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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

November 5-6	Glen Stewart Craft Fair
November 9	Home & School Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
November 11	Remembrance Day (No Classes)
November 15-19	Kindergarten Registration for 2011-2012
November 26	Professional Development Day (No Classes)



**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We had very successful Parent/Teacher Interviews with high attendance by our parents. We appreciate the strong support and partnership with our parent community at Glen Stewart Primary. I hope the information that you received on your child's progress was adequate. If you require further information, please contact your child's teacher or administration at 569-0550 ext.223. Our Halloween activities included many parents participating in class activities and sending in lots of goodies and creative food items! On a final note, we appreciate all parents reading with their child on a daily basis. This affords the parents an opportunity to model positive literacy habits as a priority for each day and to have a form for discussing the day with their child.

**'Give students autonomy, purpose and opportunity for mastery -  
then watch them change the world'**

**Dana Maloney**

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**GLEN STEWART CRAFT FAIR**

The craft fair for Glen Stewart Primary and Stratford Elementary will be held November 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Glen Stewart Primary. We still need parents/guardians to help out in setting up Thursday evening and tear down Saturday @ 4:00 - 5:30. If anyone is able to help, please contact Sherri Bruce @ [senn@eastlink.ca](mailto:senn@eastlink.ca).

**ATTENDANCE**

Please note that if a student misses one day every 2 weeks, it results in the student missing a month of school (20 days) for the year. If your child is absent, please call 569-0550 ext 300 to indicate that your child will be absent and the absentee reason.

**MASCOT**

Glen Stewart Primary is a new school this year with the new K-3 reorganization and configuration. We will be sending a form home this week for each student inviting them (and their families) to participate in "Mascot Contest" for our school.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

During the week of November 15-19<sup>th</sup>, registrations will be received for children who have reached 5 years of age prior to December 31, 2010. If you are aware of any children in this school zone eligible to attend Kindergarten next year, please ask them to contact us and register their child.

**LITERACY BITS**

### **How do I help my child understand what he/she reads?**

Talking about books is key to developing better understanding. Use comments such as:

- ◆ I wonder what will happen next?
- ◆ I wonder why he did that?
- ◆ I wonder how he feels?

### **How do I help my child understand what is read?**

Use comments such as:

- ◆ That reminds me of....
- ◆ This is just like when.....
- ◆ Remember when.....

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

Have a real reason for writing:

- ◆ Have your child write a letter or send an email to relatives or friends
- ◆ Post a calendar of weekly appointments for all family members to use.

Writing for real reasons will increase your child's motivation to write.

### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

We would like to thank Captain Ricky Sentner, Kevin Reynolds and Dave Walsh, from the Stratford Fire Department, for a wonderful presentation on Fire Safety to the Grade 3 students and staff.

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

A huge thank you goes out to everyone for making our Scholastic Book Fair such a great success. We couldn't do it without the help of our volunteers and our school community for supporting this fundraiser. Our total sales were \$6947.30. As a result of our sales, we have received a Book Fair Commission Credit certificate of \$3968.30 to purchase books/resources from Scholastic for our school library and our Literacy Lab. Our next Book Fair will take place on Thursday, February 3 and Friday, February 4. This coincides with our next Parent/Teacher conferences.

### **ASSEMBLY**

Our theme for Character Education for this month is *Generosity*. A short video presentation was given on "Old Mr. Rabbit's Thanksgiving Dinner. Ms. Clarks' grade 3 students did a role-play on "The spirit of generosity". The grade 2 French Immersion sang a song called "Thanks a lot - Merci Beaucoup". The Grade 2 English read a poem "A Turkey Named Bert". There was a presentation to Mike MacDonald of over 500 items for the Food Drive and also a plaque was given to the Great Canadian Bagel for donating bagels to the Breakfast Program.

### **MAURICE BERNARD**

Maurice will have art classes beginning Wednesday, November 10<sup>TH</sup> after school from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. and will run for 7 weeks. For more information call Maurice at 436-8485 or 432-0171

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to do some cutting of flash cards, preparing materials for classrooms etc.... This could be done either at home or time spent at the school. If you are available, contact the school office.

### **GREATER GROUNDS AND WOODS NURSERY AND LANDSCAPING**

A big thank you to this committee and local business! Approximately 50 trees were planted on the

school grounds to beautify the property. The Greater Grounds Committee purchased trees and along with a further donation of trees by Woods Nursery and Landscaping, our grounds were given a much needed lift.

### **GREATER GROUNDS**

Thanks to all families who purchased Vesey's bulbs and helped us raise more than \$2,200 for improvements to our playground. The proceeds from the sale will go to help purchase a "Big Yellow Bus" that will be delivered in the next few weeks and set up between the two schools for everyone to enjoy. Thanks for supporting our Boundless Playground - where everyone can play!!!!

### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Breakfast Program are looking for volunteers to help out in the kitchen on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays between 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. If you are interested, please contact the school.

### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

The Breakfast Program has been running successfully with many of our students enjoying toast, bagels and juice every morning. This great program would not be possible without the generous donations of cash or food items. If you would like to sponsor the Club with monetary donations, there are tax receipts available upon request. If you do not wish your child to participate in the Breakfast Program, please inform your child's teacher.

