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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

October 11	Thanksgiving - No Classes
October 14	PEITF Annual Convention - No Classes
October 15	PEITF Annual Convention - No Classes
October 21	Parent Teacher Interview (Evening only)
October 22	Parent Teacher Interviews - No Classes
October 25	Photo Retakes

The power to question is the basis of all human progress - Gandhi

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

This is a note of thanks to our parent community for your help and support in transitioning our kindergarten and grade one students into their first year of school. We thank parents also for their participation in the Meet the Teacher evening. We value and invite a positive partnership between you and our school community.

Question: What are the important tools we need to support a 21<sup>st</sup> century approach to learning and teaching?

The internet - Pen and paper - cell phones - Educational games - Tests and quizzes - A good teacher - Educational funding - Loving parents - All of the above

Answer: All of the above. But two important things are missing.

- Questions and the process to uncover their answers
- Problems and the inventing of their possible solutions.

Fadel and Trilling (2009)

21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills:

Learning for Life in Our Times

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

**PICKING UP STUDENTS**

We would ask that parents wait for their child in the main foyer until dismissal time. Just a reminder that dismissal time is **2:30 pm** and we would ask that classes are not disrupted before this time with parents visiting classrooms. We ask parents not to go down to the classroom to pick up students during class time. For appointment or pick ups during the day, please check into the office. Walkers will be dismissed with the bus students. Daycare students will congregate in the gym where the daycare workers will pick them up.

**STUDENT SAFETY:**

To ensure student safety, we ask all parents/visitors to check in at the Office and receive a Visitor's pass. It is important that staff and students can identify those people who have been given permission to enter the school. Students are being trained to identify visitors through these name tags as well as be educated in the areas of fire, bus evacuations and lock down procedures.



### **MORNING PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION**

Supervision on the front playground, by parking lot, begins at 8:05 a.m. With a month passing, the students have settled into their routines and are learning the expectations of the school day functions. The children are aware that only adults wearing bright orange vests should be on the playground during their playtime. Although you are known to your child and some others you are not known to our staff and the general population.

Thank you for your help on this matter. You are assisting us in monitoring a safe and secure school community for your child.

### **CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

We are excited to be offering a number of new initiatives at Glen Stewart Primary School this year. A new emphasis on character education will occur throughout our school year and, as part of our commitment to character education, monthly themes will be emphasized in classroom discussions, assemblies, school contests, reward plans, as well as during morning announcements. These monthly themes (October-Generosity, November-Respect, December-Faith, January-Work Ethic & Responsibility, February-Friendship, March-Self-Discipline & Honesty, April-Compassion & Loyalty, May-Perseverance, and June-Humility) will be woven into the fabric of our school and will become the cornerstones for ensuring a respectful and peaceful school environment. Exciting contests and projects will occur this year such as allowing students to create and name a new school mascot. Glen Stewart Primary is proud to be a member of Peaceful Schools International and we look forward to highlighting a number of peaceful school initiatives for our school this year.

Also, we have created a new and exciting grade 3 student leadership program. This program affords grade 3 students the opportunity of providing leadership to our younger students in meaningful ways. This leadership program allows interested grade 3 students to become leaders on the school playground with our kindergarten and grade 1 students. They will serve as safety spotters (watch students at designated areas, such as soccer games, to ensure the younger students are playing safely), playground patrollers (invite students to join structured games and assist students in joining in with others) and games instructors (lead and facilitate structured games on the playground such as red light/green light, tag, relay races, steal the bacon).

During the months of January through April, the student leadership team will also be indoors. The indoor program will consist of student leaders running a gamesroom for kindergarten and grade 1 students. Student leaders will be assigned to various stations (e.g., craft table, drawing table, board game table, bingo table, etc) where they will teach and lead younger students in the activity at their station. A scrapbook club will also be offered to our grade 2 and 3 students during the winter months. In addition to indoor and outdoor duties, student leaders will be called upon, from time to time, to perform other leadership initiatives within our school. A program of this nature allows the older students to gain valuable leadership skills while providing fun, learning opportunities for our younger students and in doing so, creates a win-win situation for our entire student body.

In addition to our new student leadership program and focus on character education, Glen Stewart Primary will continue to offer a wide variety of pro-social programs that encourage our students to live to their full potential. We are proud of our school and of our students and we look forward to an exciting year filled with unlimited possibilities!

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on October 21 (evening only) and October 22 (all day).

### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

Fire prevention week is October 3 - October 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is Smoke Alarms. You can learn more about fire prevention at the Fire Prevention Canada web site: <http://www.fiprecan.ca>

## **PARKING LOT MESSAGE**

This year there are two new parking areas this year:

1-Parent/visitor parking area(adjacent to the playground). There are approximately 30 parking spots where parents can park and take their child into school. No children should be walking alone from this parking area. They must be accompanied by an adult and walk on the striped walkways to the school.

2-The previous parent parking lot area is now a drop off area. Parents can pull into the drop-off lane where children get out on the sidewalk and walk into the school. There is a pull-out lane to keep traffic moving. . **THIS IS NOT A PARKING AREA.** Thank you for helping keep our children safe.

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the main library on Wednesday, October 20 and Thursday, October 21 from 8:30 am-2:30 pm which allows for all classes the opportunity to visit. The Book Fair will also be opened the evening of Thursday, October 21 from 3:00pm-8:30pm and Friday, October 22 from 8:30 am-12:00 pm for parents to visit while attending Parent-Teacher Conferences. There will be an electronic debit/credit card machine on hand for payment options. Scholastic Book Fair flyers will be going home with students. Parents, be sure to bring along the "Family Event Door Prize" ballot, located on the back of the flyer, when attending your child's interview for a chance to win \$25 in books for your family plus \$25 in books for your child's classroom. Come out and support your school library!



## **BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for volunteers to help us run our book fair on October 20-22. If interested, please contact Alanna Keoughan at [ankeoughan@edu.pe.ca](mailto:ankeoughan@edu.pe.ca)

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Parents are encouraged to come in and look through the lost and found items. Lost and Found items will be on display during Parent-Teacher conference times. Items lasting longer than a few months will be given to charity.

## **GLEN STEWART PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE**

We are having a food drive during the week of October 4 - 8<sup>th</sup> . We are going to try and gather as much food as we can to make our own "Mt. Glen Stewart" in the front lobby. Collected items will then be given to the Food Bank to help out families in need.

## **TERRY FOX**

The Terry Fox Run was on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and again this year it was a great success. All the children were able to get out and walk around the trail on the front playground. Approximately \$800 was raised to support this worthwhile cause.

## **MUSIC PROGRAM**

The Glen Stewart Primary Choir is participating in the Children's Wish Foundation's Christmas CD initiative again this year. We are having great fun learning the song, "Reindeer on the Roof." We will be recording this piece at Trinity United Church on Monday, October 4th. This CD features school choirs from across the province and will be available for sale in mid-November. Funds raised from the sale of this CD help to support Island children dealing with life threatening illnesses.

## **BUS SAFETY**

Ms. Campbell and Ms. MacLean have now had the opportunity to speak about bus safety with all the students in the school through grade level assemblies. We ask parents to please review the following bus safety rules with your child(ren):

\*Students wait in a line for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting on in an orderly fashion. Fooling around at the bus stop is inappropriate.

\*Students board and leave the bus in single file and are expected to remain seated at all times.

\*Bus drivers are in charge of their bus. Acceptable behavior is quiet conversation which does not distract the driver.



\*A Bus Conduct Report will be written up on any student who is unable to behave appropriately on the bus. A copy of this form is kept at the school and a copy will be sent home to the parents. Thanks for helping your child realize their responsibility as a bus student.

### **BUS EVACUATIONS**

Students will be participating in a bus evacuation drill within the next few weeks. This drill is necessary for all students even if they do not regularly travel on the school bus. Students will travel on the bus for field trips, and it is important to know what to do if an emergency evacuation is required. Any questions please call the school.

### **LIGHTBULBS FOR LITERACY**

There are still a number of energy efficient light bulbs available for purchase here at the school. The cost is 6 for \$3.00 . The funds generated are used to support literacy programs in the school. The light bulbs may be purchased at the office or an order could be sent in with your child.



### **CRAFT FAIR**

Just a reminder to all parents that the major fundraiser for Home and School , the Glen Stewart Primary and Stratford Elementary Craft Fair, will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLY & AGENDA FEES:**

Parents are reminded that the schools fees should be paid by now. Grades K/1- \$35 , grades 2,3 - \$40. Some grade 2/3 classes have requested agendas for \$7.00.

### **Literacy Bits**

**How do I support my child's spelling development?**

Practice words:

- build words with letters (magnetic, foam or paper letters)
- make them with colorful markers, crayons or chalk

**How do I support my child's spelling development?**

Use what you know:

- if you know and it can help you spell hand and sand
- if you know car it can help you spell cart and card
- if you know big it can help you spell bag and bug

### **CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING CLUB**

Glen Stewart Primary School will be starting a Cross Country club for grade 3 students. This will commence on Sept. 13th and continue into early October. This club will be recreational in nature, where students can choose when they run, how often they run and how far they run. Students can choose to run at recess time or lunch break and their daily km's will be recorded with the help of student leaders. Students can choose to post their km totals on school charts or keep them private. The course will be located at the back of the school and be approximately 1 km in length. Students that wish to run at home can also record the distance that they have run on their charts if the student has a signed note from their parent with the distance that they have run.

