



Newsletter December 2018



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Principal's Message



As the winter break quickly approaches and we say good bye to 2018, the staff of Glen Ravine wish to offer the students and all of the school community Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! We appreciate the tremendous support given to our school throughout the past year and look forward to working with everyone in 2019. The holiday season is a time for family and friends to get together to enjoy peace and good will. Once again, from all of us at Glen Ravine Jr. P.S., we extend best wishes for a

Merry Christmas, and a safe and happy holiday season!

First LEGO League



On December 5, Glen Ravine's Lego league team, The Cardinal Cosmos, participated in the annual TDSB Lego league regional tournament held at David and Mary Thomson C.I. The team performed very well under pressure and

finished in fourth place out of 16 teams. The Cardinal Cosmos demonstrated their enthusiasm, dedication, creativity, and teamwork throughout the whole season. Thank you for your hard work, Innitha, Gopi, Bilal, Elijah, Thulasi, Salni, Anujan and Mahati!

Ms.Kim and Ms.Khakoo

Boys' Volleyball Team



This year the sport of volleyball in the T.D.S.B. looked a little different. Tripleball is played similar to volleyball, however, there is less

serving and more skill building to teach students how to make bump passes. Our team adapted well to the new game and we all learned a lot. Our tournament was played on November 28th, at Fleming Public School. The team won 3 games in the round robin tournament and unfortunately lost the tie breaker game.

The coaches, Ms. Bacchus, Ms. Sadowsky, and Ms. McDonald are all very proud of the sportsmanship and dedication shown. Congratulations: Shawveemiyam, Keane, Shreeram, Ahmed, Bilal, Sanskar, Richard, Aadheesh, Saruhan, Avinash, Vishnu, and Dithushan!

Seniors Read with Seniors



Last year our Kindergarten classes started a new program, which involved our senior students going to the McCowan Retirement Home. We would travel there once a month and we would read with some of the seniors

that live there. It was such a wonderful experience, that we decided to visit them twice a month this year. It is absolutely amazing how our students have developed a bond with the seniors of our community. A genuine intergenerational experience!

The Kindergarten Team



Traffic Safety Tips

Traffic Safety Tips: Help Make this a Safe Winter Season

As winter approaches, we know that severe weather will be part of our daily lives for the next several months. While traffic safety is an important matter all year long, this is a particularly good time to review what we can do to keep students safe.

The need to be aware and alert at all times, on any road, and even in the most routine circumstances is key to traffic safety.

This applies to students and drivers alike. Road conditions can be challenging in the winter months. So to those of us who drive, please take extra care on the roads and in parking lots, especially in areas where children might be present. School staff periodically review street and traffic safety with students. Parents can help reinforce these safety messages with children at home. Below are some tips that might be helpful to review.

- Stop, look, and listen for traffic.
- Only cross at corners and crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Walk on the right side of the crosswalk.
- Wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chances of slipping.
- Never run into the street.
- Obey crossing signals.
- Cross only if clear.
- Walk on sidewalks.
- Where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible, facing traffic.



The safety of our students is always a top priority. Let's work together to make the winter season safe so we can enjoy all it has to offer.

News from the Library

The first four months of school are off to a great start with respect to our library program. Students have been showing responsibility by returning their books on time and pride in sharing what they have read with me and their peers.



Our students are continuing to take part in TDSB's "Just Read It!" initiative. We have yet to hear of any winners so I am reminding and encouraging students to visit "Just Read It!" on the Virtual Library. Encourage your child to visit the Virtual Library often for homework help, research purposes, and to enjoy listening to a book as well. Again this year, students may also access all of the passwords and usernames in their agenda on page 9.

Students were anticipating and looking forward to reading Jeff Kinney's latest book in the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series called The Meltdown. Students who wanted to be the first to borrow a copy from our library submitted a written piece of no more than 200 words explaining why they should be chosen. Salni was the lucky person to borrow one of our copies. Since then, many students have read and are reading this book.



Students have also enjoyed reading the hundreds of new books that have been added to our library collection thanks to the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation grant. New

books continue to fill the shelves on a regular basis so no one should be without a good book to read. The primary students have had the opportunity to explore both fiction and non-fiction titles that have been added to our collection and along the way we have been discussing features of fiction and non-fiction books. Encourage your child to share their learning with you when they bring home their books.

In the new year, we will begin reading books from the Blue Spruce Reading Program and focusing on activities and themes from these picture books.

