



Newsletter March/April 2017



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Principal's Message



Spring has sprung! We have returned from the March Break rested and with a "spring" in our steps, ready to rise to the challenge of the final three months of the school year. On March 24th,

we celebrated Earth Hour. Our aim was to try to raise awareness on conservation and climate change by participating in the **Earth Hour** challenge to be electricity-free for one hour between 2:00-3:00 pm. We hope your family participated in the Global Earth Hour campaign at 8:30 pm on March 25th. Earth Hour is about saving as much electricity as possible, as electricity generation contributes to climate change. Remember, we can all make a difference! Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Poetry Club



Students in grades 3-6 who signed up for Poetry Club enjoyed their Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday noon hours, reading, writing and listening to poetry. We enjoyed sharing our poems and worked towards writing poems that may be selected for publishing in TDSB's *Urban Voices Poetry Collection*.

Mrs. Karaoulis & Mrs. Patel

Parking Lot Concerns



The parking lot continues to be a great concern as cars are parked every which way making walking and driving very dangerous. The back two rows have been assigned for **STAFF PARKING ONLY** and the front row is for visitors to the school. All students are encouraged to WALK to school eliminating the need to park in the school parking lot which is reserved for **STAFF only**. Please **DO NOT park** along the sidewalk and perimeter of the parking lot as it blocks school bus pick up/drop off and emergency vehicles– even if it's just to drop your child off "quickly". For drop off purposes, please drive straight across the front of the school and drop your child off at the very end of the sidewalk where it is safest for your child to walk directly into the playground. Please do not idle your vehicle in the parking lot.

Book Club



Students participated in Book Club which ran every Tuesday and Thursday. This club was for grades 3-6. During lunch time we read an awesome book titled James and the Giant

Peach. The author of this book is Roald Dahl. Roald Dahl wrote books that are based on his life. The club was run by Mrs. Karaoulis and Mrs. Patel. We enjoyed the book. The songs in the book were amazing to hear. After reading the whole book, we drew pictures of the characters in the story. On the last day we watched the movie. During the movie we ate peach muffins (made by Mrs. Karaoulis), oatmeal cookies, peaches, and drank delicious hot chocolate. We would like to say a big thanks to Mrs. Karaoulis and Mrs. Patel for arranging a fantastic club!

By: Inithaa and Anjutha

Games Club



Every Monday for approximately 8 weeks, Mrs. Patel and I had the pleasure of hosting Games Club.

Students in grades 1 - 6 had the opportunity to play various board games with their peers. Some students played their favourite games and others learned to play new games. Some of the students' favourites were: HeadBantz, Twister, Battleship, Bingo and Charades. Along the way students learned how to solve problems, think creatively, work cooperatively with their peers and learn new games.

Mrs. Karaoulis

Fundraising



A special "Thank You!" to all of our families who supported our Read-a-thon fundraiser. With your help, our students raised just over \$2200. This money will be used to purchase 10 laptops and a cart in which to store them. Fundraising this year also covered the cost of an author visit for Grades 3 - 6 students in the fall and on April 11th students in kindergarten to grade 2 will also have the opportunity to meet author Rebecca Bender.



On Saturday, April 22nd, it will be Earth Day. At Glen Ravine we work hard to be kind to our earth. We reuse our paper when we can, we use refillable water bottles, bring litter-less lunches to school, and do our best to keep our school yard litter free.

Once again this year we will be selling our Glen Ravine water bottles. Students have access to a water station outside the gym where they can fill up their bottles. Students will be given an order form on Thursday, April 13th should you wish to purchase one of our Glen Ravine water bottles. Bottles purchased will be distributed on Friday, April 21st.



Just a reminder as well that if you are interested in purchasing a Glen Ravine t-shirt you can pick one up for \$10 at the office. Thank you for continuing to support our fundraising initiatives.

The Musical at Young Peoples Theatre



On Thursday, March 9, the grade3/4 to grade 6 students went to Young Peoples Theatre to watch a production of "James and the Giant Peach". We thought the play was interesting, but it was very different from the Roald Dahl classic.

The play missed the whole scene in the book about the cloud men and didn't have the character Silkworm. The character Glow Worm was played by a simple light. The character James was played by a grown man who made it hard to feel sorry for him. We all like the way they made the characters believable. The music made it enjoyable!

By: Saryha, Carissa and Faiza

Glen Ravine Jr. P. S. Wants You to Support Every Tree Counts



Glen Ravine grade 4 and 5 students from Ms. Sawh's class are the first TDSB students to partner with the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation to bring Tree For Me to the community. Community members will have the

opportunity to receive a free native tree to plant on private property. Visit tpf.ca or treeforme.ca to be matched with the right tree for your yard before you register. Registration will open in April 3. More information will be sent home closer to the registration date. Thank you.

Ms.Sawh's Class

Safe Arrival Reminder



If your child will not be attending school, for whatever reason, **please notify the school**. The school answering machine is on when the school office is closed, so please leave a message any time of the

day or night. Thank you.

If you are calling between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. to report your child's absence, please leave a message on the Safe Arrival Mailbox – Do Not Wait for Someone to Answer the phone as it is extremely busy in the Office at this time of day.

To report a student's absence, please call **416 396-6280** and leave a message, **speaking slowly and clearly**, indicating:

1. your child's name (please spell name)
2. room number
3. teacher's name
4. expected duration of the absence (1 day, a.m., p.m., etc.)

If the school office is **not** informed about your child's absence, the automated system will begin calling your contact numbers to verify the reason for the absence. Please answer all the prompts completely and the system should stop calling.

Upcoming Dates:

March 31	~ a.m. – Recognition Assembly – Tshirt day
April 3	~ a.m. – K2 – Scientist in School ~ p.m. – K1 – Scientist in School
April 4	~ a.m. – K3 – Scientist in School
April 5	~ 3:30 p.m. – School Council Meeting
April 11	~ p.m. – Author visit Rebecca Bender (K-2)
April 13	~ a.m. – Room 206 – Scientist in School
April 14	~ Good Friday – no school
April 17	~ Easter Monday – no school
April 20	~ SK & Grade 6 Graduation Photos
April 24	~ Room 102 – Hillside
April 25	~ Grades K-3 to YPT - Munschtime
April 28	~ p.m. – Recognition Assembly – Cultural Clothing
May 2	~ a.m. – Room 209 – Scientist in School
May 10, 17, 31	~ Parenting Centre to Kindergarten – 10:30 – 11:00
May 22	~ Victoria Day – no school
May 24	~ Welcome to Kindergarten – a.m.
May 30	~ p.m. – Recognition Assembly – Glen Ravine T-Shirts
June 7, 14, 21	~ Parenting Centre to Kindergarten – 10:30 – 11:00
June 9	~ P.A. Day – no school
June 23	~ Kindergarten Graduation – 1:00 p.m.
June 27	~ Grade 6 Celebration – 1:00 p.m.
June 28	~ Kindergarten play day – a.m.
June 29	~ Last day of school
June 30	~ P.A. Day – no school