



# Gledhill News

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## From the office...

We have just finished a very busy September at Gledhill! With the large numbers in our kindergarten classes we received the good news that we were allocated another teacher, allowing for reorganization to smaller classes and supporting our youngest learners.

Thank you to all who attended our first School Council Meeting and we look forward to seeing everyone at upcoming meetings. We hope that you will consider getting involved in the many different initiatives that are organized by the council to support our school.

It was great to see so many people at our Curriculum Night, as well as at our fourth annual Family Terry Fox Walk. We also had a demonstration for parents of the X-Movement program which all of our classes participated in during the second week of September. This valuable program supports students with self-regulation and wellness through teaching movements, breathing and conflict resolution strategies. We look forward to having X-Movement back to our school later in the year as we move to the second stage of the program.

We value our home-school partnership and we encourage ongoing communication. Please don't hesitate to contact your child/children's teacher or the administration with any questions, concerns or suggestions you may have throughout the school year. We encourage positive partnerships with parents in the education of their children. We are looking forward to seeing you often throughout the school year!

**Cathy McAleese and Janet Bambrick**

**RESPONSIBILITY** is October's Character Trait.

**What is responsibility and what does it look like for our students?**

- Taking care of ourselves and others
- Following rules
- Following through with commitments
- Asking for help when needed
- Doing chores at home and assigned tasks at school
- Taking responsibility for actions and not blaming others
- Staying organized and meeting timelines for assignments
- Taking care of the environment--for example by not littering and using reusable containers

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

**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.

**ORANGE SHIRT DAY** Students at Gledhill recognized Orange Shirt Day on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Students and staff wore orange shirts and the Gledhill Parent Council helped to organize a school activity where classes wrote messages about respecting every child. In preparing for the day, students recognized the harm that was done to First Nations' People through the residential school system.



**PARENT COUNCIL** The Gledhill School Council is pleased to welcome all new and returning parents. Who is the Gledhill School Council? The council consists of a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, a handful of specific chairs (such as fundraising, communication, parent engagement, Eco and School Improvement), the Principal and VP, a teacher representative and ALL parents. If you have a student at the school, then you are a voting member and are invited to every meeting. The council meets approximately once every 4-6 weeks. Our goals, among other things, are to improve communication, foster a sense of community, increase parent engagement, and fund-raise for enrichment programs and resources in the school. The best way to stay informed is to enter your email address at our blog [gledhillguardian.com](http://gledhillguardian.com) - you'll get daily announcement updates and posts about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Our first meeting/elections were held on September 19th and the turnout was amazing! We hope to continue to see many new and returning faces as the year progresses - there are so many ways to get involved. September election results and minutes can be found on the blog at: <https://gledhillguardian.com/minutes/>.

Join us at our next meeting planned for **October 15th at 6pm** and help us set our priorities for the coming year. Pizza and childcare are always provided unless otherwise communicated.

Let's continue to make Gledhill "A Great Place To Be" together.

### **TERRY FOX FUNDRAISING EFFORTS AT**

**GLEDHILL** It's a very exciting time at Gledhill with all of the hard work by students, Gledhill families, and staff to make the Terry Fox walk/run a success again this year! Pledges are still coming in, so we will have a total in our next newsletter. However, we thank all of the families who have contributed to making this a successful fundraising campaign for the Terry Fox Foundation in efforts to finding a cure for cancer.

We look forward to having a closing assembly October 10th, where we will have a guest ambassador from the Terry Fox Foundation speak to the school. We are looking forward to hearing from the guest ambassador and to seeing the STAFF CHALLENGE take place! We can't wait to see all of the great things the staff have in store... whether it be costumes, eating crazy things, dying their hair, physical challenges, etc.! It is sure to be a fun time!!! All of this was made possible because of the funds raised by the students! THANK YOU!



**FSL – EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION** 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).

