



# Parentview

## Glenview News / Les Nouvelles

March 9, 2018

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IMPORTANT DATES		STAY IN TOUCH
March 11	Daylight Saving Time begins	Contact the school about absences: 416-393-0330 Option "1"
March 12-16	March Break	
March 17	St. Patrick's day	Contact Principal: Mario Sirois E-mail: <a href="mailto:mario.sirois@tdsb.on.ca">mario.sirois@tdsb.on.ca</a> Phone: 416-393-9390
March 21	Grade 8s to TIFF	
March 22	Grade 7s to TIFF	Contact Vice-Principal: Marlene Calligan E-mail: <a href="mailto:marlene.calligan@tdsb.on.ca">marlene.calligan@tdsb.on.ca</a> Phone: 416-393-9390
	NawRuz begins at sunset	
March 28	Performing Arts Festival – 6:30 pm	Contact Superintendent: Vicky Branco E-mail: <a href="mailto:vicky.branco@tdsb.on.ca">vicky.branco@tdsb.on.ca</a>
March 30	Good Friday/Passover begins at sunset	
April 1	Easter Sunday	Contact Trustee: Jennifer Arp E-mail: <a href="mailto:jennifer.arp@tdsb.on.ca">jennifer.arp@tdsb.on.ca</a>
April 2	Easter Monday	
April 11	International Day of Pink	
April 16	Blue Jay game – Glenview choir singing	
April 17	School Council – 6:30 pm	
April 22	Earth Day	
May 3-4	Immunization Clinic	

### FROM THE OFFICE

It is hard to believe that we have arrived to the Friday before March Break! We would like to wish all of our families a restful week to be with family and friends and safe travels to those who are heading out of town. We will return to school on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> which will be Day 8. Just a reminder that Grade 8s are going to TIFF on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and Grade 7s on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Saudi Arabian placement

We are pleased to welcome educators from Saudi Arabia who will be spending some time working with Mr. Labile and Ms. Gokcen in their classes. They will be here until May 3<sup>rd</sup>. What a great learning experience for all!

#### School Council Presentation – Pine River Institute

On Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed Pine River Institute to Glenview to speak to our parents about understanding the teenage brain and how we as parents can support them through these years. Information was shared on how our final goal is for teens to develop maturity and readiness to tackle a variety of situations. Thank you to all who attended!

#### Staffing Process

On Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> we will be receiving our staffing allocation for the 2018/19 school year. We will then begin our work with our Staffing committee to develop a model for September 2018 that

meets the needs of Glenview. Based on the staffing allocation, we will decide as well how many classes we will have at Glenview in the Fall (e.g., English, Immersion and Extended). Once the model is approved by our Superintendent, teachers will receive their teaching assignments. During this process, teachers have until the end of June to apply to other positions within TDSB. By the end of June, we should have a full staffing complement that we will share in our last Parentview of this school year.

### Math PLC

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, all of our math teachers were released for the day for our Math PLC. We started by focusing our discussion around Number Talks. All math teachers will begin their classes with a Number Talk where students learn that they can make sense of math in their own ways, make mathematically convincing arguments, and critique and build on the ideas of their peers. In contrast to traditional algorithms, Number Talks depend on students sense-making; they help students become confident mathematical thinkers. The other part of the PLC was used to work together to develop summative assessments including unit tests and rich tasks in order to focus our questions on the Achievement chart (e.g., Knowledge, Communication, Application and Thinking)

### Requests from the Office

If your child needs to leave school early, please provide them with a note to sign out at the office. We want to avoid disrupting classes by calling students to the office so that is why a note is needed as it can easily be shown to his/her teacher. With almost 800 students at Glenview, calls home should only occur in emergency situations. We would appreciate your support with this matter. On a separate note, please refrain from calling your child during the school day to ask the office staff to call him/her out of class to speak with them on the phone. We have noticed an increase in the number of these calls lately. Please try to make any after school arrangements with your child before they leave in the morning. Teachers have indicated that this is becoming quite disruptive for the class.

