



# Glen Stewart Primary School



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 6 & 7	Super Spring Saver Coupon book orders & money returned
April 8	Home & School PJ Day - Fundraiser for Japanese Relief
April 14	Super Spring Saver Coupon books sent home
April 15	Movie Night for K and Grade 1 students
April 22	Good Friday (No Classes)
April 25	Eastern Monday (No Classes)
April 26	Professional Development Day (No Classes)
April 28	Kindergarten Parent Information evening 6:30 p.m.
April 29	Movie Night for Grade 2 & Grade 3 students
May 2 & 3	LifeTouch Spring Pictures

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a privilege it is to be a part of the wonderful things that are happening here at Glen Stewart Primary School! Thanks to the wonderful student, parent and teacher community, there have been so many amazing things happening here at our school. March was a busy month with fundraising activities for Easter Seals (crazy hat day, Be Seen in Green day), French Week activities, report cards going home, etc. With only three months remaining in the current year, we are all working hard to ensure all curriculum

outcomes are being covered and assessed. A special thanks goes out to all the parents who have taken the time to send an e-mail, picked up the phone, or dropped by to talk in person to thank staff for the work they are doing. This becomes a very busy time of year and your support, encouragement, and praise make us feel that what we do is making a difference. The children are the focus of our day and the team we build between home and school will only bring them success. Thanks to all of you for helping us make this journey a positive and productive one.



## EASTER SEALS POPCORN SALE

The Grade 3 classes will be selling popcorn on **Thursday, March 31** during both recesses. Students can purchase a bag of popcorn for \$1 and all proceeds will go to support Easter Seals.

**SPRING PHOTO CAMPAIGN**

Photographers from LifeTouch will be here on **May 2 and May 3** to take student photos for our Spring photo campaign. Students in Kindergarten and Grade 2 will be done on May 2 and students in Grade 1 and Grade 3 will be done on May 3.

**I'M A THUMBODY PROGRAM**

Our Grade 3 classes participated in the "I'm Thumbody" program during the month of March. I'm a Thumbody is a Self-Esteem program for children which:

- \* Builds healthy self concepts
- \* Stimulates the development of self confidence
- \* Instills feelings of self worth, individuality and responsibility
- \* Develops an understanding of each person's unique skills and interests and the value of their differences, strengths and individuality
- \* Enhances self-awareness

**KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT**

On **April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**, we will be holding an information meeting for the parents of our new Kindergarten students for the 2011-2012 school year. This will be an opportunity for us to share information about our school and answer questions that parents may have.

**HOME AND SCHOOL EXECUTIVE**

At the annual general meeting of our Home & School Association, elections were held for positions on the executive. Outgoing executive include **Lisa Durden** and **Sue MacLennan**. We certainly want to thank both of these ladies for their tremendous contribution to our Home and School Association over the last number of years. We would also like to introduce you to our new executive members: **Alanna Taylor** and **Natalie Fraser**, co-secretaries, and **Lisa Kiley**, treasurer. We look forward to working with these three ladies. Thank you as well to **Sherri Bruce**, who has agreed to remain as Chair of our Home and School Association.

**NEXT HOME & SCHOOL MEETING**

The next meeting of the Home & School Association will be held on **Tuesday, April 12** at 7:00 p.m.

**HOME & SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHTS**

Our Home and School Association will be hosting two movie events. The first movie night will be held on **Friday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.** for students in Kindergarten and Grade 1. Our second movie night will be held on **Friday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m.** for students in Grade 2 and Grade 3.

**PJ DAY - JAPANESE RELIEF EFFORT**

On **Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**, our Home and School Association will be hosting a **PJ day**. This PJ day will be a fundraiser to raise much needed money for the Japanese relief efforts. Staff and students are encouraged to wear their pajamas to school and bring in a toonie for the Japanese relief efforts. All money raised will be



donated to the Canadian Red Cross Society to support the people of Japan who were affected by the earthquake and tsunami. We also have a donation container in the front lobby for staff/students/parents who wish to donate money to these relief efforts. We have a few students in our school who have very close connections to Japan.

