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### DATES TO REMEMBER

December 7	Lockdown practice @ 9:35 a.m.
December 10	Report Cards Sent Home
December 13	Grade 2 Concert @ 6:30 p.m.
December 14	Grade 2 Concert @ 1:00 p.m. (Stormdate) Kindergarten Concert @ 6:00 p.m.
December 15	Grade 3 Concert @ 6:30 p.m.
December 16	Grade 1 Concert @ 1:00 p.m. Kindergarten Concert @ 6:00 p.m. (Stormdate)
December 17	Grade 1 Concert @ 1:00 p.m. (Stormdate)
December 20	Grade 3 Concert @ 6:00 p.m. (Stormdate)
December 21	School Skate
December 22	School Skate (Stormdate)
	Last Day of Classes in 2010
January 4	First Day of Classes in 2011

**"We cannot solve the problems of today with the same thinking that gave us the problems in the first place."**

**Einstein**

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our first report cards for 2010-2011 are now ready for distribution on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Teachers have spent much time and energy preparing for and completing your child's report card. Working with students on a day-to-day basis gives teachers tremendous insight into their capabilities. Reporting student growth and progress is essential to the child's academic growth to celebrate the successes and raise awareness in those areas requiring attention or improvement. It provides meaningful feedback that encourages further growth and development.

It is hoped the new report card will provide you with an understanding of your child's progress. Please communicate to us any questions or concerns that you may have with regard to your child's program.

On behalf of the staff and students at Glen Stewart Primary School, I would like to wish everyone in the Glen Stewart Primary community the peace and joy of the holiday season. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas, and I extend best wishes to you and your family for New Year 2011.

L. Patricia Campbell, B.E.D., B.A., M.Ed.  
Principal, Glen Stewart Primary

## **LITERACY BITES**

### **How do I encourage my child to write?**

Show/model when you write:

- Share your writing with your child-memos, e-mails, letters, "to do" lists, grocery lists
- Send a letter, thank-you note, or e-mail to your child
- Help your child write and send a letter to a friend

Modeling writing, for real purposes, encourages your child to do the same.

### **How do I support my child's writing development?**

Focus on ideas first:

- Talk with your child about things he/she is interested in or knows a lot about.
- Encourage your child to write about topics they find interesting.
- Have your child tell his/her story before putting it on paper.

Having a story or idea, that you want to share, is the first step in the writing process.

### **How do I give feedback to my child about their writing?**

Be positive!

- First, talk on the topic. Then talk about one thing your child might like to add or change.
- Be sure to support his/her efforts.

Remember that too many suggestions can be confusing for young writers.

## **TURKEY DRIVE**

It has become an important part of our Christmas tradition here at Glen Stewart to raise money to purchase turkeys for the annual CBC Radio Turkey Drive. This year the students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are participating in this fund raising event. We have found this to be a wonderful way to teach the children the importance of giving to those who are less fortunate. We would like to encourage students to give to this instead of a gift exchange among students or giving to teachers. If your family is able to contribute in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Money will be collected from December 8 to December 15 and turkeys will be purchased in support of the CBC Turkey Drive. We would like to thank you for your support and wish your family a wonderful Christmas Season.

## **CHRISTMAS ANGELS**

Christmas Angels will take place at Glen Stewart Primary School between December 8 and December 15. This is a time when we can think of other children less fortunate than us and donate something that will make their Christmas better. Students in Grade 2 and Grade 3 will be participating in this project. Unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the office.

## **PREVENTIVE DENTAL PROGRAM**

The Dental Public Health Team will be starting at Glen Stewart Primary School the week of December 13th, 2010 to provide preventive dental services. The objective of this clinic will provide oral health education and preventive dental services to help reduce or prevent oral disease. In the first couple of days of the clinic, all children will be seen for a two-minute screening to determine their risk of having oral disease. \*\*If you do not wish your children to have this dental screening, please advise the school secretary or classroom teacher.\*\* Preventive services including oral health education, fluorides, scaling/polishing and sealants will then be provided, according to each child's individual needs. It will be necessary for you to sign and return a consent form in order to obtain these services. This form will be distributed to the students once the screenings are complete. There is no cost involved with this clinic and parents are encouraged to visit the dental clinic in the school to discuss preventive dental care for their children. Please note that only preventive services will be provided, and the screening is not a dental examination. It is strongly recommended that parents take their children to a dentist for regular examinations and treatment. In addition to the

services provided, the Children's Dental Care Program covers the cost of basic dental care delivered in private dental offices for children from ages 3 - 17 (up to 18th birthday). For further information on our programs and services, please contact the Dental Public Health Clinic in Charlottetown at 368-4918 or Summerside at 888-8145.

