** Learn360. [Italy](#). FIVE series (2013) 2 min. Gr K-3; Learn360. [Papa Piccolo](#). (1992) 18:02 min. Gr K-3; Learn360. [Pizza - Bella's Pizza Pie](#) (2017) 1:02 min. Gr K-3; Learn360

**Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month:** Internationally, there are 250 million Portuguese-speaking people worldwide, making it the fifth-most spoken language. The heroic efforts of many Portuguese-Speaking individuals had a momentous impact on thousands of people around the globe. This year, 2020, we mark the 75th Liberation Anniversary. We take this opportunity to highlight four Portuguese-Speaking individuals: Joaquim Carreira, Aristides de Sousa Mendes, Sampaio Garrido, and José Brito Mendes who risked their own lives to save thousands of Jewish individuals from the Holocaust through selfless acts. Their names have been engraved on the 'Wall of Honor' of the 'Righteous of the Nations Garden' at the Yad Vashem Memorial in Jerusalem, Israel. For additional information these four individuals and the 'Wall of Honour' may be found at the following link: <https://portuguese-american-journal.com/honor-rev-joaquim-carreira-joins-righteous-of-the-nations-garden-wall-of-honor-israel/>

**Learn More:** [PebbleGo](#)-Social Studies → Countries: [Portugal](#), [Brazil](#)

### **MESSAGE FROM GLEDHILL SCHOOL COUNCIL**

#### **Join us in creating Gledhill's (virtual) Quilt of Courage**

Hi Gledhill families-Life truly feels full of hard and sad things right now. We hope everyone is finding ways to stay safe, have fun, and feel connected to the people and issues you care about. But we know this isn't easy – especially for our kids! As we enter the last month of the school year, and our 3rd month of being apart, we wanted to look for a way to honour what our kids are going through, what they have achieved, and what they are hopeful about. Between today and June 17th, we encourage all Gledhill kids to make a drawing, piece of art work, chalk art, poem, or even just write us a message where they answer one of these two statements:

I am feeling \_\_\_\_\_

or

I look forward to \_\_\_\_\_

Then take a photo of the finished piece and email a JPEG to us at [thegledhillguardian@gmail.com](mailto:thegledhillguardian@gmail.com). We'll take all of the submissions and 'stitch' them together into a virtual quilt and slide show which we will share. All submissions will be anonymous unless your child wants to sign their submission. It's a way to express, to share, to connect, and to be reminded that we're all in this together. As always, you can find this initiative and other updates on the blog at [gledhillguardian.com](http://gledhillguardian.com). Don't forget to sign up for email updates so you don't miss the finished product.

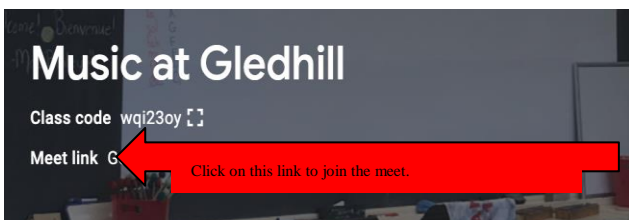
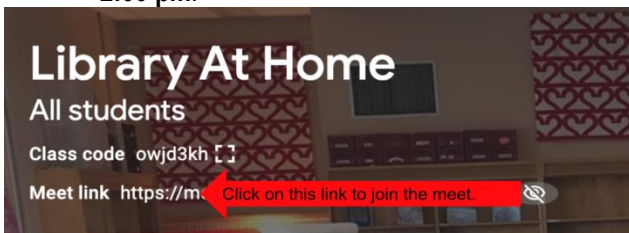
We look forward to receiving your submissions!

**IN THE MUSIC ROOM....AT HOME" -By: Mrs. Bailey** I hope that everyone is having fun with the activities that are loaded in the music classroom! There is a lot of variety for all grades! There are also additional folders with extra music for students looking to play new recorder or ukulele songs. A reminder that the Google music classroom code is: **wqi23oy**. It's been so fun to see and hear all of the musical compositions that many junior students have composed this past month! Keep up the great level of creativity and send your compositions to me when you have completed your masterpieces! I'd love to see/hear them! Primary students are also encouraged to send videos of any dances or actions that you have created to accompany the songs you are learning! Good luck and have fun! We are excited that the **"Gledhill Virtual Spring Concert"** is really coming together! We have over 20 student submissions from students in grades 1 to 5. There are solos and group acts, and even a few surprises from some Gledhill staff! A reminder for students who already signed up for the concert, that you should have submitted your performance video by June 1st. However, if you missed this deadline but are still interested in participating in the concert, I will **extend the deadline to the end of day on Thursday, June 4th!** No submissions will be accepted after that time. Please email the videos to Mrs. Bailey at [heather.bailey@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:heather.bailey@tdsb.on.ca) Parents, if you have any difficulty uploading/sending your video using your phone or computer, please email me using the email address above and send me your telephone contact information. I will call you and try to walk you through an alternative process to emailing the video. **The "Gledhill Virtual Spring Concert" will be posted online in the Google music classroom and the Phys. Ed. website on June 15th!** Stay tuned and stay well!

## OFFICE HOURS FOR LIBRARY AND MUSIC

Hello Everyone! During the month of June, Mrs. Bailey and Ms. Kopka will be hosting "Office Hours" through Google Meet. During the "Office Hours", you will be able to join a video chat to say hello, ask questions about the assigned work and chat with us. To join us, go to our Google Classroom and click on the "Meet Link" to join.

- Ms. Bailey's "Office Hours" will be on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am**
- Ms. Kopka's "Office Hours" will be on **Mondays from 10:00 to 10:30 am and on Tuesday from 1:30 to 2:00 pm.**



**NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY** Thank you for joining the "Library at Home" Google Classroom. It has been great to see all of your work and the pictures that you have submitted. In the month of June, you will be able to connect with me online through Google Meet during "Office Hours".

You must join the classroom in order to participate in Google Meets. Follow these three easy steps to join if you haven't already done so:

1. Go to the AW site <https://aw.tdsb.on.ca/> and choose "Classroom" from the Google Apps menu.
2. Tap on the "+" in the right-hand corner and choose "Join Class".
3. Type in this class code **owjd3kh** and click "Join"

In addition to weekly activities and clubs available in our Google Classroom, you can now sign up for Epic! account which is available for free until the end of June. Simply fill out a survey posted in our Classroom and I will send you an invitation to join Epic where you will have access to thousands of books in English and French for all ages.



## NEWS FROM THE PHYS.ED. DEPARTMENT



Roar and Ride continues every Wednesday until the last week in June. Make sure you have your Gledhill Tigers poster in your window! The ride starts at noon. We have seen many of our families and had many lovely conversations with you.

Please continue to check out the PE website as we are updating it regularly. Also, for those who haven't, please look at the all staff bit-emoji pages and click on the activities! There are 3 slides in total and that will be released weekly.

### Jump Rope for Heart

Gledhill will be taking part in our first ever Virtual Jump Rope for Heart! Over 100,000 students across Canada will participate [on June 19th](#). 80% of premature heart disease and stroke can be prevented and the fight for prevention starts with our kids. Together we can help promote wellness to your students and increase their knowledge on EASY Healthy Habits that they can use every day.

Click on this link for more information on how to register to participate.

[https://secure-support.heartandstroke.ca/site/SPageServer/?pagename=jump\\_home&locale=en\\_CA](https://secure-support.heartandstroke.ca/site/SPageServer/?pagename=jump_home&locale=en_CA)

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