

The Timberwolves Times

September 2020



Welcome Back to the 2020-2021 School Year!

Welcome to another wonderful year at Glen Tay Public School!

We're so thankful to have the chance to bring everyone together again and are excited to welcome so many new members into our school community.

While the day-to-day operations of the school are different this year, the Glen Tay sense of community is still as strong as ever. Our hallways and school yards are still filled with the same laughter that we're used to and the smiles are visible, even behind the mask.s

We recognize that keeping up with what's going on can become overwhelming at times. If you're not sure about something and would like to clarify or ask questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. This is new to us all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Krista Warren and Claire Snider
Principal and Vice Principal



Bell Schedule for 2020-21

9:20-9:30 a.m.	Morning Arrival
9:30-9:50 a.m.	Outdoor Quality Daily Physical Education (QDPE) (entire school)
9:50-11:10 a.m.	Learning Block #1
11:10-11:30 a.m.	Nutrition Break #1
11:30-11:50 a.m.	Recess
11:50-1:30 p.m.	Learning Block #2
1:30-1:50 p.m.	Nutrition Break #2
1:50-2:10 p.m.	Recess
2:10-3:10 p.m.	Learning Block #3
3:10-3:50 p.m.	Outdoor Instruction (entire school) - Physical Education/Drama/Dance
3:50 p.m.	Dismissal

Office Hours are 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Please contact the school before 2:45 p.m. if you are picking your child up before the dismissal bell at 3:50 p.m. Procedures for early pick-up and late drop-off are found on the next page of this newsletter.

This year's school routine has incorporated a regular daily "outdoor" component. Please be aware that your child will need to be dressed appropriately for prolonged outdoor activities.



2020-2021 Glen Tay Timberwolves Staff

Principal: Krista Warren (The Queen Elizabeth S.)
Vice-Principal: Claire Snider
Office Administrator: Janis Trickey
Lead Custodian: Jeff Bower
Evening Custodian: Sam Bingham
Special Education Teacher (SET): Evan Barr
Primary Teachers: Courtney Mason (JK/SK), Lisa Couch-Blackburn (1/2), Samantha MacNeil (2/3)
Junior Teachers: Nick McCabe (4/5), Margaret McGlade (5/6), Evan Barr (5/6)



Core French: Anne Marie Lindell
Drama & Music: Courtney Mason
Educational Assistants (EAs): Barbara Osborne-Monaghan, Melanie Graham, Laura Kubisheski
Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE): Angie Cameron
Student Monitor (SM): Mary Wright
Learning Commons Informationist: Sharon Whittaker (Day 4)
Financial Assistant (FA): Maria Kurzyk

2020-21 Glen Tay P.S. Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Dropping Off or Picking Up?: If you are dropping off or picking up your child(ren), please park in the unpaved area of our parking lot, as close to the grass as possible. In the mornings, students can enter the playground at 9:20 a.m., after they see a staff member on the yard. In the afternoon, teachers will deliver your child to your car. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, please do not get out of your car unless you are unbuckling a car seat.

Change In Routine?: If there is a change to your child's pick-up routine, please call the school before 2:45 p.m. so that we can ensure their teacher has received the message before heading outside for the last instructional block.

Picking Up Early?: If you are picking your child up early, please ring the bell to let us know you're here and wait outside the front doors. We will call your child from class and bring them to you.

Dropping Off Late?: If you are dropping your child off after 9:30 a.m., please come to the front door and ring the bell and a staff member will sign your child in and help them get to class. Parents/guardians are not yet allowed into the building for this purpose.

Thank you.



At this time, visitors and volunteers will not be permitted into the school. This includes family members of our students. In the case of an urgent matter, visitors must call the school office to schedule an appointment before appearing on site. Whenever possible, telephone meetings or video conferences with parents/guardians will be held.

School Operations Update for 2020-2021

1. **ALL COMMUNICATION** this year will be delivered through electronic means such as Facebook, email and MyFamilyRoom. Agendas will not be sent home daily. Please follow our Facebook page at [facebook.com/glentayschool](https://www.facebook.com/glentayschool) and our website at www.glentay.ucdsb.on.ca
2. **ALL STAFF** and students in Grades 4-6 must wear a mask or face covering while inside the school. It is highly recommended that students in JK-Gr. 3 also wear masks.
3. **STUDENTS** are to limit the personal belongings that they bring to school. Items that are permitted are a backpack, water bottle, sunscreen, lunch bag and spare clothing. All personal belongings will be stored at their desk. Please do not send stuffies, blankets, toys, hand sanitizer or other similar items to school. If your child wants to bring their own pencil case, it will remain at school.
4. **WATER FOUNTAINS** are decommissioned, so please send your child with a water bottle each day. It's a good idea to label it with your child's name.
5. **STUDENT NUTRITION (SNACK) PROGRAM** will continue, however Hot Lunch and Milk will not be available this year.
6. **FIRE DRILLS** and lockdown practices will continue to occur throughout the school year.
7. **FIELD TRIPS** will not be occurring at this time.
8. **ASSEMBLIES** and large gatherings will not occur.
9. **PLAY STRUCTURES** will be used by cohorts of students when physical distancing can be maintained.
10. **INTER-SCHOOL** sports will not be occurring at this time.
11. **LIBRARY** books will remain at school.
12. **NO EQAO** testing for grade 3's and 6's this year.

