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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 4	Dental Clinic Begins
January 11	Home & School Meeting 7:00 p.m.
January 14	P.J. Spirit Day - \$2.00(Proceeds to literacy projects)
January 17	2011-2012 Kindergarten Registration Week
January 27	Family Literacy Day
February 1	Professional Development Day - NO CLASSES
February 3	Parent-Teacher Interviews (evening)
February 4	Parent-Teacher Interviews (daytime) - NO CLASSES
February 21	Islander Day - NO CLASSES

**Challenges make you discover things about yourself that you never really knew.
- Cicely Tyson**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On behalf of Glen Stewart staff, we hope you had a wonderful holiday break and blessings to you and your family in 2011.

With regard to the recent **air quality** issues in a number of ESD schools, please note that a few years ago, Glen Stewart School experienced air quality issues. The mechanical problems were addressed and currently we have an air circulation system that works effectively. There are sensors on the air handling units in each room and these sensors indicate CO2 levels for that room. We monitor the CO2 levels on a computer located in the school and this is checked 4-5 times per day. Anything less than 1000 ppm(parts per million) is acceptable. Our levels run from 4-500 ppms . If there is a concern raised about the air quality, the monitor can be quickly checked and if the system louvers need to be opened, they can be done so here at the school. This system is also monitored at ESD Maintenance department. Glen Stewart will also be considered during the provincial wide school assessments that the minister committed to back in the fall. Planning meetings are currently under way. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

L. Patricia Campbell B.Ed., B.A., M.Ed.

Principal
Glen Stewart School

DAILY SCHOOL START TIME

Parents, we need your support and understanding with regards to getting your children to school on time. Our day begins with outside supervision from 8:05 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. Those students being dropped off should do so by 8:20 a.m., giving your children 10 minutes to get to their classrooms to be prepared for the day or, participate in our breakfast program. Daily classes begin with O' Canada and announcements occurring at 8:30 a.m. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child is ready and in their classroom for morning message and instruction.

If circumstances cause your child to be late, we would appreciate you signing your child in at the office. The main doors are open and the side doors are locked throughout the day. Thank you for helping us get the day started with this regular routine.

FAMILY LITERACY DAY - JANUARY 27

Please note that we have a special day organized for celebrating literacy. A handout has been prepared and will go out to parents this week.

LITERACY BITS

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 one thing your child might like to add or change.
- Be sure to support her/his efforts.

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

How do I help my child choose the right book to read on hi or her own?

Encourage your child to:

- Look at the front and back covers and the pictures to check if it looks interesting.
- Have them read a page to see how easy or hard it is. Your child should be able to tell you what it is about.
- If there are more than three tricky words, the book may be too difficult.

Put Reading First-Helping Your Child Learn to Read

<http://www.nif.gov>

Family Literacy Day (January 27)

For more information on Family Literacy Day activities in Canada, visit www.abc-canada.org.

Helping Your Child Become a Reader

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Reader/index.html>

This document is from the United States Department of Education and can be downloaded free of charge.

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.

BOOK FAIR

Our next Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for Feb. 22-24. We will be holding a 'Breakfast & Books' event on Wed., Feb 23. We want to invite parents to come enjoy a snack and browse books with their children before school. There will also be evening sessions for parents. Times will be announced at a later date. Please note that this Book Fair will not coincide with parent-teacher interviews. If anyone is interested in volunteering time to assist with the Book Fair please email ankeoughan@edu.pe.ca.

THANK YOU

A hearty thank-you to all students, parents and staff who participated in our Christmas festivities. Thanks to generous donations, over \$600 was raised for the Turkey Drive; and students brought in many unwrapped toys for our Christmas Angel project. This generosity has made Christmas extra-special for many in our area.

LOST AND FOUND

Parents are encouraged to look in the lost and found, down by the gymnasium, to see if there is anything that may belong to your child. During parent teacher conferences, these items will be on display in the main lobby.

SUMMER READING

The summer reading students had a celebration with pizza and ice cream before the Christmas break. The following students had their names drawn for a \$10.00 Indigo card: Alex McGuigan, Molly Callaghan, Chloe Mutch, Hayden MacAulay, Carson Harding, Aiden Galloway, Braydon Gautreau, Gabe Redmond, Jared Bryenton, Breanna Bernardi.

HOME AND SCHOOL

The next meeting of the Home & School will take place on January 11 at 7 p.m. Home & School parents are encouraged to visit the Home and School Association's website at <http://www.edu.pe.ca/peihsf> to learn more about upcoming workshops, presentations, and events. Special thanks to our Home and School parents for two successful movie nights held in the gym on Friday, December 10 for K-1 and Friday, December 17 for 2-3.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH NUIT DE FILM - MOVIE NIGHT

CPF is sponsoring a Movie Night - 2:45 p.m after school on January 21st. In case of a snow storm, it will be on January 28th. The movie will be "Les Incroyable", "The Incredibles".

LUNCH PROGRAM -January Food Choices from Borrowed Kitchen

The food choices from Borrowed Kitchen for the month of January starting January 5 are as follows:

Tuesdays -GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH COMBO - grilled cheese sandwich made with white & whole wheat bread, carrot sticks & dip, and a homemade cookie!

Fridays -CHICKEN & CHEESE QUESADILLA - three wedge quesadilla made with toasted tortilla, roast chicken, and a blend of cheddar and mozzarella cheeses.... served warm and with homemade salsa on the side.

Please Note: Borrowed Kitchen's School Storm Cancellation Policy

- In the event of a school closure, the pre-ordered, 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.**

If a student is not in school to receive their food order because of illness or other unforeseen circumstances, they may have their food sent home that day with a sibling, have the food item the following day for lunch, or the parent may pick up the food order and take it home.

Reimbursements are not possible because the vendors must be paid for the food they supply.

SCHOOL MASCOT

We are happy to announce that the "fox" was the winner of our mascot contest by an overwhelming majority! Now, we are looking to come up with a name for our new school mascot. Each class will have a chance to discuss names they like and submit one name for consideration. The Spirit Committee will narrow down the submissions and classes will vote again to choose the name of our mascot. Plans are also in place for introducing our new mascot to the children at the school.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

All the boys and girls in the world are equal.

Treat others as your equal and you will see it's true,
That if you think of others, then they will think of you.
Children may seem different, when you look at them at first,
But think of them as equal; there's no best child, and no worst.
It's not important where you live, nor the color of your face,
We were all created equal, there's just one human race.

Parent and Child Interactive Discussion:

How do you think you can begin to practice being equal to all other children?
Do you feel that you are equal to all the other boys and girls?
How can you treat all boys and girls with respect? What exactly can you do?
How can you show love and kindness to all children?
Do you have any questions about being equal to the other children?
Can you tell your own short story describing what is happening in the picture?

COMMUNITY NEWS

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. After school 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.peitaekwondo.com.

Camp Seggie's Winter Wonderland Camp. If you think that Camp Seggie is fun in the summer time, then wait until you see it all covered in snow!

Who: Grades 4-6 ; When: February 25-27 ; Friday at 6:30 p.m. -Sunday 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$75.00 For more information or to register, please visit campseggie.ca

