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Glenelm News

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I hope you have all had a terrific summer and I welcome everyone back to the 2007-2008 school year.

I want to officially welcome Ms S to the staff of Glenelm School. Ms S is our new Music and French teacher and has previously worked in the St. James School Division. I know that she has much to offer our children at Glenelm School and she is looking forward to working with them to develop their talents in music and teach our older students the French language.

Once again the Parent Council is holding a chocolate sale to support and enrich children's school experience. Money from past GSPAC fundraisers has been used to support our Artist in the Schools Program, equipment, extra field trips, classroom games, etc. At this point the council is working hard to raise funds to offset the repair of the playstructure. I thank all of you for your participation and support of all of the Parent Council fundraisers. This year we will be selling "Simply Delicious" chocolate bars, which will be sent home to oldest family members on Friday September 7. We are asking that all money or unsold chocolate bars be returned to the school no later than Friday September 21. Look for the details of the sale included in your child's package which will be going home on the 7th.

Grades 5 and 6 students are also raising money for their camp experience by selling the Show and Save Coupon Book. These books will be available throughout the month of September from students in grades 5 or 6, as well as stopping by the

office and purchasing one there. The Show and Save is an excellent value and contains many grocery store coupons that are usable at The Marketplace as well as Sobey's (you can use all competitors coupons in the book there if you wish!!)

Please have a look inside the newsletter to acquaint or reacquaint yourself with our school's policies, routines, etc. You will find information there about school start times, rules, etc. Please retain the book as it can be a handy reference later on in the year.

Finally our Open House is scheduled for Thursday September 20 at 5:30. At that time you will have an opportunity to meet your children's teachers, see the classroom and enjoy some pizza. Also, We will be holding elections for the Glenelm School Parent Council. Your attendance and participation in that event is important. We are always in need of parents to be part of the Council Executive. The role of an executive member is one that requires a small time commitment (less than one night per month over the course of the school year). It is rewarding and greatly appreciated. If you're interested in being on the council executive please contact the school and we can provide you with more information.

The staff and I look forward to seeing you at the Open House. As always, I appreciate your feedback about the school and invite you to stop by or call at anytime with your comments or concerns.

Mr. P, Principal





2. School Hours

The outside bell rings at 8:50 and 12:55 for student entry. Morning classes begin at 9:00 am, afternoon classes at 1:00 pm. Students are dismissed as follows:

Kindergarten at	11:30 am
Grades 1 to 6 at	12:00 noon
All afternoon students at	3:30 pm

3. Office Hours

Regular school days:	8:30 am to 12:00 pm
	12:55 pm to 4:30 pm
Public holidays:	office is closed

4. Answering Machine

During the lunch hour an answering machine is available for messages. Occasionally during the day the secretary may have to leave the office briefly. The answering machine will also be turned on at these times.

5. Call Back System

Please call or send a note to let us know if your child will be absent. We will call you if your child is absent and we haven't heard from you, but it saves time if you notify us. "Call Backs" begin at 9:15 and 1:15. Students who arrive late are asked to check in at the office.

6. Supervision of Students

We have teachers and educational assistants on duty in the playground at the following times:

- 8:40 am to 8:50 am
- during recesses
- 12:40 pm to 12:55 pm

FOR THE SAKE OF CHILDREN'S SAFETY, PLEASE ENSURE THAT THEY DO **NOT** ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE SUPERVISION BEGINS.

School Safety Patrols are on duty at the following times:

- 8:40 am to 8:55 am
- 12:00 noon to 12:10 pm
- 12:40 pm to 12:55 pm
- 3:30 pm to 3:40 pm

Please help to ensure that your children travel to and from school only during times when patrols are on duty. Also, students must use the sidewalks and cross at the corners where patrols are on duty unless accompanied by their parent. Students are asked to not use the back lanes.

7. Transportation for Nursery and Kindergarten Students

In the interest of safety we ask that you arrange for a responsible adult to bring Nursery and Kindergarten students to and from school each day.

