



Gledhill News

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Dear Families,

We have completed our first week of school and we have been so happy to see the return of our students and families. We would like to extend a warm welcome to children who are new to Gledhill. We are so glad that you are here and have joined our school community! We would like to thank families for their many kind words of support to staff for the work that was involved in getting this year up and running safely. Thank-you as well for all of the work that you have done at home to support your children to be ready for the new safety routines that are in place. Students have shown an amazing amount of tolerance and perseverance for wearing their masks and sanitizing/washing their hands regularly. Well done, Gledhill!

The School Council has been busy over the summer thinking about how they can help to support a successful, fun and safe return to school. The council has generously provided Brita water filters to each class so that we may provide filtered water to students in the classroom (as our water fountains are off-limits as part of COVID-19 safety measures) and mats for our Wellness room. We want to thank the council for their amazing work and these contributions to our school.

As we continue on with the year it will be important to be vigilant about wearing masks, hand-washing and social distancing to stop the spread of COVID-19. We ask that parents/caregivers continue to do the following:

- Screen your child for COVID symptoms in the morning before coming to school. Before entering the school, students will be asked to show their Health Pass with parent signature to validate that they did a self-assessment and are free of any COVID symptoms.
- Keep your child home if they are not feeling well and go to a testing station if your child is displaying symptoms associated with COVID-19 or you and your family have been exposed to someone with COVID.
- Wear a mask when coming to the school for dropping off/picking up children and maintain physical distance during the morning and afternoon pick-up when on school property. This is very important to ensure health and safety for our entire community.

As the year continues we will keep families informed. Please contact our school office with questions that you may have.

Warm regards,

Cathy McAleese and Janet Bambrick

RESPECT is the character trait for September. Showing respect for others is one of the most important values in the world. It means showing care for another person or thing, like the environment. Without respect, everything around you would be less peaceful. You show respect in many ways every day that you may not even realize! Respect occurs when you:

- Listen to others
- Play fair
- Use good manners
- Wait your turn
- Compliment someone
- Pick up after yourself
- How you treat others

SCHOOL TIMES: ENTRY BELL 8:40 AM /DISMISSAL 3:20 PM

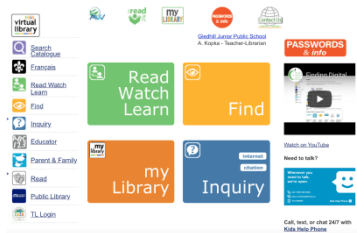
At the entry bell students are to line up at their designated spot in a socially distanced fashion. Teachers meet their students and each class enters the school one at a time. Before entering the school, students are asked to show their Health Pass with parent signature to validate that they did a self-assessment and are free of any COVID symptoms. Families/caregivers are asked to leave school property quickly after drop-off so that we may avoid crowding and maintain social distancing. Families/caregivers will pick students up from their dismissal location and are again asked to leave school property quickly to maintain social distancing.

Students who are late must enter through the front doors. Parents are asked to ring the doorbell and wait until they are met by someone from the office. Students will be escorted to their rooms by a staff member (parents must remain outside the school).

From: <https://inspiremykids.com/>

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

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY During the 2020/2021 school year, students will have access to our Virtual Library (V L) ONLY. The Virtual Library contains a rich collection of resources for students of all ages and it can be accessed from home on any device. To access the Virtual Library go to <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/library/HOME/schoolNo/5228> To access the VL resources from home, you will need a username and a password. To find the passwords click on the orange "Passwords & Info" button on the right-hand side.



GLEDHILL FACE MASKS From Mr. Webb
There have been some inquiries from families about purchasing Gledhill Tiger face masks. You may have seen staff wearing these masks outside. The masks are a bulk order specialty item only and are not a regular Gledhill Spirit wear item. However, we would like to see if there is enough interest from families for their children to order these masks. If there is enough interest we will place a bulk order (note that the price will be determined once we know the number of masks being ordered). **Please let your child's homeroom teacher know of your interest in ordering a Gledhill face mask by Friday, September 25th.**



GLEDHILL SPIRIT DAYS

Gledhill Tigers are back together again! Show your community spirit on **Friday, September 25** and wear your Gledhill Spirit Wear



On **Wednesday, September 30** wear an orange shirt for orange shirt day. Orange shirt day recognizes the harm that was

done to children in residential schools and is an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that every child matters. Orange shirt day also recognizes our commitment to reconciliation, anti-racism, anti-indigenous racism and anti-bullying in general.

PARENT CONCERN PROTOCOL The TDSB's Parent Concern Protocol ensures that parent concerns about classroom or school-based matters are addressed to the appropriate school personnel, and cooperatively resolved at the appropriate level. Your child's teacher is the first person you should contact about a classroom matter, whereas a concern about a school policy, activity or situation should be brought forth to the Principal. Parents will be redirected, as needed, to the appropriate person, depending on the nature of their concern and its circumstances. This protocol is available on the TDSB website (www.tdsb.on.ca). It is important when resolving concerns that mutual respect for everyone involved is maintained. This will ensure that issues are resolved in a proactive, positive, productive manner.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM **Please contact the school before 9:30 a.m. at 416 393-1745** and leave a message in our school's safe arrival mailbox if your child will be absent from school for all or part of the day. When prior notice has not been given, the automatic call out will begin at 9:45 a.m. Students **MUST** obtain a late slip from 8:45 onward which will help to avoid callouts. Should your child become ill or require emergency medical treatment while at school, every attempt will be made to contact you. **Please make sure that the school has up-to-date accurate information.**

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.

ANAPHYLAXIS/ALLERGIES Anaphylaxis is a life threatening allergic reaction. We have several students who are anaphylactic in our school and we need to ensure **that peanuts and peanut/nut products are NOT brought to the school.** Students are not to share food or drinks of any kind with any other students. We have students with a variety of other food allergies in our school and several who could have an anaphylactic reaction. Please review with your child that they must not share food at school both for reasons of Anaphylaxis and to stop the spread of COVID. Teachers do supervise lunch in the classroom but your help with talking to your child will also support safety for students.

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