



Glen Stewart Primary School



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DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1	Professional Development Day - NO CLASSES
February 3	Parent-Teacher Interviews (evening)
February 4	Parent-Teacher Interviews (daytime) - NO CLASSES
February 15	Glen Stewart Home & School (Annual General Meeting) 7 p.m.
February 21	Islander Day - NO CLASSES
March 18	Report Cards
March 21-25	March Break

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The month of February is shaping up to be a very busy month. Once again, it is time for our parent-teacher conferences. Our parent community continues to be very supportive with nearly 100% participation in our conferences. Thanking you in advance for sharing information about your child with the teacher thus helping to provide a learning program that best meets the needs of your child. You know your child best. We encourage you to continue to be strong partners in your child's education at Glen Stewart Primary. We invite you to visit our Book Fair, which is taking place in our main library. We appreciate your support as proceeds from sales go towards the school library program.

"You cannot have students as continuous learners and effective collaborators without teachers having the same characteristics."

Michael Fullan, 1993



LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Lost and found items will be on display in the front lobby during parent-teacher interviews on February 3rd and 4th. Please feel free to browse these items and claim any that may belong in your household.



FEBRUARY 1st, PD DAY

Our collaborative grade-level teams continued to work on the Math program mapping out the programming of essential outcomes and designing common math assessments.

Our Literacy Team worked on planning a Parent Literacy Evening to be held on February 23rd for grade one parents.

Our Phys. Ed. team worked on the new incoming Phys. Ed. curriculum through discussion of assessment and evaluation strategies. Best practices, rubrics and checklists were also shared. Specialists in other areas worked on upcoming themes and project work.

LITERACY BITS**How can I help my child with homework?**

Organize for independence:

- Provide an area free from distractions.
- Provide all the necessary tools, ex. sharp pencils, eraser, etc.
- Provide a regular, but flexible time for homework.
- Keep the teacher informed of homework successes and challenges.

The purpose of most homework assignments is to reinforce learning.

How can I help my child to value reading in daily life?

Model and talk about your reading.

- Let your child see you reading.
- Talk about what you are reading.
- Enjoy a good book or magazine together.

Talk about how people using reading in many ways everyday.

How can I help my child develop good language skills?

Be a positive listener.

- Enjoy conversations with your child.
- If your child makes an error such as "I was played at the beach..." you can correct them by saying, "Oh, you were playing at the beach."

Modeling correct speech is more helpful than drawing attention to the error.

ISLANDER DAY

Islander Day is on Monday, February 21, 2011.

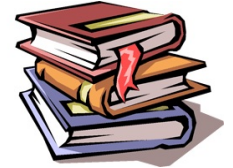
There will be no school on this day.

PARENT E-MAIL

Parent e-mails have been collected in order to communicate more effectively between the school and home. If you have not submitted an e-mail address to the school and would like to receive information from the school via e-mail, such as newsletters, calendar and early closures, please contact the school office. Please note that we are collecting only one parent e-mail address per student. Parents are encouraged to go on the Parent Blog to view the morning announcements.

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the book Fair, up to \$6 goes back to our school? This allows us to purchase needed books and educational resources. We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us. Students will visit the Book Fair during class time on Tuesday, February 22 and Wednesday, February 23.



They can purchase books during this visit. If you are unable to visit the Fair, there will be a Highlights flyer sent home with your child closer to the book fair date. You can use the Student Wish List on the flyer to help your child select select books. Then, simply send it and the correct amount of money to school with your child.

We will be hosting a Books & Breakfast even on Wednesday, February 23 from 7:45-8:30 a.m. If you are dropping your child off to school, this is a great time to come a little earlier and browse through the book fair with your child. In addition, you have the opportunity to join us for our special Family Events where you'll find books for every person in your family. These will be held Tuesday, February 22 from 2:00-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 23 from 2:00-8:30 p.m., and Thursday, February 24 from 2:00-7:30 p.m. Don't forget to enter our Family Event Draw on these evenings. You could win \$25 worth of books for your family and your child's teacher can win \$25 for your child's classroom! We hope you will join us at the Book Fair.

We are still looking for parent volunteers to help out with the book fair as well. If you are able to help either during the day or in the evening, please e-mail Alanna Keoughan at ankeoughan@edu.pe.ca.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Our theme this month is Friendship. Classes will discuss and be engaged in various activities around being a good friend.

FAMILY LITERACY DAY 2011

What is Family Literacy Day?

