



Newsletter February 2019



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Principal's Message

Thank you to students, staff and parents who have welcomed me to Glen Ravine as I endeavour to fill in for Ms. Zervas in her absence. We are midway through the 2018-2019 school year, and it has been a busy time since the winter break.



I have read students' first term achievement report cards and the Kindergarten Communication. *Term 1 report cards and Kindergarten communication go home on Tuesday, February 12th.* Please note that first

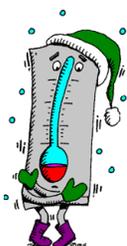
term includes September 4, 2018 to January 18, 2019, and marks and comments will be based on what your child has learned and achieved during that time.

The evenings of Wednesday, February 13th and Thursday, February 14th have been designated for Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences. Teachers have not requested interviews with all parents; however, if the teacher has not requested an interview but you would like one, please let the teacher know.



There continues to be excessive numbers of lates in the mornings – sometimes the line up in the office extends to the entrance doors as students wait to receive their late slips. The odd late will occur, however, habitual lates are a concern. Thank you for your concerted attention to this matter.

Recess During Cold Weather



Students are kept indoors for recess and lunch times for a number of weather conditions such as rain, lightning in the area, extreme winds and extreme cold. When temperature and wind chill measure -28C or lower, students are kept indoors. Recesses and lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is between -20C and -28C.

If a student's medical condition requires further consideration due to weather conditions, or if parents have other questions or concerns about how and when weather conditions affect your child's school day, please contact the school office.

Kindergarten Registration Begins in February!

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February.



Welcome to
We look forward to welcoming you and your child at our school in September!

Registration for the 2019-20 school year begins Friday, Feb. 1, 2019

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be

five-years-old by December 31. You may choose to register online starting February 1, or come to our Kindergarten Information Evening on February 28 at 6:30 in the school gymnasium. Please make sure you bring all the required information with you.

For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

February 18 is a Statutory Holiday



There will be no classes on Monday, February 18th to reflect the province-wide statutory holiday called Family Day. The holiday occurs on the third Monday in February of each year for the purpose of emphasizing and celebrating the importance of families taking time to be together.

Because teachers are involved in professional learning on Friday, February 15 for the Board-wide Professional Activity Day, students will not be attending school on Friday, February 15 and Monday, February 18 which is the statutory holiday - Family Day.

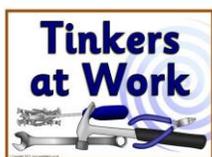
Girls' Volleyball Season



This year the Girls' Volleyball team was introduced to triple ball. The objective is to increase the volleyball skills by focusing on bumping and volleying. The girls' team had a lot of practice leading up to their February 8th tournament at Blantyre Public School.

The girls played with excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. Each game we saw the improvement in their skills. Congratulations to: Naba, Samia, Mathura, Akshvika, Mahati, Samerah, Zikra, Inithaa, Shania, Fabbih, Parveen, and Laibah. Special thanks to Ms. Bacchus, Ms. Sadowsky, and Ms. McDonald for coaching.

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.

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

National Winter Walk Day



Wednesday, February 6th is Winter Walk Day across Canada. It's the perfect opportunity for parents and kids to get outside together and stretch those legs! Walk to school for daily physical activity, a healthier environment, safer streets, making friends and ... having fun! Walking is the simplest form of exercise and helps kids get those 60 minutes of daily physical activity they need.

Winter is still a great time to walk and be outside and it's also a great cure for those winter blues! Dress properly and don't let cold, wind, snow or rain keep you from heading out for a walk. Below are some great winter weather dressing tips from Green Communities Canada:



- Keep hands and head covered to prevent heat loss;
- Wear warm, waterproof boots;
- Wear a warm coat that deflects the wind;
- Woolen clothing helps to retain heat;

- On really cold days, wear a scarf over your face and mouth;
- If possible, change wet clothes at school;
- Wear clothing or carry knapsacks with reflective material - it's important to be seen;
- Below -25 degrees Celsius is considered too cold for walking, so move your walk indoors or select another day.

News from the Library



The Library Learning Commons at Glen Ravine continues to be a busy place. Students in grades one to three have been listening to this year's Blue Spruce stories and discussing the themes in each book as well as rating them in the booklets. The first book Where Oliver Fits allowed us to discuss what it means to "fit in" and the importance of being yourself. Barnaby Never Forgets gave students the opportunity to talk about the things we sometimes forget and strategies we can use to help us remember different things.

Students in grades 1-6 are invited to the library every Day 1 at recess to take part in a book exchange. This is always a busy time as avid readers look for new books to read!



The library will be open for families on Wednesday, February 13th and Thursday, February 14th from 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Families are welcome to come and read books or take part in a variety of literacy and numeracy activities. Parents must stay in the library with their child(ren) during this time. I look forward to seeing you!