### Indigenous Artist

Over the last two weeks, Grade 7 and 8 students have been working hard on our mural to support our Equity focus at Glenview around Indigenous Education. We have titled the mural "The Story of the Land" as we have represented the history of Canada through three panels: the Ice age, encounter with Europeans and present day. We are excited to display the final product in the coming weeks in as we share in the knowledge we have gained from our artist Philip Cote!

## CHARACTER EDUCATION - FAIRNESS

We would like to congratulate the following students for demonstrating exemplary fairness in their classes: Charlotte D., John W., Rebecca H., Yanning H., Brandon C., Daniel M., Liam R., Luke E., Ryan B., Jimin K., Hannah S., Meg C., Inara E., Sian B., Samara S., Sophie S., William G., Evelyn C., Anika S., Hannah T., Elena A., Angela K., Selina C., Meghan L., Isabel A., Drew P., Clea Y., Abby L., Blake G., Kate Y., Alexander Y., Hannah Z-R., Tess G., Louie B., Lola L., Siena C.B., Edward Z., Ergi M.

## KIDS LIT QUIZ

It's that time of the year again, folks! On February 5<sup>th</sup> our two proud teams of book enthusiasts participated in the Kids' Lit Quiz Toronto Heat against 99 other schools. They answered more than 100 of the most iconic and obscure questions during the four and a half hours we were there. Sadly, we didn't place in the top 5, despite our best efforts. The top 5 schools of the Toronto Heat will go to



Hamilton for the Provincial Heat. From there, winners will go to the 2018 World Final which will be held at St Kentigern Boys' School, Remuera, Auckland, New Zealand on July 4th 2018.

Now, most of you reading this probably don't know what Kids' Lit Quiz even is, so here is a brief description of this wonderful event. Kids' Lit Quiz was founded in 1991 by New Zealander Wayne Mills, who is the Quizmaster to this day and still makes all the questions used in competitions. The participants must be 10-13 years old, hence the name Kids' Lit Quiz. Kids' Lit Quiz came to Canada in 2011 and was hosted by Maurice Cody Public School in Toronto. Since then, Canada has been a part of Kids' Lit Quiz every year. Other countries that participate in Kids' Lit Quiz include Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, New Zealand of course, Nigeria, Singapore, South Africa, UK, and the US.

By: Aneesa A. - FE8A

## SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

### Boys Basketball

Our boys' basketball season started off on an amazing note. Our first tournament was a great way to find our strengths and realize our potential this year. We did an outstanding job, making it to the finals of the Lawrence Park Invitational Tournament. As the season progressed our team developed a relationship, only losing one game in the regular season. When the playoffs came around we were excited to face some tough competition! In the quarter finals, we faced a very aggressive Macmillan team. We persevered and came out on top advancing to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, in the semi-finals we faced a very skilled Bayview Middle School. After a very challenging game, we just came up short losing by a few points. Overall, the season was a success and we would like to thank our coaches Mr. Bassett-Spiers and Mr. Tasch for this experience.

By: Trace M. and Cole B.

### Girls Volleyball

Volleyball was a fantastic experience that we will remember for the rest of our lives. The coaches were spectacular and taught us not only how to be a better volleyball player but how to work as a team and never give up. Our season started off with only a few practices then lead to our first set of games. We were nervous but we aced our tournament and finished undefeated and in first place. We then moved on to face two teams for the title of conference champions. It was tough but we pushed through and earned a red banner for our school. During the few weeks of practice before the city finales we bonded as a team and got stronger as individual players too. We got to the city finals and faced the very strong team of St. Josephs. We fought hard but couldn't beat them, our season was over but we couldn't help but feel proud that we even made it here. We made so many new friends and had such a great experience and we will be sure to come back next year and be city camps.

By: Cate L. and Georgia R.

### Boys Hockey

This year, our first challenge was a preseason tournament against elite hockey schools, and we managed to still reach the finals, despite not being an elite hockey school, but we played as if we were. We faced Hollycrest in the finals, and lost 6-0, with one of our top players having an undisclosed upper body injury, but we knew we would soon see them again.

