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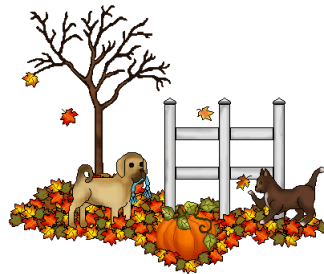
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Principal's Message



The school year has begun smoothly, thanks in part to the wonderful staff at Glen Ravine. Their dedication to students, parents and one another creates a positive, caring learning environment that promotes the development of the whole child. I

would like to welcome Mr. Ambigaibagan (Ambi), Ms. Decker, Mr. Fox, Ms. Kidane, Ms. Khakoo, Ms. Rajendran, Ms. Sadowsky, and Ms. Uy to our staff this year. The parents also play a key role in creating and shaping this great community school, Glen Ravine. Parental involvement is courteous, meaningful, and positive. We value the strong partnership of family, community, and staff to support our students. Many thanks to all involved. We look forward to an exciting school year!

I want to thank all the parents and families who came to our Curriculum Night and Book Fair on Thursday, September 27, 2018. It was wonderful to see everyone and feel the excitement and energy in the air.



Our snack program has begun and will continue daily for the remainder of the year. Students are treated to a nutritious snack each day. We know that this has a positive impact on their concentration, attitude and academic success. We have

been collecting \$10 per student or \$20 per family for our snack program. Thank you.

We would like to remind parents who are picking up and dropping off their children in vehicles from Glen Ravine, **are not permitted to park in the school parking lot.** The parking lot is for **staff parking only.** All staff have been given parking passes for their vehicles. All other vehicles will be tagged. As



all our families live in the area, we encourage all students to walk to school. We thank you for your cooperation.

The school playground is supervised from 8:23 a.m. until the entry bell at 8:38 a.m. in the morning for all students. At lunch hour, students in grades 1- 6 who go home for lunch can return to school only after 12:15 p.m. as there is no supervision for them before that time.



Students in kindergarten who go home for lunch should come back to school by 12:38 p.m. Students are to line up at their

own door with their class. Students who are not lined up with their class upon entry time will be considered late and will need to get a late slip from the office. School finishes at 3:10 p.m. for kindergarten students and 3:15 p.m. for grades 1-6 students. Please wait for your child by their exit doors. Kindly stay back from the doors so that teachers can dismiss their students safely. There is no need to crowd the exit doors. There is supervision in the school yard until 3:30 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation.

I would like to encourage parents to take the following precautions in order to stop the spread of pediculosis (Head Lice). Inspect your child's hair and scalp frequently. The louse may be brown or grayish, with a flat wingless body 2-3 mm in length. It has six legs. The eggs may be yellow, brown, or white tear drop shaped and are glued to



the hair near the scalp and are called "nits". It is usually the eggs which are first noticed. If your child complains of an itchy scalp, you should check for lice and/or nits. If you discover your child has lice or nits, please notify the school right away. We will send you a Treatment Instruction sheet.

Please note that if a child is found to have pediculosis, the parent or guardian will be required to keep the child at home until he/she is free of all head lice. Do not hesitate to contact me or drop in to the office at any time, if you have any questions or concerns.

Cross Country Running



This year's cross country team began practising the second week of school every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning. The students have shown improvement with practice and will be heading to Thomson Park on Thursday, October 12th to participate in the race. Special thanks to Ms. McDonald, Ms. Kuroshima, and Mr. Oberer for organizing and coaching.

Reporting Student Absence / Late

Reminder to Call School If Your Child Will Be Late or Absent



Glen Ravine participates in the Safe Arrival Program. Parents are required to notify the school prior to entry if their child will be absent. Please call the school at **416 396-6280** and leave a message

indicating:

1. student's name (spell name if necessary)
2. room number
3. teacher's name
4. expected duration of the absence
5. ***please speak loudly, slowly and clearly***

The school answering machine is turned on from when we leave in the evening until approximately 9:00 the next morning. If the school answering machine is on when you call, please leave a message. **Do not wait for someone in the office to answer the phone** as it is extremely busy between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and we may not be available to answer the phone, so **please leave a message**. The messages are checked before we do the attendance, so we will get the message if one has been left.

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 do not hang up on this call, but answer all the prompts and it should stop calling. Otherwise it will continue to call all your numbers repeatedly.**

Fundraising



At Glen Ravine we have a number of fundraising events that take place over the course of the year such as pizza lunches, popcorn days, Pajama Jam, etc. With the money raised, we pick a focus each year for which to use the money to benefit ALL of our students. More information about the use of fundraising money will be shared at School Council meetings and future school newsletters.

A reminder that t-shirts and water bottles can be purchased online throughout the year and picked up at the school office. Thank you for supporting our school!

Borden Ball



Borden ball is a unique game for girls played in the fall. The girls practised hard to get ready for the tournament which was held on Tuesday, October 2nd at Lester B. Pearson C.I. The girls won their division and made it to the semi-finals. They exhibited excellent sportsmanship and teamwork! Special thanks to Mr. Oberer, and Ms. McDonald for coaching and Ms. Kuroshima for driving.

School Cash Online



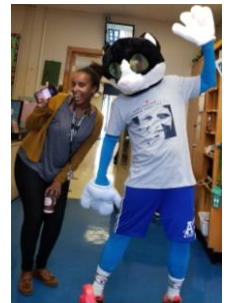
School Cash Online is available to pay for your child(s) field trips, agendas, school T-Shirts, water bottles, etc. It's simple, fast and secure.

To register, simply go online to www.schoolconnectonline.com and fill in the information required.