8. Students Leaving School Early

Whenever students need to leave school early, such as for a medical appointment, we ask that the student be picked up by the parent (or another responsible adult). In an emergency, we can send students home accompanied by two school patrols. We would like to minimize this practice since it interrupts the school day for the patrols.



9. Change of Address and/or Telephone Numbers:

Please notify the office immediately when changes occur.

10. Reporting

Report cards go home in November, February and June, (February and June for Nursery and Kindergarten). In addition, parent-teacher conferences are scheduled in November and April.

If you would like information on your child's progress at other times during the year, please contact the classroom teacher.

11. Recess

All children in grades 1 to 6 are expected to go outside for a 15 minutes recess both morning and afternoon. We ask your assistance in discouraging children from staying in at recess. Students who are well enough to come to school are usually well enough to have an outdoor recess break.

Recess periods are as follows:

first recess:	rooms 2, 6, 7	10:30 to 10:45	2:10 to 2:25
second recess:	rooms 1, 5, 8	10:50 to 11:05	2:30 to 2:45

Recess is indoors if it's raining or if the windchill is below -34. When the windchill is between -25 to -34 we will have a shorter recess or allow students to come inside to warm up. There are times when the windchill recorded at the airport is reported to be high but local conditions are milder because of the shelter provided by buildings and trees. Please help to see that the students are dressed appropriately for the weather.

12. Playground

Playground equipment is provided by the school. We request that students do not bring equipment from home, including skateboards, hockey sticks, bikes and baseball bats. Students can bring a ball for recess use as long as they are willing to share. Students can come to the office at 8:40 or 12:40 to get a ball from the playground equipment box. If a ball goes over the playground fence the student must check with the teacher or teacher assistant before going to retrieve it.

13. Behaviour of Students

Glenelm students are expected to behave in a safe and respectful manner and to do their best to learn. If necessary, we will request your help on behaviour issues.

In the event of damage to property, the person responsible will be asked to make restitution.

The Winnipeg School Division has adopted a Code of Behaviour which is endorsed by Glenelm School staff and the Glenelm School Parent Advisory Council. A copy of the Code is included with this newsletter.



14. Snack Food

The school has a “no junk food” policy including gum, seeds, soft drinks and candy. There may be times during the year when a class has a small party and an exception is made to this policy. We ask for your support in sending nutritious snacks with the students. Some students bring packages of noodles for snack. We ask that students not open the packages until they are on the playground. Also, we need everyone’s help to keep the playground litter-free.

15. Show and Tell

Many of the primary classes have a designated day for students to bring a toy to school or other personal article (no pets, please). The students know in advance when it is their turn for Show and Tell. Except for Show and Tell, we ask that students not bring toys or other personal articles to school.

16. Glenelm School Parent Advisory Council

All parents who send their children to Glenelm are welcome to participate in the Parent Council. A meeting is held once a month, usually on the first Monday and you can attend regularly or as often as your schedule allows.

The Parent Council supports the education of students at Glenelm. We often have informal discussions about various issues facing the school. Some of the significant accomplishments of the Parent Council include raising money for the new grass field, the music program, the computer lab, the library, the playstructure and other student expenses, and organizing school/community events such as the Barbecue.

Each year an executive is chosen at the Open House. This year’s Open House is on Thursday, September 20 at 5:30 p.m. If you know someone who might be interested in being an executive member or working on a committee, please encourage them to get involved. Remember, the Parent Council is made up of all Glenelm parents.

17. Inservices

All schools are allowed ten days when the whole school is closed for inservices or administration purposes. Occasionally individual classrooms may be closed to allow those teachers to attend a workshop. We’ll give you advance notice as soon as possible to allow you to make child care arrangements.

18. Assemblies

Each classroom hosts an assembly once a year and provides entertainment. Assemblies are normally held on school day 5 at 9:05 a.m. in the gym. Parents and community members are always welcome to attend.

19. Nurse

The nurse assigned to the school is Candice Vince (938-5323). Candice serves the Glenelm Neighbourhood and Glenelm School on an on-call basis.