Then came the regular season. We outmatched most teams, but lost one game in overtime due to a terrible icing call. We had some other minor challenges along the way, such as our nail-biting victory in a shootout. Then came the conference finals against Hodgson, where we easily beat them 6-1.

Next came the biggest challenge of our year: a rematch against Hollycrest. The boys and girl came in



ready to have some fun and play hard. It was a great experience, even though we lost 5-1, we will never forget this incredible year!

Thank you to coaches Bozzo, Chalmers and Latham for putting together a hard-working and fun group of students. We are very thankful to have had such a great experience at such a young age.

By: Ben A. & David G.

### Ski Day

Our school Glenview was lucky enough to win a free ski day for 48 students. We were two of the students that got chosen to participate in this fun activity. We took a coach bus to Mount St. Louis Moonstone and as soon as we got there, we were all so excited to hit the slopes! It was so much fun skiing with our friends and meeting new people who enjoy skiing as well. We got to explore more hills that we might not have gone down one last time, and also ski down our favourite trails from before. The best part about it was having a full day to ski with fellow Glenview students, and enjoy the beautiful hills, view, and weather. Also, since there were less people there, we got to fit in many more runs and get up the chairlift without waiting in lines. At the end, everybody was sad to leave, but we all made some memories that we will remember for a long time. We hope that this experience will happen again in the future so that other people can have as much fun as we did. This was such an amazing experience and it was the perfect day for skiing. We are so glad that we were some of the few students that got to take part in this very incredible ski day.

By: Meg C. and Chloe T.

## PROLOGUE PERFORMANCES

### Yamo Yamo

Last month, a very special speaker came to Glenview for Black History Month. A man named Yamo-Yamo came to share his history with us. Yamo-Yamo's presentation was a fresh and positive experience. His knowledge of African culture made for an exciting presentation of different dances and instruments native to Africa. He invited students to sing and to come on stage with him to try different dances, all the while teaching us some basic words like "Hello" and "Yes," etc. His enthusiasm encouraged the students to get involved with his presentation, and he made some songs interactive with a "repeat after me" style. Yamo-Yamo also shared his secret to happiness, which was to smile as much as possible, and to make others smile. At the end of his presentation, he invited the teachers to come up and participate in the final song. In general, students and teachers together had a fantastic time, and Yamo-Yamo's presentation was truly a spectacle out of the ordinary. It was a great way to celebrate African History, and a different way of life, as well as a good perspective on celebrating these cultures.

By: Saul W. and Jackson L.

### B-Boying

We had the pleasure of watching the B-boying presentation made up by 5 performers to show us different styles of dance and how they looked in different time periods. This was really interesting to watch because you could see how the dance changed over the different time periods. The different time periods they showed us were the 1970s, 1980s and the 1990s. Part of the presentation included the performers changing clothes to match the decade. Their clothes were mostly black, white and brown. In the 1980s their clothes were colourful, comfy and were more baggy than the 1970s. The 1990s wore lots of track pants and sweaters, including the popular colour of red. The music style also changed. For example in the 1970s the music was more jazz and in the 1990s the music was more hip-hop. They also used more of the space in the gym in the later years such as the 1990s. It was really cool to see the different dances continuously so you could compare the different things in all of



the dances. After they finished they gave some of us a chance to dance with them. They first showed everybody how to do certain poses and moves. In conclusion the dance was a good experience and was really enjoyable to watch.

By: Ainsley R.

## MUSIC

On Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Glenview's beginner band went on a field trip to the TDSB Instrument Symposium for Beginner Band. In order to prepare for the trip the beginner band, which consisted of 22 students, would practise a piece called One Love by Bob Marley, every Monday morning at 7:45. On the morning of the trip we went over our piece 6 or 7 times. Everyone was well behaved and excited to get the trip started.

We packed up our instruments and loaded them on to the bus. The bus ride to the Symposium was great and everything was going smoothly as planned. We were all excited to get playing!

