



# Gledhill News

November 2019

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## From the office...

It has been a busy and productive fall at Gledhill! Students have had the opportunity to participate in many activities including Character Education Assemblies, Cross-Country Running, Spirit Club, Ukulele Club, Chess Club, Makerspace Club, Girls and Boys Soccer Tournaments and Primary Choir. The Terry Fox Staff Challenge assembly was held on October 10<sup>th</sup>. At the assembly students had an opportunity to hear an ambassador from the Terry Fox Foundation, and they had the fun of seeing Gledhill staff perform a variety of challenges including dressing up in costumes, getting a pie in the face and even eating some bugs!! The best part of the Terry Fox Challenge was the money that was raised. The Gledhill community surpassed the fundraising goal and raised \$7325.00 for cancer research! Thank-you to our staff for their participation in the challenges and to Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Chitayat, and Mrs. Werbin for organizing such a fun and worthwhile event.

Student Progress Reports will be going home later this month and we look forward to seeing everyone at parent/teacher conferences. Information about these conferences will be sent home with your child/children. Please read through the newsletter for more upcoming events and activities at Gledhill. There are so many ways for parents/guardians to get involved, including coming out to Gledhill Parent Council Meetings. We invite and encourage your ongoing communication and participation in our school and we encourage you to contact your child's/children's teachers with any questions or concerns.

## Cathy McAleese and Janet Bambrick

**EMPATHY** is November's Character Trait.

Having empathy is a key ingredient to becoming the best person you can be. You can practice empathy by:

- listening to someone rather than trying to talk to them
- asking someone how they are feeling if you think there is something wrong
- learning about people from different backgrounds and cultures
- showing concern and care for others
- paying attention to the needs of others
- getting to know someone better instead of judging them

Taken From: <http://www.inspiremykids.com>

*"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." (Bonnie Jean Wasmund)*

Character traits are an important part of learning, supporting students to achieve success in school.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY** We welcome all Gledhill families and members of our community to join us for our Remembrance day assembly on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in our school gymnasium.

## **FSL – EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION ONLINE**

**APPLICATION OPENS NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>** Early French Immersion (Senior Kindergarten students in Sept. 2020) registrations will be available soon. Online applications only: [www.tdsb.on.ca/pars](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/pars) Timelines are as follows: Early French Immersion application opens **November 4, 2019** and the deadline is **November 29, 2019**. \*Information for Junior Extended French (Grade 4 entry) is **January 6, 2020** and the deadline is **January 31 2020**. Applications must be completed online applications only: [www.tdsb.on.ca/pars](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/pars). For more information about French as a Second Language programs and information evenings visit: [www.tdsb.on.ca/french](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/french).

**FALL BACK** Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



**PARENT COUNCIL** The year is well underway and we already have lots on the go! The School Council met on October 15<sup>th</sup> and had a great discussion on priorities for the year ahead. You can find the minutes from this meeting at <https://gledhillguardian.com/minutes/>. We'll be discussing next steps at our upcoming meeting on **November 21<sup>st</sup>**. As always, all parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Child care and pizza are provided unless otherwise notified. Hope to see you there!

Our first Movie Night was a great success! These events are not only lots of fun, but also raise money to support School Council Initiatives (like Drama with Jeff, Scientist in the School, etc.). Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help it run so smoothly. The next Movie Night will be **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you are able to spare an hour or two to help, you can sign up easily here: <https://signup.com/go/RGzhQUX>.

#### Upcoming events

Gledhill goes to the Marlies at the **Scotiabank Arena** (formerly the Air Canada Centre) on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are just \$20 each, and partial proceeds go to supporting School Council initiatives. Get your tickets **by November 15<sup>th</sup>** at: <http://www.sagoto.com/gsc/Marlies> GO MARLIES!

Remember, the best way to stay up to date with what is happening at Gledhill is to register for emails from the blog ([gledhillguardian.com](http://gledhillguardian.com)) - you'll get daily announcement updates and posts about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

In partnership,

Your School Council

**SAFE ARRIVAL** For reporting absences parent/guardians may now call 1-833-250-2290, (between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.) to report their child(ren)'s absence for the **current day**. For the day before please call the school number.

**ENTRY AND EXIT** Please remember that students learn best when they arrive on time. **Entry time is 8:40 a.m.**



#### **"IN THE MUSIC ROOM" FROM MRS. BAILEY**



In November, rooms 14, 24, 25, and 29/30 will be making a submission for this year's CBC contest "Canadian Music Class Challenge 2019". We are preparing a variety of songs and we are having a great time putting together each class submission! Wish us luck!

A reminder about the **Winter Concert** in December. We plan to have our Winter Concert on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The kindie classes will present in the gym at **2 pm**. At **6:30 pm** Classes and clubs that are involved in the Winter Concert will perform. Those classes include: rooms 6, 8, 18, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 and the Primary Choir.

**PRIMARY CHOIR** has begun and the students in grades 1 and 2 are busy preparing 3 songs for the concert. A reminder to all families of primary choir participants, we ask that students wear white COLLARED shirts for the concert and black on the bottom (pants or skirts). We will loan students gold bow ties to wear for the concert.