Children who are between 4 and 6 years old need a booster immunization for diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus as well as a second dose of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine. These immunizations will be offered within the school year for those children have not had them done by their doctor. The grade 4s will be offered the Hepatitis B vaccine during the fall and winter.

Some of the services provided by the nurse are: health education, routine vision and hearing screening, health appraisals, and immunizations.



20. Student Medication

Parents who wish the school to administer medication must first have their doctor complete forms to support the request. These forms are available from the school office. All medication must be properly labelled and given to the teacher or office for safekeeping.

21. Student Accident Insurance

Information is going home with this newsletter on student accident insurance. The insurance is a good value and covers some potentially expensive situations for a very reasonable cost. The basic plan costs only \$7.75 per year. It covers the student 24 hours per day/365 days per year and covers accidents whether at school or outside school hours. Please have a careful look at this information.

22. Lunch Program

The Lunch Program is operated by the Glenelm School Parent Advisory Council. The Council employs Ms K to manage the program. Ms K can be contacted through the school office at 667-8534. The lunch program is located at Gordon King Memorial United Church, 127 Cobourg. Information about the lunch program is available from the school office.

23. Religious Exercises

Section 84(8) Public Schools Act “If a petition asking for religious exercises, signed by the parents or guardians of 75% of the pupils in the case of a school having fewer than 80 pupils or by the parents or guardians of at least 60 pupils in the case of a school having an enrolment of 80 or more pupils, is presented to the school board, religious exercises shall be conducted for the children of those parents or guardians in that school year.”

Some of the guidelines for religious exercises are as follows:

1. The content of any religious exercise must be defined by the parents/guardians requesting such exercises. Parents of a variety of religious groups can petition to their own religious exercises (i.e., Buddhist, Jewish, Christian or other). Parents making the petition must provide whatever materials are essential for conducting these exercises.
2. Members of the parents' group petitioning for the exercises may make arrangements for volunteers to conduct the activity themselves.
3. Religious exercises are to be held outside regular instructional time, usually before school starts in the morning.
4. The complete guidelines are available by contacting Mr. Peterson at the school.

24. Halloween Costumes

To help discourage violence and ensure the safest and best educational environment for your children we ask that you avoid sending your child to school in a Halloween costume which portrays the killing or hurting of someone else.

Weapons or items depicting weapons (swords, guns, knives, etc.) which may be part of a costume, should be left at home. Please support our attempt to discourage violence.

25. Lost and Found

Each year many articles find their way to the lost and found bin. To help reduce losses we suggest that **all students' articles be labelled, especially all gym wear, outdoor clothing and boots.** Lost items can be found in the lost and found box located in the link entrance. Small items such as rings, keys, etc. are kept in the office. In December and June unclaimed Lost and Found articles are donated to charity.



26. NSF Cheques

Due to the expense and staff time needed to process NSF cheques, we have instituted a charge, consistent with parent Council practice. We will require payment of \$5.00 to cover our costs associated with NSF cheques.

CHILD CARE NEEDED	If you are interested in providing child care in your home part-time, full-time, before school, at lunch or after school . . . please call the school office at 667-8534 so this information can be made available for parents who enquire.
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Important Dates to Note

Please check each newsletter for the upcoming activities and class closures.
Dates will be confirmed and changes noted in the monthly newsletters.

Inservice and Staff Meetings	Tuesday, September 4
Glenelm School Open House and Parent Council Executive Elections/Pizza Supper	Thursday, September 20, at 5:30 p.m.
School Picture Day	Wednesday, October 3—Picture Day
Thanksgiving Day Holiday	Monday, October 8
School-wide Inservice	Thursday, November 1
Provincial Inservice	Friday, November 23
Parent-teacher Conferences	Thursday evening and Friday, November 29 & 30
School-wide Inservice	Friday, December 7
Winter Concert	December: date to be determined
Winter Break	Monday, December 24 to Friday, January 4
School-wide Inservice	Friday, January 25
Statutory Holiday	Monday, February 18
School-wide Inservice	Thursday, March 13
Good Friday	Friday, March 21
Spring Break	Monday, March 31 to Friday, April 4
Student-led Parent-teacher Conferences	Thursday evening and Friday, April 24 & 25
Victoria Day Holiday	Monday, May 19
School-wide Inservice	Monday, June 2
School-wide Inservice	Thursday, June 26
Last Day for 2007/2008 School Year	Friday, June 27



VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE AT GLENELM SCHOOL!