When we arrived at the school, we got our instruments out and sat down with the other schools where we began practising a few scales. We were introduced to Dave Clarke, an active musician, teacher and clinician in Toronto. All of the schools did a warm-up activity by making different percussive sounds with our mouths, feet, hands, etc. Afterwards, we broke up into different groups based on our instruments. For around half an hour the different members of the band learned different things about their instrument from a specialist. Each instrumental group learned how to properly blow into their individual instrument, how to properly hold the instrument and how to properly position themselves when playing.



We walked back to the auditorium after our lessons were over and started to play different parts of One Love. Glenview and the other schools played well together.



When it was time to go, everyone lined up against the wall and waited for Mr. So to do attendance. We got on the bus to go back to school. The bus ride back was good but the students were all exhausted. It was a great experience and we can't wait to go back next year as grade 8s. Thank-you to Mr. Chalmers and Mr. So for supervising and taking pictures.

By: Kristin M. and Avery C.

## MATH LEAGUE CONTEST

On February 27th, the entire Glenview student body participated in the Math League competition. In this competition all students received thirty minutes to complete a thirty five multiple choice contest. The questions grew in difficulty the further into the test you got. A score of eleven is a high



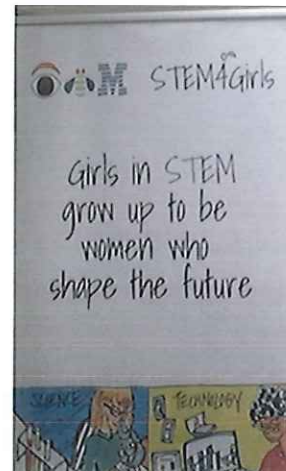
achievement for this test. We found the test to be a nice challenge and a rich part of our math experience. We can't wait to find out our results which will be announced at the March assembly. Best of luck!

By: Klara C. and Ruven R.

### WOMEN'S STEP METAMORPHOSIS CONFERENCE

International Women's Day was an exciting day for fifteen Glenview girls attending the Women's STEM Metamorphosis Conference at John Polyani, as well as 400 other girls from schools across the TDSB. The goal was to inspire girls who are passionate about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) to continue pursuing their interests in the field. The morning was opened by an incredibly inspiring keynote speaker, Vanessa Vakharia, who showed that challenges are meant to be overcome. Her empowering speech was followed with interactive workshops and a superb pizza delicacy served on a paper platter fit for Queens. In the afternoon, we had the opportunity to walk around and network with women in the fields, and were also lucky enough to witness some exhibits and presentations they were hosting. The day concluded with a panel discussion and a Q&A, allowing the girls to ask questions to some of the influential women. All in all, the conference was a huge success and tons of fun, for both those running and attending it. Glenview is already ecstatic for next year's conference!

By: Karenn M., Selena S., Maya K.



### YOUNG WOMEN ON THE MOVE

I was one of the lucky four women invited to the Young Women On The Move's event that took place on International Women's Day at the Montecassino Event Centre. The goal of this event was to empower women and break stereotypes in the process. We were immediately greeted with the aromatic smell of warm coffee and sweet hot chocolate. We were also treated to an array of muffins, pastries, fresh fruit and juices.

The day started with opening remarks from Tracy Schmitt, commonly known as "Unstoppable Tracy" and she is the winner of the 2017 Robert W. Jackson Award [Founder of the Canadian Paralympics], 2017 Ontario Premier Awards, 2017 C-SASIL Lifetime Achievement Award. Tracy is a World Cup Sailor who has climbed the Himalayan mountains, captained a 110-foot-tall ship, won paraskiing bronze and she is funny too. (For example, Tracy said, "Oh, did I mention she was born a 4-way amputee?")

In her address, Tracy stated 9 words I want to carry with me in my life-“I am beautiful, I am intelligent, I am strong.”

Tracy’s speech showed her courage, determination, perseverance, humour and passion for the things she’s done. Everyone in the audience was left with the determination to face the world and overcome hardships in their lives.