### **FRENCH WEEK**

Our Immersion teachers did a fabulous job of helping us celebrate French Week (March 14-18th) here at Glen Stewart Primary School.

**Every day of French Week began with the playing of O'Canada in French.** During morning announcements, we also had students ask a French related question of the day:

- What are the colors of the Acadian flag?
- Name two Rocket players
- Name a French song or a French singer
- Name a title of a French story
- What is our mascot's name (the fox) in French?



Students put their answers into bags in the front lobby and a winner was chosen each day. On Monday of French Week, the French Immersion classes visited the English classes and taught them something in French. On Tuesday, it was red, blue, white, and yellow day (colors of the Acadian flag). We also had four Rocket hockey players visit the classes. On Thursday, cinnamon rolls were available.

### **CANADIAN PARENT FOR FRENCH (CPF)**

Canadian Parent for French (CPF) would like to thank all the people who came out to our St. Patrick's Day themed event on March 17th. Students and parents enjoyed story time (thanks to Monica Rafuse for reading), played a game to collect treasures, and then used these treasures to build a leprechaun's hat and share his gold.

Canadian Parents for French will be hosting an Easter themed event on Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m. with a scavenger hunt and fun tasks for every

room - egg and spoon race, picture dictionary, sing a song, read a book, Go Fish, score a hoop, noodle hockey, find the object... with prizes too! More details to follow in the coming weeks. If you have questions about Canadian Parents for French or the upcoming event, please contact Kate Sharpley at [kate.sharpley@gmail.com](mailto:kate.sharpley@gmail.com).



### **EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES**

Earth Day is on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a great time for us to showcase classroom environmental education, highlight efforts to "green" our school facility, and to engage the whole school community in making a difference. Our school will be doing various activities leading up to Earth Day including low lights day, litterless lunch, playground cleanup, etc.



**CHARACTER EDUCATION-HONESTY**

During the month of April we will be working on theme of "honesty" with our students. We will be talking about such things as:

**What is honesty?**

- Being truthful in word and action
- Showing trustworthiness
- Being reliable in carrying out commitments, obligations, and duties
- Telling the truth
- Admitting wrongdoing

**What does honesty look like/sound like?**

- Telling parents/guardians/caregivers or a teacher about a mistake and facing the consequences of the action
- Telling on someone if it will make the situation better, but not telling on them just to get them into trouble
- Expressing real feelings without anger, without blaming others, without exaggerating, and without hurting the feelings of someone else
- Turning in something that is lost (e.g., money or a personal belonging) and encouraging others to do the same



- Being truthful with friends and thanking them for being truthful with you
- Not getting angry at someone when they are honest with you in a respectful manner
- Standing up for your beliefs, even if others might not agree

We know that character education is a shared responsibility by the family, school and the community.

**LUNCH PROGRAM - APRIL CHOICES FROM BORROWED KITCHEN**

\* For parents with children at Stratford Elementary School, please note the menu is reversed at the other school.

**Tuesdays** – ROAST CHICKEN WRAP served with HOMEMADE SALSA - 10" tortilla with roast chicken and cheddar cheese...served warm and with homemade salsa on the side.

**Fridays** – CHEESEBURGER and CARROT STICKS – made with lean ground beef pattie, cheese slice, and bun served with a packet of ketchup & mustard, and served with carrot sticks on the side.

**LITERACY BITS****How can I help my child become a good communicator?**

The ability to listen and to speak clearly helps students become strong readers and writers.

Parents can:

- \* Ask their child to talk about their day's experiences
- \* share books, movies, sporting events and ask them to make predictions as to what will happen and tell why they think that way
- \* encourage them to give more than one word replies

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Parents can:

- \* play a guessing game by getting their child to describe something (for example: a toy, a location or a piece of clothing) providing clues until the parent guesses the item correctly,
- \* listen to their children, helping them see that their opinion is valued, especially when they support it with sound reasons, and
- \* read books together and talk about the events and characters.