Our Volunteer Orientation will be held the end of September.
(exact date and time to be determined)

All new Glenelm School volunteers are required to attend an orientation session.
(Attendance is optional for Glenelm volunteers
who have previously attended an orientation.)

A note will be sent home later in the month with details and a reply form
so that you can let us know if you plan to attend the orientation.

If you have any questions regarding our volunteer program,
please call Mrs. R. at 667-8534.

THE ONE AND ONLY TERRY FOX RUN SITE IN WINNIPEG SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16

For many years now there have been 4 run sites in Winnipeg for the annual Terry Fox Run. This year, the 4 sites have amalgamated to build one bigger and better run to celebrate the 27th Annual Terry Fox Run. It will be held in the Assiniboine Park at the Lyric Theatre. The entire Run will stay within the boundaries of the park (one lap is roughly 5 kilometers). There will be markers as to the distances for people wishing not to do the entire lap. You can run, walk, rollerblade, bike, or wheelchair any distance around the beautiful park. Registration is at 9 am and the Run will start at 10 am.

There will be family entertainment from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm that will include: Aaron Burnett, Dust Rhinos, Fabuki Daiko Kagemusha Drummers, Just Kiddin, LuLu and the TomCat, McConnell Dancers, Rozmai Ukrainian Dance Company, Winnipeg Mennonite Children's Choir, Several Mascots, several children's activities such as an Air Bouncer, Super Slide, Face Painting, Colouring, Bubbles and many more activities to keep you entertained.

There will be a huge Silent Auction and a Fantastic Raffle.
Rain or Shine, bring a lawn chair and spend the day for Terry Fox.



INSERVICE FORPARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR BABY THROUGH RHYTHM

Babies communicate from the time they are born using their faces, bodies and voices to express feelings and wants. Adding vocabulary from an accessible language like American Sign language gives all babies an early start to 2-way communication that lasts a lifetime. Lauri will offer parents a chance to learn some rhymes using ASL vocabulary. Dianne will share some rhymes from the Parent-Child Mother Goose program.

Thursday, October 25 from 1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. at Prince Charles ERC - Library 1075 Wellington Avenue

Presenters: Dianne Blewett , Parent Resource Coordinator &
Lauri Van Heyst, Sign & Say Facilitator and ASL/English Interpreter

FINE MOTOR DEVELOPMENT

Helping your child to be successful at school can be fun! Come and try out some activities and games that you and your family can do together. The activities are no-cost or low-cost, easy to do, and will help your child develop some of the skills needed to do well at school.

Tuesday, October 16 from 1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. at Wolseley School, 511 Clifton Street

Presenter: Penny Morka, Early Childhood Consultant

TO REGISTER FOR THE EITHER OF THE ABOVE CALL 474-1513.

Parenting the CHILD with AD/HD or ADD: Fall/ Winter 2007-October 11 to November 22

This seven-week course, taught by registered psychologist Dr. April Buchanan, is designed for parents of children diagnosed with ADHD / ADD ages 5-11. The objectives are to increase parent knowledge of how ADHD / ADD interacts with their child's environment and to develop and apply strategies that make life more manageable for the child and the family.

Syllabus Includes: An Introduction to ADD/ADHD and its impact on the individual and the family. Understanding child development, common behaviours of children with ADHD, problem solving, conflict resolution, listening skills, behaviour management, working with the school, siblings and peers.

ADHD Basics: Fall/ Winter 2007-October 2 and October 9

This course, taught over two evenings, discusses ADHD characteristics, diagnosis, and treatment. It will also deal with issues including the impact that a diagnosis of ADHD has on the individual, family and school. Some information on strategies will also be provided. Parents, professionals, adults and other interested individuals welcome.