Following Tracy’s keynote, it was time for Lunch! The buffet was filled with mouth-watering french fries, crispy chicken fingers, delectable salad, sweet and savoury desserts and an assortment of drinks. As we ate, we were entertained by a talented musician who played the steel drums to popular songs like “Despacito”. Following an insane dance party, we had a 10 minute mindfulness session to get us refocused for the second half of the day.

When we were calm, one of ladies in charge of the event told her story of how she was mistreated as a young woman. People ridiculed her for trying hard in school and made fun of her black skin colour. She found courage to be assertive and believe in herself. Her story was very powerful. Everyone in the room related to how awful it is to be discriminated against and how amazing it feels to overcome that feeling. I respect this woman immensely. In the face of harassment, she decided to stand up and say “No, I am not those things”.

After her speech, we all got to design t-shirts with positive comments about ourselves. Once we finished the front of our shirts, we put them on and went around the room writing and receiving positive comments on the backs of the t-shirts. It was so fantastic to read comments about what others thought about me. Positive comments like amazing, beautiful, wonderful, powerful and many others were littered all over the back of my shirt. It was the best feeling in the world to read them. I felt so content at that moment and thought “nothing will stop me!”

The end was bitter sweet. Although the fantastic day had come to a close, the positivity of the event will be part of me as I move forward. I feel so privileged to have been to have been part of this day.

This event was about celebrating the accomplishments of women and girls around the world in the past, present and future. It was about empowering us to believe we can do anything we set our mind on. I am sure that everyone at the event left feeling great about who they are.

By: Alisa P.





### SCIENCE OLYMPICS

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Glenview sent a team of students to represent the school at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Makenzie Science Olympics. They needed to apply their knowledge, creativity, and teamwork skills in order to solve problems they encountered in the most efficient manner possible. They competed in just under 20 different math, science, and technology themed contests, facing eleven other schools. In overall competition, our school came second, only losing to Dublin Heights. An honourable mention should go out to all the students that participated, but especially to the grade seven representatives, who earned the vast majority of the points for Glenview. We would also like to thank Mrs. Robbins, and Mrs. Kicak, as well as the parent drivers and volunteers that made it possible for the students to participate in this event. Overall it was a great experience and we are sure that everybody enjoyed it.

By: Ruven R. and Olivia C.



### POLICE PRESENTATIONS TO THE GRADE 8S – INTERNET SAFETY

Most people at Glenview have a phone and many students at Glenview use social media whether that be Instagram, Snapchat, Musical.ly, Twitter, etc. This can sometimes be a problem for young teens. To help us better understand the risks associated with these tools, Glenview had a police officer named Mandeep Chahal come to give a presentation on internet safety. Mandeep gave us many useful tips and told us some things we should be aware of when using the internet. For example, one of the pieces of information he informed us about was the fact that everyone has a digital footprint that starts on the day you are born. The facts and information that were given to us were eye-opening. We definitely will think about our posts and the possible consequences. The choices we make and the items we post can deeply affect our future. There are ways to prevent this. He strongly advised that we should make sure our accounts are private and make sure we are being sensible on what information and images we are posting. Mandeep's chat with each and every grade eight class was very helpful and we thank him for coming.

By: Erin G. and Cynthia L.

### FROM THE PREFECT DESK

#### **Social Justice Update:**

April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day. The students in the Heart to Heart Club are working on an autism awareness presentation for our upcoming assembly on March 29th and will be hosting autism awareness activities on April 3rd.



**Spirit Days:**

At Glenview, we try to hold spirit days every month. This month, we are hosting Crazy Hat/Hair Day on March 29th. All students who participate will receive a ticket to be entered into a draw for a prize. In April, we will be having a Blue Jay Spirit Day on Monday April 16th. Our choir has been invited to perform the National Anthem at the Blue Jays vs Kansas City Royals game that evening. We hope to see lots of students wearing Blue and White and show off any Blue Jay attire that they have. We will again be giving out tickets to all those who participate to win a Blue Jay themed prize.