### **PREVENTIVE DENTAL PROGRAM AT GLEN STEWART PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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.

### **LUNCH PROGRAM**

**Please note the following menu will be for the month of November:**

NOTE\* For parents with Children at Stratford Elementary School

-please note the menu is reversed at other school

**Tuesdays - PARADISE PANCAKES & FRUIT** - 2 whole wheat pancakes made with whole wheat flour, eggs, milk, honey, etc. served with one ounce of syrup, and fresh cut-up fruit in a mini paper cup. Served warm in foil with paper plate & cutlery.

**Fridays - PEI BURGER & MINI SMOOTHIE** - lean ground Island beef pattie on a hamburger bun (served with packet of ketchup & mustard) and 4 oz cup serving of 'strawberry bananarama' smoothie made with strawberries, bananas, orange juice, yogurt, milk, 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.

Tuesday and Friday selections are provided by Borrowed Kitchen, operated by Dianne Fullerton.  
[borrowedkitchen@hotmail.com](mailto:borrowedkitchen@hotmail.com)

Late Orders for absent or late students will be **accepted by phone up until 9:00 a.m.** on order day. Orders after this time **will not** be accepted due to the fact that orders are submitted to the food suppliers shortly after 9 a.m. Parents are reminded if they have placed an order, to let their child know that a food order has been placed in their school bags to ensure it gets to the teacher.

**CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH**

CPF is interested in starting a chapter in our School! Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is the national network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and which is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French second language learning opportunities for young Canadians. Having a CPF chapter in our school provides many necessary opportunities for our students to learn and use their French outside of the classroom environment thus allowing students to further immerse themselves in French language and culture. Chapters can hold family fun nights, movie nights, and parent information sessions to help parents through the struggle of French homework and curriculum. A CPF chapter brings their members together and gives them the chance to not only, share information, ideas and resources within the chapter but across PEI, and Canada.

**HEAD LICE (taken from Communicable Disease booklet published by Province of PEI)**

We have had a number of cases of head lice in the last week or so. Please note the following information:

Incubation Period: Eggs hatch in 1 week

How To Recognize: Scratching of the head that generally worsens in the evening. Presence of lice or nits in hair or clothing, especially along the seams.

How It Spreads: Direct contact with an infested person or their belongings

When It Is Catching: While lice remain alive on the infested person or in his clothing. While eggs remain in hair or clothing.

What To Do At Home: Examine all members of the family. Contact your pharmacy for information on recommendations on treatments. Following treatment, remove nits from hair. Disinfect all combs and brushes. Personal laundry and bed linens should be washed in hot water or dry-cleaned.

What To Do At School: Children must remain out of school until treated and nit free. Children are discouraged from sharing combs, brushes, hats, helmets, and other personal items.

**SCHOOL CANCELLATION POLICY**

If all schools are to be canceled, 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 that all schools in the Eastern School District are closed. The first notice will be broadcast by 7:00 a.m. Sometimes it may only be necessary to close individual or 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 take place by 8:00 a.m.

### **Late Bus Runs**

In some instances, even in good weather, buses may be delayed. In these cases, parents will be notified by radio that a bus or buses will be delayed by a specific amount of time.

For example, if a bus is delayed 30 minutes, students can expect to meet the bus 30 minutes later than would normally be the case.

### **School Closure during the Day**

Sometimes, it may be necessary to close individual or families of schools during the day to get children home before weather conditions become too severe. In such cases, announcements will be made on all radio stations and our website at [www.edu.pe.ca/esd](http://www.edu.pe.ca/esd).

Parents who will not be at home when children arrive should make alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. Please notify the school of these changes as soon as possible.

### **Suggestions for Parents**

1. Please listen to the radio between 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. to determine if schools are operating.
2. Please DO NOT call the Eastern School District or the radio stations for information, as this overloads the telephone lines that are often in emergency use.
3. Do not drop children off at school unless you are certain that school is operating that day.
4. Make arrangements for your children in case of midday school closures. Make arrangements for your children in case of midday school closures.
5. IF SCHOOLS ARE OPERATING, THE FINAL DECISION TO ATTEND RESTS WITH YOU THE PARENT.

### **HUMANE SOCIETY BENEFIT**

Students at Glen Stewart Elementary are collecting donations for the Humane Society. If you have new or used pet supplies that you would like to donate, you can place it in the box beside the main office door. This collection will take place for the month of November. Thanks to two grade 5 students at Stratford Elementary School for spearheading this campaign.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

The PEI Home and School Federation Semi-Annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 6:00 - 8:30 PM at Central Queen's Elementary School in Hunter River. The Hon. Doug Currie, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development and Deputy Minister, Sandy MacDonald will attend to discuss and answer questions concerning resolutions passed at the 2010 Annual General Meeting in April. As well, superintendents, Dale Sabean, Western School Board and Ricky Hood, Eastern School Board, will be present to address school board related questions.

Please register by October 12, 2010.

Contact Shirley for more information 620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664 / [peihsf@edu.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@edu.pe.ca)

You're in a position of great power. The power to make a difference.