Your partner in reading,
~ Mrs. Karaoulis

Poetry Club



Our Poetry Club is coming to an end. Our last day is Thursday, February 14th. Members of this club have been working hard during the lunch hour to write their own poems, expressing themselves in creative ways. We look forward to having several poems submitted to the TDSB team for possible submission in this year's Urban Voices anthology. We are very proud of this year's group for their commitment and effort.

Ms. Karaoulis, Mrs. Patel and Mr. Fox

Family Literacy Night



Our Annual Family Literacy Night took place on Tuesday, February 5, 2019. This year we were fortunate to have Indigo - Yonge and Eglinton, our host store, join us. They were able to provide us with 3 guest authors. Lana Button, Stella Partheniou Grasso and Lucy Falcone shared their stories with and

answered questions from students and their families. The games in the gym proved to be fun for all ages!

Indigo sold books written by the authors, giving students the opportunity to have their own copy signed by the author. It was an educational and eventful night!

Thank you to all of our families for joining us! Feedback is always welcome. Share your thoughts, concerns, etc. with any member of the committee: Mrs. Karaoulis, Mrs. Patel, Ms. Bacchus.

ECO Club - Green Glen Ravine



"We are learning about how to recycle plastic. Did you know that you can make toys out of plastic take-out containers, empty water bottles, or other plastic containers that you would get at the mall? The possibilities are endless! The Eco Team looks forward to seeing what you have created with your

recycled plastics! Bring them in and give them to your teacher who will share them with the Eco Team!" - Abigail, Eco Councillor

The Glen Ravine Eco Council met on January 28th, 2019. The Council, comprised of two students from each classroom, discussed several short and long term goals. For the month of February, staff and students will strive to: (1) help our school conserve energy by letting natural light into classrooms, (2) help reduce our school's heating by turning down the heat and putting on sweaters, and (3) help divert paper waste by using the reverse side of papers and recycling responsibly.

The Council will meet again on February 25th, 2019 to assess our progress and recommend goals for March, 2019. Share your comments, cares, and/or concerns with your class representative, Mrs. Karaoulis, Mr. McHarg, or Mr. Ambi.

Stay tuned for information on green tips and initiatives.

MARCH BREAK EXTENDED PROGRAM - Space Available

We currently have an opportunity to register for the March Break Extended Day Program (EDP) at Glen Ravine Jr. P.S.! This March Break program provides fun and exciting activities, learning and care for children from Kindergarten to Grade 6. The program is delivered by TDSB Designated Early Childhood Educators, and children will develop skills such as collaboration, responsibility, problem-solving, creativity, citizenship and leadership through interesting activities. Two nutritious snacks per day are also provided. For more information and to register, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/edp or contact the EDP Team at 416-394-2072 or EDP@tdsb.on.ca or see attached information sheet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| February 12 | ~ Report Cards go home |
| February 13 | ~ Parent/Teacher Interviews (evening) |
| February 14 | ~ Parent/Teacher Interviews (evening) |
| February 15 | ~ P.A. Day – no school for students |
| February 18 | ~ Family Day – no school for students |
| February 19-22 | ~ Read-a-thon |
| February 20 | ~ K3 to McCowan Retirement Home |
| February 21 | ~ Pizza Lunch |
| February 26 | ~ a.m. – Author visit |
| February 27 | ~ a.m. – Recognition Assembly |
| February 28 | ~ Kindergarten Information evening |
| March 6 | ~ K2 to McCowan Retirement Home
~ School Council Meeting (3:30 p.m.) |
| March 7 | ~ Movie Night (3:30 – 5:30 p.m.) |
| March 11 – 15 | ~ March Break – no school |
| March 20 | ~ K1 to McCowan Retirement Home |
| March 29 | ~ p.m. – Recognition Assembly |



GUNG HAY FAT CHOY! CHUC MUNG NAM MOI! SE HE BOK MA NEE BA DEU SE YO!

Happy New Year to students, staff, families and friends of the Glen Ravine community of Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean heritage! According to the Chinese calendar, 2019 is the Year of the Pig. People born in the Year of the Pig (1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, **2019**, 2031, 2043...) are considered to be hard-working, peace-loving people, who are also generous, patient, reliable and sincere. Those born in the Year of the Pig have a great sense of humour.

Chinese New Year celebrations bring good luck, health and wealth. Family members come together to celebrate this festive occasion. Red is the main colour of Chinese New Year. Some customs and practices include: cleaning the house before New Year; paying off debts and other ways of making a "fresh start"; married couples give money to the younger and unmarried members of the family, which is kept in a red envelope with a good luck message on the coin. After this ritual, family members gather for a feast



The children in our Kindergarten classes have been learning about Chinese New Year through art.



From Ms. Bharwaj's Class



From Ms. Ms. Alexiou's Class



From Mr. McHarg's Class