**NEWS AND CUES FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE**

Congratulations to all of our Grade 8 students on completing secondary course registrations, both on paper and digitally through myBlueprint. What's next? Secondary schools will send course verification forms to us in the coming months which will be an opportunity to confirm selected courses. Many of the schools will also be extending invitations for Welcome Receptions and Moving on Up Days that generally take place in late August.

Where are our Grade 8 graduating students going?

- Lawrence Park Collegiate
- Northern Secondary School
- North Toronto Collegiate
- Forest Hill
- William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate (MACS Programme)
- Earl Haig Secondary (Specialized Arts Program at Claude Watson)
- Private School or Catholic School

Next term, we are preparing to welcome Grade 6 students to Glenview. Incoming Grade 6 students will have the opportunity to tour Glenview and participate in orientation activities which will prepare them for the upcoming school year.

Best wishes for a restful March Break. Whether you are relaxing at home or travelling, have a great time!



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# GLENVIEW COUNCIL NEWS

## In The News

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, Glenview hosted guest speaker, Dr. Victoria Creighton from Pine River Institute, who shared with us valuable information regarding our children, maturity (readiness) and how to help guide them through these stages. To read more click on this link: The Metroland media "parenting" reporter covered the workshop at Humberside Collegiate and wrote the following article which summarized both presentations

well: <https://www.insidetoronto.com/community-story/7287533-immaturity-often-cause-of-adolescent-misbehaviour-pine-river-expert/> .

There is a proposed development for 250 Lawrence Avenue West, which could see the density in this residential area significantly increased, and at a proposed height of 12 stories, the development parameters altered between Avenue Road and Yonge along Lawrence (and quite possibly south along Avenue Road). Anyone particularly concerned, questions, comments about this should email: 250LAWRENCE@gmail.com

## What's Happening at the TDSB

1. **Excellence Awards:** Hey Glenview, do you have a favourite teacher, administrator, principal, vice-principal who goes above and beyond to support our students, staff and parents? Now is the time to honour that outstanding individual with an [Excellence Award](#) nomination. To start, you need to gather two letters of reference and one statement of recognition. The statement of recognition is an opportunity to deepen the nomination and can be written by the nominator. **Deadline is March 19, 2018.** All nominees will receive a personalized letter and winners will be celebrated at the awards ceremony on May 24.

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Excellence>

2. **Parents as Partners Conference:** Saturday, April 28: for the free, annual [Parents as Partners Conference](#). Meet other parents, attend valuable workshops and find resources available in your community.
3. **Helping All Students Succeed:** Trustees approved [broad directions](#) to enhance our support for each and every student in the TDSB. Learn how we're moving forward to ensure that each and every student has the right tools, resources, access and opportunities they need to thrive.

4. **Education Development Charges (EDCs):** The TDSB wants

## Save the Date!

### COUNCIL DATES

April 17,  
May 15  
All at 6:30pm

April 28, 2018

Parents As Partners  
Conference

Free, 9am-4pm at the  
Beanfield Centre.

Register at  
[parentsaspartners.ca](http://parentsaspartners.ca)

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At the Montecasino.  
More details to  
follow.





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Dear Parent/Guardian:

School Year 2017/2018

Toronto Public Health (T.P.H.) provides dental programs to children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. Dental screening will take place at Glenview during the weeks of April 16 and April 23.

To identify children with oral health problems, a screening program is offered to students in accordance with the Ontario Ministry of Health requirements for mandatory health programs. The screening is an assessment by a dental hygienist using sterilized instruments. The dental hygienist will assess the need for topical fluoride, scaling, sealant and any other obvious dental needs.

As a follow up to the screening, only parents whose children are identified as requiring dental services will be notified. A note to that effect will be sent home with your child/ren for your information and action. You may also receive a phone call from T.P.H. dental staff to assist you in accessing care.

Please be advised that this screening assessment does not replace the dental examination done by a licensed dentist.

If you do not wish your child/ren to be screened, please inform the school.

For additional information, please contact us at the phone number listed above or visit us at [http://www.toronto.ca/health/dental/children\\_youth.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/health/dental/children_youth.htm).

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