### **LOCKDOWN**

The Eastern School District and Glen Stewart Primary School has a primary responsibility to ensure the safety of students and staff inside school buildings and while on school property. As a result, every school in the district has developed and practiced school lockdown procedures. A school lockdown is initiated should a high risk incident occur at the school. For example, a hazardous chemical spill, a severe weather warning, or an intruder could put students and staff in danger at our school. Lockdown might also be initiated if there are circumstances in the vicinity of the school that could endanger the safety of students and staff. Schools will work as part of coordinated team with emergency responders such as the RCMP, local police, fire departments and EMS to respond appropriately to the threat.

In order for all students and staff to become familiar with the expectations during a lockdown, our school will be practicing emergency lockdown procedures on a regular basis, as we do with fire drills. During these drills there will be signs posted on the entrance doors indicating that the school is in lockdown. No one will be permitted to enter or leave the school during these exercises. This is the same procedure that will be followed in a real situation.

We will be holding our first lockdown exercise on **December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.**

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school at any time.

### **EARLY CLOSURE FORM**

An early closure form was sent home. Please return to your child's teacher as soon as possible. If school should be canceled mid-day due to weather conditions, it is extremely important that your child knows where he/she is to go at that time.

### **MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS**

When calling the school to leave a message for your child(ren), **please call prior to 2 pm**. The end of the day is very hectic and it is difficult to deliver messages after this time.

### **CRAFT FAIR**

Thank you to all the amazing parent volunteers and Glen Stewart staff who contributed to yet another successful Craft Fair at Glen Stewart. You are wonderful! Your hard work and fantastic efforts in decorating, baking, advertising, organizing, calling, counting, and cleaning-up all pulled together to create a terrific event with a warm, festive atmosphere. Thank you all for a job well done!

### **COLD WEATHER**

Please make sure your son or daughter is dressed for the winter weather. If a child is too ill to go outside, it is probably best that they be at home until they are well enough to participate in required school activities.

### **SCHOOL CANCELLATION**

If all schools in the Eastern School District are to be cancelled, parents will be notified by radio announcements on local stations including Magic 93, CFCY, OCEAN, K-ROCK, CBC-FM (CBC PEI's Stormwatch), C102, and Bonjour Atlantique. The first notice will be broadcast by 7:00 a.m. Occasionally it may only be necessary to close individual of families of schools.

### **ONE-HOUR DELAY**

In cases where a decision cannot be made by 7:00 a.m., a one-hour delay will be announced. This means that all schools and buses may operate one hour later than the usual time. A further announcement regarding delays and/or cancellations will be made by 8:00 a.m. **IF SCHOOLS ARE OPERATING, THE FINAL DECISION TO ATTEND RESTS WITH YOU, THE PARENT.** In the event that school is canceled during the school day, you and your child should have a plan in place for child care arrangements. Please discuss possibilities and options that would be appropriate in those situations where the plan gets changed.

### **GLEN STEWART HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS**

Thank you to Sherri Bruce, all members of the Craft Fair committee, all volunteers, sponsors and staff of GSP, all who have helped make the 2010 Glen Stewart Primary/Stratford Elementary Christmas Craft Fair a success. The funds raised from this event will be shared between the 2 schools to purchase items to improve our schools!

In December, Glen Stewart Primary will be hosting "Glen Stewart Primary Christmas Movie Nights!!" The Christmas movie nights are social, seasonal events for our school community to enjoy! There is no fee for the movie; however we will be selling popcorn (\$1) and juice boxes (\$1) to cover their costs. When?: For children in Kindergarten and Grade 1: December 10, 2010, 6pm; For children in Grades 2&3: December 17, 2010, 6pm. Parents/guardians please attend with your children; siblings welcome too! It will be held in the Glen Stewart Primary Gym. Hope to see you there!

Merry Christmas Everyone! from Glen Stewart Primary Home and School executive: Sherri, Sue and Lisa . GSP Home and School email: [glenstewarhomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:glenstewarhomeandschool@gmail.com)

GSP Home and School blog: <http://glenstewarhomeandschool.blog.ca/> (check out the blog for minutes from the Nov. 9/10 Glen Stewart Primary Home and School meetings, as well as other Home and School news items).