I have spent the past couple of months working with Ms. Sadowsky and her grade four class as well as Ms. McDonald's grade fours in social studies as we explore Early Civilizations. Students worked through the inquiry model to research a civilization of their choosing. They then focused on asking questions, finding information from a variety of sources, citing their sources properly and then working with their group to create a final Google Slides presentation which they presented to the whole class.



I also had the pleasure of working with Mr. Ambi and his grade threes and Ms. Sylvan's grade threes as we explored "Strong and Stable Structures" and "Forces" in our science learning.

Students have had the opportunity to conduct a variety of experiments to test their hypotheses and challenge their thinking as they explored both of these units. We focused on the structures in both the natural environment and those which are manufactured.

Wishing you and yours the very best for the holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2019!

Your partner in reading,
~ Mrs. Karaoulis

News from the Eco Team (GREEN GLEN RAVINE)

The Eco Team is made up of 10 grade 4, 5, and 6 students who have been meeting every Wednesday since October 31st. Our goal has been to make our Earth a better place by learning and sharing information (facts and tips) with our peers through announcements. We will also be making posters and presentations during some of our

Recognition Assemblies. Starting in January, we will be meeting every two weeks to continue our learning. We will also be asking teachers to select two students from their class that will join our team and act as leaders for their class. The theme in TDSB this year is *Building Competencies through Wicked Problems: The Plastics Challenge*. Our focus this year will be to learn more



about plastics and what we can do to solve this “wicked” problem. We look forward to our learning with this great team of students.

Mr. McHarg, Mr. Ambi and Mrs. Karaoulis

Maker Mondays Club



Students interested in tinkering, exploring, designing and problem solving will be encouraged to join this exciting new club at Glen Ravine which will run for 3 consecutive Mondays between 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. Students will be

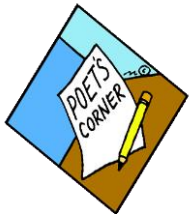
required to attend the 3 sessions as listed below.

- Grades 5 & 6 – Jan. 14, 21, 28, 2019
- Grade 3 & 4 – Feb. 4, 11, 25, 2019
- Grade 1 & 2 – March 4, 18, 25, 2019

A maximum of 25 students will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. We are excited about this and look forward to working with a creative and tinkering group.

Ms. Karaoulis, Ms. Khakoo and Mr. Ambi

Poetry Club



Poetry Club will be starting on January 8th and will run every Tuesday and Thursday at lunch in the library. Students in grades 3-6 who enjoy reading and writing poetry are encouraged to join us. Our goal again this year will be to have students create

writing pieces to be considered for publishing in TDSB's Urban Voices poetry anthology.

Encourage your child to participate!

Ms. Karaoulis, Mrs. Patel, Ms. Khakoo and Mr. Fox

Congratulations to the members of the Glen Ravine Girls' basketball team on a great season. The girls worked very hard to improve their skills and had a lot of fun. We participated in a tournament on November 29th, where we finished in second place and qualified for the playoffs. Every game was very close and the girls showed great perseverance. On December 6th, we travelled to Courcelette P.S. to face the first place Broncos in our playoff. It was a very exciting game with many lead changes. We lost by one point with just seconds left. We are very proud of the girls. They demonstrated great effort and represented our school very well. A special thank you to Ms. Kuroshima for coaching and to Ms. McDonald and Sonia's dad for driving to our games!

Mr. Oberer

Upcoming Dates:

- December 19 ~ K3 to McCowan Retirement home
- December 20 ~ a.m. – Recognition Assembly
~ p.m. - Pajama Jam
- December 21 ~ 9:00 a.m. – Carol Sing Along
- January 16 ~ K2 to McCowan Retirement Home
- January 29 ~ 8:30 a.m. – Scientist in School Rm 210
~ 12:30p.m.–Scientist in School– Rm 209
- January 30 ~ 3:30 p.m. – School Council Meeting
- January 31 ~ p.m. – Recognition Assembly
- February 6 ~ K1 to McCowan Retirement Home
- February 8 ~ Rooms 209 / 210 to Science Centre
- February 20 ~ K3 to McCowan Retirement Home
- February 27 ~ a.m. – Recognition Assembly
- March 6 ~ K2 to McCowan Retirement Home
- March 11 – 15 ~ March Break – no school
- March 20 ~ K1 to McCowan Retirement Home
- March 29 ~ p.m. – Recognition Assembly

Girls' Basketball Team



Glen Ravine Jr. P.S.
Reminder

There will be no school
from Monday, December 24 to
January 4, 2019 as it is the
Christmas Break.

School will resume for the students
on Monday, January 7, 2019 at
8:38 a.m. Have a happy and safe
holiday and enjoy your time with
family and friends.