### **UPDATED MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Please ensure that you have informed us of any medical concerns regarding your child. Specifically, we need to know if your child has a serious allergy that is potentially life threatening; for example, severe reactions to peanuts and nut products. We also need to be aware of medical conditions that may interfere with your child's learning. If you have not already provided us with this information when your child registered, please contact the school as soon as possible. All staff will be made aware of the names and faces of these children to ensure their safety. Situations occasionally arise when parents request the administration of medication for their child on either a short term or long term basis. If you find yourself in this position, there are specific forms which you are required to complete with the assistance of a medical doctor, and submit to the school. Please contact the office in order to obtain the proper forms.

**PEANUT ALLERGIES ALERT** A number of our students are anaphylactic. Several of these children have severe, potentially life-threatening allergies to nuts/peanut oil. Many experts in the field suggest that prevention is the primary treatment of anaphylaxis and avoidance is the key to prevention. ***We ask all those who bring lunches and snacks to school, bring food that does not contain nuts or peanut products.***

**LOST & FOUND** Please have a look in our lost and found box and claim your items! The box is found downstairs outside of the lunchroom.

### **LEARNING FROM OUR COMMUNITY**



Room 1 having a special visit from parent Jessica Braun, who taught them about the Jewish celebration of Rosh Hashanah.

### **“IN THE MUSIC ROOM” By: Mrs. Bailey**

Please ensure your child is coming to music class with indoor shoes as we try to keep the carpet we sit on as clean as possible. (Outdoor shoes are leading to sandy, dirty carpets.) Thank you for your help!

Primary Choir will begin for interested grades one and two students, every Tuesday from 11:45 am until 12:30 pm. We will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, October 22nd. The Primary Choir will perform in the Winter Concert on Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 pm. Permission forms will be sent home with students who express interest, over the next two weeks.

**NEWS FROM THE PHYS.ED. PROGRAM** Bordenball house league finished the last week of September. Thank you to all our participants. Look out for our next house league events coming in October. The girls' soccer tournament will be held at Diefenbaker school on October 18th. If the team advances to the semis, that game will be held on Monday October 21st at a location TBD.

### **Indoor Shoes:**

Please make sure your son/daughter has a pair of indoor shoes. This is particularly important on Phys. Ed. days. Many students are wearing inappropriate footwear. Proper footwear is important for safety in the gym.

### **Teams:**

We use a whole year permission form for all sports teams at Gledhill, excluding Cross Country and Track and Field. If your son/daughter is considering trying out for Gledhill teams, please have them speak to Mr. Webb about getting the permission form and having it returned to the gym office.

### **Mr. Webb Website:**

Please refer to the following link for any and all information regarding the gym, Gledhill athletics, and Mr. Webb's classes. Tryout schedules, calendar of events, long range plans, phys. ed. timetable, physical literacy information and more can all be found on the website and is the main source of communication from the gym.

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/mrwebbshpeandtigerathletics/home>

### **Gledhill Tiger Gear:**

We use [entripyshops.com](http://entripyshops.com) for all orders of Tiger gear. There is a link on Mr. Webb's website, or you may go to [entripyshops.com](http://entripyshops.com) and type in Gledhill Public School. You can purchase t-shirts, pants, hats and all things Gledhill and you can choose from various logos to personalize your items. All orders are shipped directly to your home and you can order at any time of the year. The Back to School sale is on right now!

## **HALLOWE'EN PARADE**



On Thursday, October 31st, we will have a Halloween Parade. **Parents are very welcome to join our parade beginning at 12:45 p.m. Students should wear costumes in the afternoon only. Costume Rules: no masks or weapons.**

**HALLOWE'EN SAFETY TIPS** Halloween can be a fun and exciting time for kids. Here is a selection of safety tips from *Caring For Kids-Information for Parents from Canada's Pediatricians*.

### **For parents:**

- Do not use masks. Masks make it hard for children to see what's around them, including cars. Try a hypoallergenic (less likely to cause an allergic reaction), non-toxic make-up kit instead.
- Make or buy costumes in light-coloured material.
- Place strips of reflective tape on the back and front of costumes, so that drivers can better see your child.
- Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult for trick or treating. By the age of 10, some children are ready to go trick-or-treating with a group of friends.
- Keep in mind that gum and hard candy can pose a choking risk for young children.