Home & School parents are encouraged to visit the Home and School Association's website at <http://www.edupe.ca/heihsf> to learn more about upcoming workshops, presentations, and events.

### **SCHOOL SKATE**

On Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, our students will be going for a skate at Pownal Rink. All students **must** wear a helmet. Our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will be going from 9:30-11:00 while our Grade 2-3 students will go from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Stormdate for this activity is December 22<sup>nd</sup> (same times). Parents wanting to skate with their child, must meet them at the rink.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

The first day back to school for 2011 will be **January 4**. Looking forward to seeing everyone again. Enjoy your holidays!

### **LUNCH PROGRAM -December 2010 Menu from [Borrowed Kitchen](#) for Glen Stewart Primary**

\* For parents with Children at Stratford Elementary School

-please note the menu is reversed at other school

**Tuesdays - PASTA & GINGERBREAD COOKIE** - 8 oz serving of white & whole wheat pasta in a homemade lean ground beef pasta sauce with a sprinkle of parmesan cheese (served with a gingerbread cookie!)

**Fridays - BURGER & MINI '5 FRUIT' SMOOTHIE** - lean ground beef pattie on a hamburger bun (served with packet of ketchup & mustard) and 4 oz cup serving of '5 fruit' smoothie made with peaches, strawberries, pineapple, honeydew melon, grapes, orange juice, yogurt, milk, honey, and vanilla.

Please Note: Borrowed Kitchen's School Storm Cancellation Policy

- In the event of a school closure, the preordered, prepaid, prepared food will be donated to the Upper Room Hospitality Ministry (The Soup Kitchen). No refunds are available.

Just a reminder that all orders must be into the office by **9:00 am.** All payment for food orders - cash or cheque must be for the exact amount only.

**\* Please note: If your student is not present on the days of pizza/Borrowed Kitchen/Subway orders, we will not be able to make up the next week with the missed orders.**

## **Community Notes**

Dance Stars Academy Spring 2011 semester registration is now open. Session details: Jan 17 - May 28. Children ages 3-17. Session themes are: for Ballet - Sleeping Beauty ballet; for Jazz - Bombay Dreams musical. We also added new and exciting Hip Hop classes. For more information please visit us at [www.DanceStarsAcademy.com](http://www.DanceStarsAcademy.com)

PEI Taekwondo Evening Classes- Your child can build their confidence while having fun. We have extended our \$80 Back to School special which includes the first month of instruction and a Taekwondo uniform. Classes are on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Afterschool Program - PEI Taekwondo has space for 3 more children in its Afterschool Program. Your child will get picked up and take Taekwondo training at PEI Taekwondo's school in the Royalty Centre. Pick up is between 4:30 and 5:15. The cost is \$270 per month and transportation is included.

Please contact Mike Ives at 314-5425 for further information or check [www.peिताekwondo.com](http://www.peिताekwondo.com).

## Interested in Learning Conversational French?

Beginning the week of January 17, 2011 the Collège Acadie Î.-P.-É. will be offering French conversational classes at the beginner, intermediate and advance levels. For more information on these levels, you can visit our website at [www.collegeacadieipe.ca](http://www.collegeacadieipe.ca)

Classes will run in the evenings: once a week for 11 weeks at 3 hours per week; dates and times to be determined. Registration fee is \$175 per person (includes workbook). **Please register by December 17, 2010.** Toll free: 1-877-854-3010 [rachelle.simpson@collegeacadieipe.ca](mailto:rachelle.simpson@collegeacadieipe.ca) .

**"A Green Gables Christmas"** will take place from 2:00pm - 4:00pm, December 5, 2010 at Green Gables Heritage Place, part of Lucy Maud Montgomery's Cavendish National Historic Site. Visitors will be invited to explore Green Gables Heritage Place while the house is decorated for Christmas in 19<sup>th</sup> century style. Children of all ages are encouraged to visit the craft and games corner where they will learn how to make their own traditional tree decorations and have the chance to play a traditional game, such as the Bag and Stick game, which is entertaining for all! Hot chocolate, cider and cookies will be served. Admission is free. For more information, please call Green Gables Heritage Place at 963-7874. Have a wonderful Christmas season!

**"Time learning is figuring out how to use what you already know in order to go beyond what you already think."**

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