



# Gledhill News

November 2020

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## From the office...

The weather is getting much chillier and we are well into our fall term. Teachers have posted their "Curriculum Connection" on their virtual platforms (either Google Classrooms or Brightspace). The presentations share information and visuals to provide families with a window into the classroom and what each day looks like for your child. Soon teachers will be connecting again with each family to review your child's first Progress Report. This report gives a snapshot of your child's achievement, their strengths and next steps, in learning. Progress reports will be going home, Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

While our school COVID-19 routines are now very familiar, we continue to remind families of the importance of following health and safety guidelines related to this illness. We are stringent about taking every precaution to ensure your child's safety at school and we encourage families to continue to carefully monitor your child's health and complete the TDSB health check prior to coming to school. This active screening is one way that we all work together to keep everyone safe.

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, we had a Terry Fox activity day. Each class at Gledhill participated, at scheduled times in the day, as a cohort. Students performed different fitness challenges at stations that were posted outside in our field. The day was a great opportunity for students to learn about Terry Fox and his incredible efforts to raise money for cancer research, and it was fun to be outside and enjoy some of the wonderful fall weather that we have had. In addition, the Gledhill community raised \$2805.00 for cancer research! Thanks very much to Mrs. Werbin and Mrs. Bailey who organized this event.

We encourage parents and guardians to come out to the next Virtual Gledhill Parent Council Meeting on **Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** (more details below and the link for the meeting will be sent out later on school messenger). Parent Council is a great way to be involved in your child's education and to support our school.

Warmest regards,

**Cathy McAleese & 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>

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



**FALL BACK** Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on

Saturday night.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY** Remembrance day at Gledhill has always been, and will continue to be a very important day of reflection.

Although we are unable to have a school assembly, many resources have been made available for teachers to use in their classroom, in addition to an audio presentation that will take place over the PA system on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

Poppies/poppy stickers will be distributed to each student and we encourage families to continue the conversation at home about the importance of Remembrance Day and demonstrating gratitude for all members of the Canadian military, today, tomorrow, and yesterday. Lest we forget.

As well, Gledhill is proud to announce that we had over 60 entries for the Remembrance Day poster contest in 2019. Of those students, we would like to congratulate three winners who have been recognized at the branch level as contest winners. From the primary black and white poster contest Haddie Schlombs was awarded third place. From the junior division, Camryn Schlombs was awarded first place in the black and white poster contest and Toban Bruynson was awarded third place. Congratulations to all winners and all students who entered the contest!

**PARENT COUNCIL**

**GLEDHILL SCHOOL COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU!**

**The Gledhill School Council Election and first formal School Council meeting is on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

All support and ideas are welcome! All meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. Zoom details and meeting agenda will be circulated shortly.

This meeting will constitute our election of council positions for the 2020/2021 school year and set the stage for council work for the year ahead. Every parent/guardian of a Gledhill student (including virtual students) has a vote.

We encourage you to consider joining us this year as we work together to overcome obstacles and look for opportunities in this unprecedented year. No contribution is too small! Questions? Feel free to contact us at [thegledhillguardian@gmail.com](mailto:thegledhillguardian@gmail.com)

**We look forward to seeing you on November 5<sup>th</sup>!**

**Elected Council positions:** Council Chair/Co-chair, Secretary and Treasurer

**Committees:** Parent Engagement, Remote School Representative\*, Communications, Fundraising, Grants, Healthy Kids, School Improvement, Volunteer Coordination, Ward and School Advocacy, Eco and Governance

**FSL – EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION ONLINE APPLICATION OPENS NOVEMBER 2nd**

Early French Immersion (Senior Kindergarten students in Sept. 2021) 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 2, 2020** and the deadline is **November 27, 2020**. \*Information for Junior Extended French (Grade 4 entry) is **January 4, 2021** and the deadline is **January 29, 2021**. 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).

**TDSB VIRTUAL LIBRARY** French fiction (including chapter books) can be found in Tumble Biblio Enfants and Destiny Discover. Big Timber and Tabview both have a small collection of French non-fiction (curriculum related). Click on the "Francais" tab for easy access to those. If you scroll down, you will find eBookids, Story Books Canada French, and Abracadabra. These include books appropriate for various age groups and language proficiency levels.



**FROM PHYS.ED.** In November, the PE classes will be a hybrid of indoor classroom health lessons, indoor classroom Yoga, low/no equipment in class games and outdoor high activity games (weather dependent). Thank you for continuing to support your child's success by dressing them in layers of clothes, each piece labeled with their name and both weather and athletic shoes. Where possible we ask students to leave their umbrellas in the classroom. Finally, for all those families participating in the at home Fitness Challenge please see below the November calendar.

