

# September 08 Newsletter

Meeting dates: Mark these on your calendar now!

Monday October 6th - Our special guest will be Jamie MacSwain from CHANCES talking about the challenges of parenting \*more details to come\*.

Monday November 3rd

Monday December 1<sup>st</sup>

We are reconsidering the times for our meetings and want your feedback.

What do you prefer: 6:00 - 8:00pm          6:30 - 8:30pm          7:00 - 9:00pm

Please send an email to [angelashawn@eastlink.ca](mailto:angelashawn@eastlink.ca) with your thoughts on this matter.

## Reading Program

Welcome back students and teachers. We have an exciting year planned for our association. Our first initiative began in June when we launched our Glen Stewart Reading Eagles Summer Reading Club. In partnership with the Stratford library, over 100 children from Glen Stewart and Donagh schools participated in the "Laugh Out Loud" summer reading program. Students were encouraged to read at least 20 minutes a day. The program had its closing ceremony and ice cream social on August 23. The social was in conjunction with our "Anne Week" celebrations in honour of the 100th Anniversary of Anne of Green Gables. We had potato sack races, three legged races, ice cream and raspberry cordial. Anne passed out certificates and prizes. It was a great success. The children read over 30,000 minutes throughout the summer!

Glen Stewart is holding its own reading celebration sometime this fall. Please visit this website often for more details. Students, don't forget to pass in your summer reading minutes during the first week of September. There are still plenty of great prizes to win. Special thank you to our sponsors: Anne 2008, Avonlea- Village of Anne of Green Gables, Brackley Drive In, Indigo, Museum and Heritage PEI, PEI National Parks, Pizza Delight Express, Sandspit, Shining Waters Family Fun Park, and Staples. The success of our program wouldn't have been possible without your support.

## How can you be part of your child's school??

-Sign up as a volunteer - you can do everything from working in the library to gardening to helping out at special events.

-Be part of a Home and School Committee.

Committees this year include:

- overcrowding committee ( to lobby politicians and the Eastern School District)
- Library
- Reading Club
- Breakfast Program
- Greater Grounds
- your suggestions??

A **Volunteer Sign-up** sheet will be sent home in the month of September. We encourage you to get involved!

The new Home and School

We want your feedback:

Send an email to [angelashawn@eastlink.ca](mailto:angelashawn@eastlink.ca) with your ideas and opinions based on the following questions:

What do you want from the Home and School?

What's the most pressing issue for you as a parent at Glen Stewart?

What do you want the Home and School to do about this issue?

What would help you feel more comfortable as a parent at Glen Stewart?

What would help you communicate better with your child's teacher?

The Home and School wants to offer **"Laugh and Learn"** sessions as part of our meetings.

Here are some topics -- which ones appeal most to you?

Making nutritious snacks and meals with your kids

Physical fitness - parents and kids exercise together

How to Talk so your kids will listen, Listen so Your Kids will Talk

Homework without Tears

Family Math: math games you can play at home that cost nothing

Communicating with your Child's Teacher

Making Reading Fun

Green Homes - what you and your kids can do to help the planet

Scrapbooking with your kids

Your suggestions??