## SCHOOL FUN RUN

To celebrate the end of Cross Country Running season, Glen Stewart Primary School is going to have a school fun run. This will take place on Monday, October 4th at 2:45 pm with a rain date scheduled for Tuesday, October 5th. All students will receive a ribbon for participation. This is open to all Grade 3 students even if they did not participate in the Cross Country Club. I do, however, suggest that students who do plan on participating in the Fun Run take advantage of the club or run at home so that they are prepared for this day.

## ZONE AND PROVINCIAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Zone 3 Cross Country Running Championship will take place on Thursday, Oct. 7th at Fort Amherst National Historic Park with a rain date scheduled for the following day. To qualify for provincials your son or daughter would have to finish in the top 20 runners in their age classification or be on one of the top 5 school teams in their School Zone. ( 7 runners are allowed per team). The Provincial Cross Country Championship will be held at Mill River Provincial Park. A date was not yet available for this event.

## BREAKFAST CLUB DONATIONS

The Breakfast Club is looking for donations of cheese whiz and jam. You can drop your donations off at the office. Thanks to Borrowed Kitchen for their donations to the Breakfast Club. For more information, please contact teacher/volunteer Sandra Hoy at 569-0550 or [sdhoy@edu.pe.ca](mailto:sdhoy@edu.pe.ca)



Thank you to the Great Canadian Bagel who are donating bagels to our breakfast program.

## LUNCH MENU FOR OCTOBER

### Tuesdays - GRILLED CHEESE

A grilled cheese sandwich, with carrot sticks , and served with a homemade cookie.

### Fridays - SPAGHETTI

- 8 oz serving of spaghetti in a lean ground beef homemade pasta sauce with a sprinkle of parmesan cheese. Served with a homemade cookie!

## HEALTHY EATING TIPS

Let's have a Healthy Treat! Halloween is a time for "treats", but no one says it has to be unhealthy treats. Us the School Nutrition Policy to make healthy choices. Make this year a healthier Halloween for students and adults alike! ex. 100% fruit juice boxes, bottled water, white/chocolate milk, smoothies fresh fruit or vegetables. For more treats and Halloween Party ideas, visit <http://www.healthyeatingpei.ca>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

PEI CHAPTER OF THE CANADIAN HEMOPHILIA SOCIETY is having a "FREE SWIM BY DONATION AT THE CARI POOL".

The 'Swim For A Cure - A Bleeding Disorder Event' for families is set for Sat., November 6, 2010 from 5pm-7pm at the CARI POOL Aquatics Facility and will raise much needed funds to support Islanders struggling with a bleeding disorder.

THIS IS A FREE SWIM BY DONATION FOR FAMILIES. \$10 per family (any size) would be wonderful but any donation is appreciated to assist our Chapter.

One in every 100 Canadians is living with a bleeding disorder, many of whom do not even know it. The 'Swim For A Cure' on November 6th is one way that the PEI Chapter shows its commitment to reach out with information to every man, woman and child who is suffering from a bleeding disorder in PEI.

Booths for the PEI Chapter of Canadian Hemophilia Society, CARI POOL, Canadian Blood Services, etc. will be in attendance with candy canes and donations given free to the public by our sponsors and booths.

THIS WILL BE A SIGNATURE EVENT!! What a great time to help a non-profit organization and help families struggling this time of year with Christmas approaching. Thank you to our major sponsor 'Bayer Healthcare'.

**PEI TAEKWONDO** are having evening Classes - your child can build their confidence while having fun. Join PEI Taekwondo now and get the \$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.peitaekwondo.com](http://www.peitaekwondo.com).

**ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS** Interested in trying something new ? Consider joining the Sea Cadets! This exciting program is open to any youth who has reached their 12th birthday and has not yet turned 19. Sea Cadets do many things including sailing and safe boating; biathlon; drill; music and , for those interested, summer camp; they learn about naval history, tour ships and can get involved in the Duke of Edinburgh program. The Charlottetown Corps - #23 Kent - meets every Tuesday evening during the school year from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at HMCS Queen Charlotte. Register now for September - there is no fee and it is an experience for a lifetime. Pamphlets providing more information are available so drop by HMCS QC on Tuesday evenings, or contact CO Curtis Doucette at 368-0414 ext 256, for more information.

**Attitude: Everyday shines when we let our positive attitude show through**