



# Glen Stewart Primary School



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 2 & 3 LifeTouch Spring Pictures
- May 3 Welcome to Kindergarten for new **French** Kindergarten Students 6-7:30 pm
- May 5 Welcome to Kindergarten for new **English** Kindergarten Students 6-7:30 pm
- May 6 Professional Development Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- May 12 & 13 Kindergarten Screening (Early Years Assessment)
- May 23 Victoria Day (**NO SCHOOL**)
- May 27 New Kindergarten Student Orientation 9:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
- June 3 Spring Fling (5 p.m.- 8 p.m.)

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When you read to children, you build their background knowledge and help them develop important aspects of language usage. This daily nourishment of vocabulary, language sounds, and structures expands the language repository of all children, including those who are learning English as a second language. One way to accomplish this goal is to expose children to a wide selection of children's literature that includes a variety of genres. (see Freeman and Person 1998 and Huck, Hepler, and Hickman 1993).

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What an exciting time for our Glen Stewart Primary School community! We currently are planning and preparing for 140 kindergarten students for the fall. We have planned Early Years Assessment for our incoming kindergarten students on May 12 & 13. Our Welcome To Kindergarten activities are this week.



During the weeks of May 16-27, teachers will be requesting meetings with parents of some students to share specific programming recommendations for next year. If any parent want to meet with their child's teachers or specialist teachers, we recommend doing so at

this time.

Please contact the teacher directly for this appointment. Also, please feel free to contact me if you require further assistance or support for your child's program and participation at school.

I encourage all parents to contact their child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns that pertain to your child's program.

### SPRING PHOTO CAMPAIGN

Photographers from LifeTouch were here on **May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>** to take student photos for our Spring photo campaign.

### SCHOOL SUPPLY FEES

Over the next few weeks, Glen



Stewart Primary will be collecting school supply fees for next year. The cost per student is \$40.00. This money will cover all school supplies for the year. Please send in the money with your child and a receipt will be sent home by your child's home room teacher. All school supply fees need to be paid in full by Friday, May 27.

### **FUTURE GR. 4 STUDENTS SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE**

Stratford Elementary School would like to invite you to a Parent Information Night and Meet and Greet at on Thursday, **May 19, 2011 at 6:30pm** in the multipurpose room. They hope to give you an opportunity to tour the school and see where your child will be attending next year! They will outline a few of the program possibilities for next year, as well as, provide information and answer any questions you may have to make September's transition as smooth as possible. They will be collecting a school supply fee of \$45.00 which will be accepted during our Information Night or any day in the office of Stratford Elementary up until June 30<sup>th</sup>.



### **2011 EASTER SEAL AMBASSADOR TOUR**

Easter Seals Ambassador, Hannah MacLennan, a grade 6 student from Stratford Elementary, was at our school on April 20<sup>th</sup>. We raised a total of \$2340 through a variety of efforts including a coin collection, inside out day, crazy hat day, Be Seen in Green day, Toonie Treat bags, popcorn sales and spring fun basket draws. We would like to thank Jumbo Video for providing popcorn for our popcorn sale and Cooper's Red & White for providing the treat bags.

### **JAPANESE RELIEF EFFORTS**

Home and School hosted a PJ day on April 8. A total of \$525 was raised and donated to the

Canadian Red Cross Society to support relief efforts in Japan.

### **SPRING FLING**

Plans are underway for our fifth annual Spring Fling. This is the second largest fundraiser for the Glen Stewart Primary and Stratford Elementary School. Please book Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5pm to 8pm, into your calendars now. The theme this year is beach - think warm sunny weather ... and I am sure it will come eventually!

Signup sheets will be going home on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> for parents (and older children) to volunteer at the event. We will also be asking for donations to the New to You sale, Plant Sale and Dessert Cafe. We are gladly accepting donations from business to be used in the raffle baskets and/or as carnival prizes. As well, we need to fill up our container of Canadian Tire money which is used every year to buy a bike and helmet that a lucky person will win at the Spring Fling. If you are a household that has extra grocery bags around - we really could put them to good use too! Book your calendars now and stay tuned for more details!



### **NEXT HOME & SCHOOL MEETING**

The next meeting of the Home & School Association will be held on **Tuesday, May 10** at 7:00 p.m.

### **LUNCH PROGRAM - MAY CHOICES FROM BORROWED KITCHEN**

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

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

**Fridays** - SPAGHETTI & HOMEMADE COOKIE

– 8 oz. serving of spaghetti in a lean ground beef homemade spaghetti sauce with a sprinkle of parmesan cheese and served with a homemade cookie.

### **LITERACY BITS**

#### **Why should I read poetry with my child?**

Reading poems creates enthusiasm for reading.

- Start with funny poems. The humor will hook your child and the rhythm and rhyme helps with the reading.
- Poetry is musical and can help children develop a sense of fluency as they read.

#### **How do I help my child read unfamiliar words in a new book?**

Before your child reads his/her book, take a few minutes to read it yourself.

- Look for words you think might be tricky for your child to read.
- Use these words in conversation as you look at the pictures together.

As your child reads the book, resist the urge to jump right in to help. \_\_\_\_\_



- Allow him/her "think time".
- Expect him/her to try the word.
- Some way to nudge your child without actually telling them the word:
  - ▶ Check the picture
  - ▶ Read the sentence again
  - ▶ Look for a part you know, (ex. "ing in swing)
  - ▶ Remember 'Sally is lost in the woods, what word would make sense here?

If your child tries the word but gets it wrong,

- Praise their efforts
- Say the word, and if they don't know what the tricky word means, tell them.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **SOCCER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

#### **STRATFORD INDOOR SOCCER COMPLEX**

U-8 and U-10 Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup> 5pm

- 6pm Cost: \$60.00 [Soccer@sperostrength.com](mailto:Soccer@sperostrength.com)

393-0836 [www.nextleveltraining.ca](http://www.nextleveltraining.ca) . You can register on Monday night! Graeme McDonald (Next Level soccer) is delivering an exciting soccer program. The program will focus on developing individual technique and coaching in the game. So join up and get ready for the new soccer season!

**CAMP SEGGIE-** [www.campseggie.ca](http://www.campseggie.ca) Summer is right around the corner and we are very excited about this year's program. We offer a variety of full week camps for students finishing grades 3-9 and a mini camp for students completing grades 1-3.

New this year: For campers and parents who may not yet be ready for an overnight camp, we have the option for day campers! Check out the website for more information. Come and share some of your summer with us.

**CAMP ABEGWEIT:** Forms are available in the office or for online registration forms go to [www.campabby.ca](http://www.campabby.ca) .

#### **COME TO PEI NATIONAL PARK ON MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FROM 1-5 P.M FOR BIOBLITZ:**

In celebration of the International Day for Biodiversity, Parks Canada invites you to join biologists and park interpreters for BIOBLITZ, a 'wild' afternoon of art and science programs developed in consultation with iconic artist and naturalist Robert Bateman. Meet at the Dalvay Trailhouse at PEI National Park at 1pm. For more information on this free event, visit

[www.parksCanada.ca/pei](http://www.parksCanada.ca/pei) or call 672-6350

Never doubt that a small group of people can change the world! Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.

-Margaret Mead