### **For Children:**

- Carry a white bag or pillowcase for your candy, and add some reflective tape.
- Dress for the weather.
- Cold weather or water absorbent materials in the rain can be very uncomfortable.
- Bring a cell phone, in case you need to make an emergency phone call.
- Always travel in groups. Be sure there are at least 3 of you at all times.
- Let your parents know where you're going to be at all times.
- Don't visit houses that are not well lit. Never go inside a stranger's house.
- Use the sidewalk whenever possible. If there's no sidewalk, walk on the side of the road facing traffic.
- Don't criss-cross back and forth across the street. Work your way up one side of the street, and then start on the other.
- Don't eat any of your treats before you get home. Once home, ask your parents to look through your treats with you to make sure everything is okay.

## LIBRARY NEWS

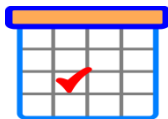
Makerspace Club is Coming Back to our Library! Makerspace Club will be starting at the end of October. We would like to invite students to join us for one of the following sessions:



- October 22nd - December 10th (Grades 4 and 5 on Tuesdays)
- January 20th - March 10th (Grades 2 and 3 on Tuesdays)
- March 31st - April 28th (Grade 1 on Tuesdays)

Makerspaces are places where children can meet to design, create, invent, collaborate and learn together. In our Makerspace Club at Gledhill, students will have an opportunity to build with Kapla blocks, use Lego robotics, learn to code with Scratch, use robots and create projects with all kinds of materials. Spaces are limited and students who did not participate in the past will be given priority. Permission forms will be distributed to students during the week of October 7th

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR Mark Your Calendars!



We will be hosting our annual Scholastic Book Fair from November 14th until November 21st. The Book Fair will be open to students, staff and parents during the day.

We will host a family event on Thursday, November 14th after school. Exact dates and times will be announced in November. Stay tuned!

The profits made from our book fairs are used to develop our library collection and support our makerspace culture. Please fill out this brief survey if you are interested in volunteering (volunteers must have a PRC and be on our school volunteer list) - <http://bit.ly/2n0wyPO>.

Please see Ms Kopka if you have any questions.

### CONTACT US

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## NEWS FROM THE ECO-TEAM Gledhill has earned Gold Eco-School Status for the past three years!!! WOOT

WOOT. 🍷 This qualifies us to finally apply for the highest level of eco-certification, Platinum Status! One of our very important initiatives to help us work towards this school-certification has just been re-introduced, the BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM. Gledhill families and staff can drop off their small batteries (e.g., 9 volt or double A, AAA and D batteries) to our battery recycling buckets which can be found in the main hallway across from the school office. These batteries will be recycled at a dedicated facility to protect water and soil contamination. ☺️ Look for the coffin for ☹️ Dead Batteries in October. Schools who collect the most batteries can qualify for cash prizes for school-yard greening projects. Please remember to bring in Dead Batteries! Thanks for looking out for our environment.

**WE SCARE HUNGER FOOD DRIVE** A group of Grade 5 students attended We Day and were inspired to make positive changes in our communities and around the world. These students are beginning their commitment to positive change with a school-wide food drive called “**The We Scare Hunger Food Drive**”. More information will be coming soon about when to bring in food donations to support families in Toronto.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY** We will be holding a Remembrance Day Assembly on Monday, November 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the gym. Parents are welcome to join us.

## COMING EVENTS

*Please mark these dates in your calendar:*

October 8	Picture Day
October 10	Terry Fox Assembly
October 11	P.A. Day
October 14	Thanksgiving
October 15 6:00 pm	Gledhill Parent Council Meeting
October 18	Girls' Soccer Tournament at Diefenbaker PS
October 22	Primary Choir Begins
October 25 9:00 am	Character Education Assembly-Responsibility
October 25 6:00 pm	Movie Night
October 31 12:45 pm	Hallowe'en Parade
November 11 10:30 am	Remembrance Day Assembly
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
December 12 6:30 pm	Winter Concert