**Physical Education Fitness Calendar**

**Directions:** Complete each fitness challenge for each day of the month. When you are finished, pass it in to your Physical Education teacher.  
**Calendars created by:** <https://physedreview.weebly.com>

**Note:** If you miss a day, that's ok. Just make up that day on the next day. The idea is to do something active everyday!!!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 With your feet on the floor, hold your arms out to the sides. Wiggle your fingers and toes. Repeat 10 times.	2 Do 5 squats while singing the school song.	3 Teach your whole class to do a simple exercise. Exchange your ideas with a partner.	4 Walk around your home. Name 5 things you see. Name 3 things you hear. Name 2 things you smell.	5 Jig in place while counting to 10. Repeat 3 times.	6 <b>Rest Day</b>	7 Keep your body on the floor. Wiggle your feet up off the floor. Wiggle or stretch.
8 Pretend you are a robot. Hold your arms out to the sides. Wiggle your fingers and toes. Repeat 10 times.	9 Do 50 lunges.	10 Do 15 push-ups.	11 Hold a plank position while counting to 10 by 5's.	12 <b>Rest Day</b>	13 Do 25 back leg kicks for each leg.	14 Ask a family member or friend to do a simple exercise with you.
15 Pretend you are a robot. Hold your arms out to the sides. Wiggle your fingers and toes. Repeat 10 times.	16 Do 50 sit-ups.	17 Reach both sides of your body. Stretching by your favorite songs.	18 <b>Rest Day</b>	19 Stretch your calf muscles while you watch a commercial on TV.	20 Watch the news with someone in your family. Ask them a question.	21 Do 50 Jumping Jacks with a family member or friend.
22 Pretend you are a robot. Hold your arms out to the sides. Wiggle your fingers and toes. Repeat 10 times.	23 In a hinged position, hold your arms out to the sides. Wiggle your fingers and toes. Repeat 10 times.	24 <b>Rest Day</b>	25 Hold one hand on your hip. Lift your other leg. Hold for 10 seconds. Repeat 3 times.	26 Do Jumping every time a commercial comes on T.V.	27 Watch the news with someone in your family. Ask them a question.	28 Make up your own fitness challenge and show it. Then have a friend or family member try it.
29 Pick One of Your Favorite Days And Do it Again!!!	30 <b>Rest Day</b>	Student Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____		Check off (✓) when you finish each day		

**LOST AND FOUND** Please make sure you check the Lost and Found located on the **Kindie Triangle Fence**. Staff will place lost items in this area for retrieval.



**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.**



### **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!**

Despite the COVID-19 restrictions we had wonderful Halloween celebrations at Gledhill. Students wore costumes and Halloween music and jokes were played on the announcements. Individual classes also held Halloween events in the classroom.

Here are some of our favourite Hallowe'en Jokes from this week:

**When is it bad luck to be followed by a black cat?**

If you are a mouse.

**What happens when a vampire goes in the snow?**

Frost bite!

**What's a ghost's favourite pie?**

Boo-berry

**Why don't vampires have more friends?**

Because they are a pain in the neck.

**What is hollow, orange and you throw out in November?**

A Trumpkin!

**Happy Halloween from Gledhill Staff!**

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### **NOVEMBER IS INDIGENOUS EDUCATION MONTH AT TDSB**

In November, we honour Indigenous Education Month at the TDSB.

This month provides an opportunity to centre First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives, histories and contemporary realities. In classrooms across the TDSB, it is an opportunity to learn about treaties, Indigenous leadership, achievements, and resistance. Over the course of this month, students, staff and community members will be recognizing a number of important days to deepen knowledge and learn together about our shared history and build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.

### **First Nations, Métis and Inuit Days of Significance**

Over the course of November, students, staff and community members will be recognizing a number of important days to deepen knowledge and build stronger relationships between non-Indigenous and Indigenous peoples in Canada. This includes Treaty Recognition Week (Nov. 1-7), Inuit Day (Nov. 7), Aboriginal Veterans' Day (Nov. 8), Louis Riel Day (Nov. 16), and an opportunity to Rock Your Mocs (Nov.15).

### **NOVEMBER IS HINDU HERITAGE MONTH**

The TDSB affirms our commitment to celebrating Hindu Heritage Month. The theme chosen this year is OMUniverse. The sound OM, or AUM, is energy, a vibration from which all the universe originates. It is believed that form and creation emanate from this vibration. OM symbolizes vibrations of being, life, and consciousness in all worlds and all creatures. By chanting OM correctly, one feels a connection to the creation and transformation of the cosmos. And then, it is traditional to pause, sit in silence, and experience that creative void of complete peace and understanding.

### **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 5	Virtual Parent Council Meeting-6:30 PM-link will be sent on school messenger
November 11	Remembrance Day Service played on the Gledhill PA at 11:00 AM-student only event
November 18	Progress Reports sent home
November 20	P.A. Day –No School
December 23-January 3	Winter Break