Location and times for both courses: Herzing College, 723 Portage at McGee
(parking is available at the back of the building), 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm each session

Please call James at 774-1821, ext. 11 for details or email: ldamanitoba7@mts.net



SIMPLY DELICIOUS CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER

Chocolate Bars will be going home with
the oldest student in the family on Friday September 7.
All money and/or unsold chocolate bars are to be returned
to classroom teachers by Friday September 21.

Details of the fundraiser will be sent home along
with the chocolate bars on Friday.

Your support is appreciated. Thank you.

SHOW & SAVE

DISCOUNT CARD & COUPON BOOK

Our Grades 5 and 6 Glenelm Students will be raising money this September
by selling the Show & Save Card and Coupon Book.

The Coupon Book has over \$6,000 in money saving offers including coupons for 10% off your purchases
at various grocery stores throughout the city (including all Sobeys, IGA, Family Foods, The Marketplace
& Harry's Foods) as well as 4 Domo Gas coupons.

For only \$15 you can experience endless savings with the Re-usable Card and Coupon Book.

By purchasing your Show & Save from us, you will be supporting the Glenelm School grades 5 and 6
students' camp experience while at the same time saving your family a lot of money.

**COUPON BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FROM GRADES 5 AND 6 GLENELM STUDENTS AND
ALSO AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

You can purchase your book at the office by bringing in a cheque (payable to Glenelm Parent Advisory
Council) for \$15.00 per book or you can also pay exact cash.

The final date for the sale of the books will be September 28.

We all thank you for your support in purchasing a book if you choose.



OPEN HOUSE AND GLENELM PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for this year Parent Council Executive will take place at the Open House on Thursday September 20 at 5:30.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED ON BEING ON THE PARENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL AT 667-8534 PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 20 OPEN HOUSE.

Come and meet the teachers, get involved with your Parent Council and enjoy pizza and visiting with families in the community.

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STOP DROP AND GO SAFETY PROCEDURES

8:40 to 9:00 AM AND 3:30 to 3:45 PM

As most of you are aware the **Stop Drop and Go Program** was run by volunteers last year to help alleviate dangerous traffic snarls on the street. This initiative kept the area safe when children were arriving and leaving the school.

We thank everyone for their cooperation in using the correct procedures when dropping off children:

- Arrive at the school travelling east from Beatrice Street.
- Stop in front of the school and let your child out of the vehicle from the passenger side (the side of the vehicle facing the school).
- After dropping off children, continue on your way east to Henderson Highway or the Henderson alleyways.
- Wait your turn to drop off your child with the volunteer in the stop drop and go zone.
- Please do not make u-turns on Carmen as it is dangerous and disrupts the Stop Drop and Go.

If you are interested in ensuring that **Stop Drop and Go** continues this year, see Glenna at the office to have your name added to our list of volunteers. Without adequate volunteers the initiative will be unable to continue this year.



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Upcoming October 2007:

- 3 School Picture Day
- 8 Thanksgiving: No School
- 22 pm: Gr. 4 Hep B Vaccines
- 31 pm: Halloween Activities

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Labour Day	Day 1 4 Division-Wide Inservice-No Classes 9:00 Staff Meeting pm: Kindergarten Interviews (new students)	Day 2 5 all day: Nursery Interviews Show and Save Fundraiser begins	Day 3 6 9:05 Assembly (no class presentations) am: Kindergarten (one hour sessions) pm: Nursery Interviews	Day 4 7 am: Kindergarten begins regular classes pm: Nursery (one hour sessions) Chocolates go home
Day 5 10 pm: Nursery begins regular classes	Day 6 11	Day 1 12	Day 2 13	Day 3 14
Day 4 17	Day 5 18	Day 6 19	Day 1 20 5:30 Open House/ Parent Council Elections/Pizza Supper	Day 2 21 All chocolates and money due
Day 3 24	Day 4 25	Day 5 26	Day 6 27	Day 1 28 Last Day for Show & Save Fundraiser