Family Literacy Day is celebrated every January 27 across Canada. The focus is to encourage all Canadians to spend at least 15 minutes a day enjoying literacy. This year's theme is Play for Literacy. Adults and children alike are encouraged to play games that emphasize literacy and numeracy - such as board games, card games and word games. Literacy is to be FUN! Robert Munsch, Canada's best selling children's author, is the Family Literacy Day Honorary Chair. Some of Robert Munsch's books consist of Mortimer, 50 Below Zero, Stephanie's Pony Tail, Love You Forever and his new book called Moose.



On Friday, January 28 we celebrated Family Literacy Day at our

school by holding a school wide assembly. As students and staff entered the gym, a slide show displayed all the family photos that were sent to the school of families reading together. All these pictures have been displayed on the bulletin boards outside the office.

We played a Robert Munsch Jeopardy game and the children really enjoyed this activity. We also played, as a group of 500 plus, the game "Simon Says."

Different classes were asked to share their favorite books. Thanks to Mrs. Jenkins, Mme. Kennedy, Mme. McKenzie, and Mrs. Poirier for sharing their favorite books and/or their classes favorite book. We then enjoyed a tumble book on the big screen, Pigs, by Robert Munsch.

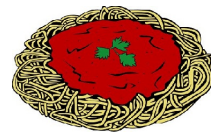
Our assembly closed with students receiving, Glen Stewart Primary Literacy ribbons. Students then proceeded back to their classrooms where they enjoyed an hour of reading together.

LUNCH PROGRAM

February 2011 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 - Burger & Smoothie - made with lean ground beef pattie and served with packet of mustard & ketchup, and a 4 oz. smoothie made with 5 fruit, milk, orange juice, yogurt, honey, and vanilla.

Fridays - Spaghetti & Biscuit - 8 oz. serving of spaghetti in a lean ground beef homemade spaghetti sauce with a sprinkle of parmesan cheese and served with a homemade biscuit. 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.

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.



HOME AND SCHOOL

The Annual General meeting of the Glen Stewart Home & School will take place on Tuesday, February 15th, 2011 at 7 p.m. Please plan to attend as among the agenda items are budget planning and nominations of Home and School executive. If you have interest in joining the Home and School executive and/or have an interest in nominating someone, please let us know in advance of the meeting. 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. The Home & School Monthly Update for February 2011 is now on the website.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The 2011 Scotties Tournament of Hearts takes place February 19th-27th. This year, the Sandra Schmirler Foundation and the PEI Host Committee are raising funds for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the QEH.



The Sandra Schmirler Foundation was created in 2001 as a legacy to three-time world curling champion and Olympic gold medalist, Sandra Schmirler, in recognition and celebration of her love of family.

The Sandra Schmirler Foundation will match every dollar raised for the QEH NICU, up to \$50,000. They are encouraging all school children born at the QEH to bring in a \$1 to help purchase medical equipment for the approximate 150 babies born each year who require specialized neonatal care.

Please help support our local hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit by bringing in a \$1 to your school by February 11th.

Celebrate Winter Fun at Ski, Skate and

Snowshoe February 6th in PEI National Park. Parks and People Association will hold its annual Ski, Skate & Snowshoe Event in the Dalvay area of PEI National Park on Sunday, February 6, 2011 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. The activity will consist of open-air skating on Dalvay Lake, cross-country skiing on the Woodlands trail and snowshoeing on the Reeds and Rushes trail behind the Dalvay Trailhouse- all great opportunities for family and friends to explore PEI National Park under a blanket of snow! Please note that equipment is not provided. The public is cordially invited to attend this free event. Don't miss the hot chocolate and light refreshments to be served by the skating area at Dalvay Lake!

For more information check the Parks and People website at www.parksandpeople.ca or call 894-4246. Winter trail and ice conditions in PEI National Park are available 24-hours-a-day all winter long by calling (902) 672-6404 or visiting the PEI National Park website at www.parkscanada.gc.ca/pei

Come play in PEI National Park on Islander Day!

Parks Canada invites families to explore PEI National Park on Islander Day, Monday, February 21. Skate on beautiful Dalvay Lake (conditions permitting), go cross-country skiing on the Woodlands Trail (5 km) or snowshoeing or hiking on the Reeds and Rushes Trail (0.7 km). From 1 to 3 pm visit the Dalvay Trail House (next to the administration parking lot) where park staff will serve cider and hot chocolate and provide fun facts and recommendations on how to best enjoy your time in the park. The Dalvay Trail House and entrance for both trails are located off Dalvay Crescent, near the park Administration Office. Everyone is welcome to attend this free, fun-filled, family event. For more information check www.parkscanada.gc.ca/pei or call 672-6350. For up to date trail and ice conditions call 672-6404.