Terry Fox School Run



On September 30th, Glen Ravine students participated in the Terry Fox run. On this day, students across Canada run to honour the legacy of Terry Fox who unfortunately never got a chance to complete his Marathon of Hope. Special thanks to all the parents who joined us on the run and helped with directing students safely across streets. And an extra special thanks to Mr. Oberer for leading us through the streets. This year, the school raised \$548.00 for cancer research! Way to go Glen Ravine community!



Crayola Recycling Program

Send in your old markers/highlighters to school with your child and we will send them to Crayola to recycle and repurpose. This is a yearlong initiative, so keep sending your old markers to school. For more information check out the Crayola website at <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>



~ From the Glen Ravine ECO Team

News from the Library

Welcome back to all of our families! The school year is off to a great start. All students have had the opportunity to sign out books for their pleasure reading at home and at school.

Library News



Letters were sent home to inform you of your child's library day and library expectations. I hope you take the time to speak to your child about their book selections, at various times throughout the year, and also spend some time reading with them or even listening to them read to you. Please continue to encourage your child to visit the Virtual Library on a regular basis for reading, completing

homework and assignments as well as to recommend a book on Just Read It! They could win a prize and our school may win an author visit.

Special congratulations to all 42 students who participated in the Glen Ravine Summer Reading Program. All of our students returned their books and completed the assigned activities. Each student was recognized at our Recognition Assembly receiving a certificate of participation and a small gift. Well done!



It was nice to see so many of our families at Curriculum Night. I thank you as well for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair that evening. We

had a very successful evening selling \$2 100 worth of books. Thanks to your purchases, the library will add \$900 worth of new books to its collection. THANK YOU!

I have also added over 300 new books to our library thanks to the Indigo Love of Reading grant we received in the spring. Students and teachers had the opportunity to see all of the new books at our book browse on Tuesday, September 18th. Classroom teachers are also in the process of purchasing new books to add to their classroom library with the suggestions and recommendations given by their students. It has been an absolute delight watching the students' faces lighten up as they open and read so many new books!

We also want to thank Indigo, as their partnership with Yoobi put pencils, erasers, glue sticks, scissors and coloured pencils and markers in the hands of each and every student in their very own pencil case. Wow! What a wonderful surprise!

Your partner in reading,
Mrs. Karaoulis

Recognition Assembly



At our Recognition Assembly each month students and staff are encouraged to demonstrate school spirit by participating in our pre-selected theme. At our

September assembly we encouraged everyone to wear orange t-shirts to acknowledge the residential school system in Canada, honour those who survived, and remember those who did not. It was, and is, each year on September 30th, a day to demonstrate, by wearing orange, that all students matter.

At our next assembly in October, our theme will be Glen Ravine t-shirt day. We encourage everyone to show school spirit by wearing their t-shirt or the school colours, yellow, red and green. We also welcome our families to join us at these assemblies each month.

Pedestrian Safety Tips



Children under nine should be accompanied by adults or older children when crossing the street.

At this age, their judgment and perceptual skills are still immature,

yet they often eagerly try to cross streets on their own in order to demonstrate some independence. Teach your children the rules of the road - start when they're young. Think of it as gradually training your children about safety until all the connections are in place. By the time your child reaches age nine and can act independently, the road safety rules will be second nature.

- ☺ Teach children how to cross the street safely. Teach them to stop (before stepping onto the road), look left, right and left again, and listen for traffic before stepping out into the street. Teach children to wait until the street is clear and to keep looking until they have crossed the street. They should also look the driver in the eye before crossing.
- ☺ Teach children to recognize pedestrian crossing signals but not rely on them. Before crossing, children should also be sure the traffic has stopped. Remind them to continue across if the light changes to "Don't Walk" while they are in the crosswalk.
- ☺ Teach children to be extra alert when crossing at a corner with no traffic lights.
- ☺ Teach your children to stop at driveways, alleys and areas without curbs and to never run out onto the street.
- ☺ Teach children about the dangers of crossing the street between parked cars or when not at a corner. Children should cross only at corners and pedestrian crosswalks, not diagonally or between parked cars.
- ☺ Teach children to respect the role of the crossing guard and to understand his/her signals.
- ☺ Teach children that wherever possible they should walk on the sidewalk. In areas without sidewalks, teach children to walk as far away from the road as possible, facing approaching traffic (when there is no choice but to walk on the road).
- ☺ Teach children that playing games at railway crossings or around trains can be deadly. Teach children that the only way to cross railway tracks is to use designated railway crossings.



Follow the same rules that you want your child to follow. You may want to cut across the street in the middle of the block, but you want your child to learn to cross at the intersection. Be a good role model.

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Upcoming Dates:

October 5	~ P.A. Day – no school for students
October 8	~ Thanksgiving Day – no school
October 10	~ Picture Day – gym in use all day ~ School Council Meeting @ 3:30 p.m.
October 11	~ Cross Country meet @ Thomson Park
October 18	~ Cross Country East Finals
October 22	~ Election Day – gym in use for voting
October 30	~ Recognition Assemblies (p.m.)
November 14-15	~ Parent/Teacher Interviews – 3:30 - 7:30 pm
November 16	~ P.A. Day – no school

Glen Ravine Jr. P.S.
Reminder

There will be no school on Friday, October 5, 2018 as it is a P.A. Day.

Also there will be no school on Monday, October 8th, 2018 as it is Thanksgiving Day.



School will resume for the students on Tuesday, October 9th, 2018 at 8:38 a.m.

Have a great long weekend and enjoy your time with your family and friends.