**FROM PHYS.ED.** A huge congratulations to the girls' grade 4/5 soccer team who played their hearts out on October 18th at Diefenbaker school. +The team played 4 back to back games and showed their true Gledhill spirit as they continued to support, encourage and cheer each other on throughout the season.  
Go Tigers!

Upcoming events: House League 3-ball volleyball will start in November. Boys grade 4/5 volleyball team will also start in November.

**CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS** Claude Watson School for the Arts is a TDSB Gr. 4-8 school focused on The Arts. Each year they audition Gr. 3 students for entry into their Gr. 4 program. Parents of students who are interested in auditioning for CWSA are encouraged to attend their information session on Monday, Nov. 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Earl Haig Secondary School, 100 Princess Ave. Parents will be informed of the school's program, they will be able to review the application process and will be provided the opportunity to ask questions. For more information, please visit [www.claudewatson.org](http://www.claudewatson.org).

**LOST AND FOUND** Please make sure you check the Lost and Found located in the basement of the school. There are many lost items that need to be claimed!



## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



The Arctic Adventure Book Fair is coming to our school in November. What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event. The profits from each Scholastic book fair have been used to expand our library and classroom resources as well as supplement our collection of iPad, Dash and Dot robots and makerspace materials.

You'll find hundreds of books at our book fair with a wide assortment for all reading levels. Visit the Scholastic Book Fairs website at [www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs](http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs) to read reviews of the featured books.

All students will receive a flyer with book highlights. The flyer also contains a special book fair draw ballot. Each student who purchases a book will be eligible to enter the draw and deposit their ballot during their visit to the book fair. Your child could win \$50 in books – \$25 for your family PLUS \$25 for your child's classroom! The draw will take place on Tuesday, November 19th.

We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic book fair and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary event. Thank you for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child's future.

### Volunteering

The success of our book fair depends on your help and support. If you would like to volunteer, please add your name to the schedule - [http://bit.ly/scholastic\\_2019](http://bit.ly/scholastic_2019) or stop by the library to speak to Ms Kopka. Volunteers must have a TDSB Police Reference Check.

**Book Fair Dates:** Thursday, November 14th, and Monday, Nov. 18th - Thursday, November 21st.

**Times:** 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. (closed at recess!)

**After School Event:** The Book Fair will be open on *Thursday, November 14th from 3:30 p.m. until 5:45 p.m.*

**Location:** Library (2nd Floor)

**WE SCARE HUNGER** Students in room 24 and 25 here at Gledhill are running a Food Drive for the Toronto Daily Bread Food Bank. We want to help people who do not get enough food for themselves and their families and they would like your help. A food bank is a place where anyone who is having trouble meeting their basic food needs could come and get food. Many different people use food banks including children, adults, those with disabilities, elderly, homeless, people with jobs and people without jobs. We are collecting donations of canned or dried food items such as beans, lentils, pasta or spices. Baby food is also important to help feed children. Thank-you for being a part of this with us and please donate. We will be collecting food until **Tuesday, November 5.**

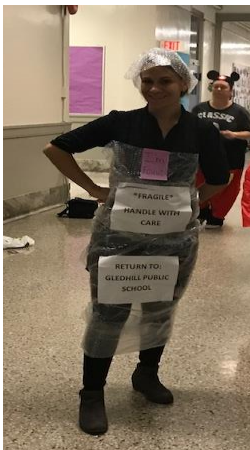
**TERRY FOX UPDATE** Congratulations to Gledhill on such an incredible fundraising effort to help the Terry Fox Foundation. We had a record breaking year, raising just over **\$7325!** Incredible! Thank you for helping us raise awareness and helping to find a cure.



## **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!**

Despite the rain we had a wonderful Halloween Parade inside the school. Students paraded through the halls to the delight of Gledhill families. Thank-you to the Gledhill Parent Council for organizing the coffee chat and information sharing before and during our Halloween Parade!

### **Happy Halloween from Gledhill Staff!**



**THE FLU AND YOU TPH** suggests the following to avoid the flu: • Wash or sanitize your hands frequently and thoroughly. • Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue, not your hand. • Stay home if you are ill so that others don't get sick (let the school know the reason for your child's absence).

**SEVERE WEATHER** In the event of severe or rapidly deteriorating weather conditions, please keep children at home, if possible. The decision to close schools is made by the Director of Education. Listen to the radio or television for school closures and cancellation of transportation services before the opening of school – cancellations will be announced from 6:30 a.m. onward. Should schools close during the school day; announcements will be made on radio stations by noon and posted on the TDSB website.

### **COMING EVENTS**

*Please mark these dates in your calendar:*

November 11	Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:30 AM
November 12	Progress Reports sent home
November 14-20	Scholastic Book Fair
November 14	Evening Parent/ Teacher Interviews
November 15	P.A. Day Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 21	Parent Council Meeting at 6 PM
November 29	Pizza Lunch
December 6	Elementary P.A. Day
December 12	Kindies' Winter Concert at 2 PM
December 12	Winter Concert- rooms 6, 8, 18, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 performing as well as the Primary Choir at 6:30 PM
December 13	Pizza Lunch
December 23- January 3	Winter Break

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