Reporting Absences

Parents/guardians, PLEASE remember to report your child's absence through your **MyFamilyRoom** app. by 9:30 a.m. on or before the day of absence. Alternatively, you can leave a message on the school answering machine at 613-267-1909. PLEASE DO NOT report an absence to your child's teacher only.

If your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms as determined from your daily screening using the Public Health Unit's *Parent Screening Tool*, they are **NOT TO ATTEND** school. Parent/guardians are to consult with the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit at www.healthunit.org/coronavirus or call 1-866-236-0123 to determine next steps.

For more information on COVID-19 and schools, please visit: Easter Ontario Health Unit at www.EOHU.ca/coronavirus OR the UCDSB Return-to-School Plan at www.ucdsb.on.ca.



Haven't registered for **MyFamilyRoom** yet? Log onto the board's web site at www.ucdsb.on.ca and click on the **For Families** drop down and you will find **MyFamilyRoom**. You are able to manage your child's absences through this app as well as receive important school information and busing details. School and classroom correspondence is sent through **MyFamilyRoom** so we encourage you to **SIGN UP!**



If you are registered for **MyFamilyRoom** and you **CHANGE YOUR EMAIL OR PHONE NUMBER(s)**, you **MUST UPDATE THESE CHANGES** in your **MyFamilyRoom** account immediately.

As always, it's important to keep the office advised of any changes to contact information throughout the school year. Thank you for your assistance.



The Bus Loading Zone is in the paved section of our parking lot, in front of the school. Please do not drive through this area or park on the pavement during bus drop-off and pick-up times.

The Visitor and Pick-Up/Drop-Off area is located on the gravel portion of the parking lot.



This year we are encouraging LITTERLESS LUNCHEES! Please try to pack lunches using reusable containers. All "litter" will return home.



A HUGE THANK YOU to Mr. Bower and Mr. Gemmill for their hard work over the hot summer months deep cleaning our school. We are sad to say good-bye to Mr. Gemmill as he has moved on to P.D.C.I. We welcome Mr. Bingham who will be our Evening Custodian. He and Mr. Bower spent many

hours setting up the signage inside the school to remind students and staff to social distance. They installed hand sanitizer stations throughout the school and moved/stored a lot of furniture to allow for more space in the classrooms. Our always very clean school is **GLEAMING!**

School Picture Day is TBD at this time.

All Parents/Guardians: We ask that you **LABEL** all your child's clothing,, backpacks, lunch kits, cutlery, etc. in order that we can return lost items to their rightful owners throughout the year.

This year Mr. McCabe’s Grade 4/5 class will be the “Keeper of the Butterflies”. We received 2



Monarch chrysalis and 3 caterpillars from the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists through their Environmental Education Program. In addition to the butterflies, they provided a Swamp Milkweed plant and a Field Milkweed plant, which is the Monarch’s principal source of food. It’s always a very educational experience to see the chrysalis change to beautiful butterflies that we release back to nature. Something the whole school can enjoy!

Glen Tay Terry Fox Run

Wednesday, September 30th

by cohort

This will be our 16th year participating in this annual event. In the event of rain, we will hold it on October 1st.



Please log into: www.terryfox.org to make an online donation.



School Council News

School Council is seeking parents/guardians of children enrolled in Glen Tay Public School to become members. Involvement in School Council is a significant contributing factor to a child’s success in school. Worried that you can’t commit to meetings? There are many ways you can contribute other than attending meetings. School Council is always seeking help with fundraising and holding events, which will be different this year due to the pandemic.

School Council will be holding elections to fill the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Voting will take place anonymously during our School Council meeting on September 24th.

Chair/Vice Chair duties include arranging meetings, preparing agendas, chairing council meetings, communicating with principal/vice principal on behalf of council and participating as an ex-officio member of all committees established by the School Council.

Treasurer duties include collection of all monies received from fundraising, depositing monies to the financial administrator, reporting all financial information to School Council, and keeping regular contact with the financial administrator.

Secretary duties include recording minutes of meetings and preparing and distributing minutes among members for approval.

Members duties can include, but are not limited to, attending meetings, contributing to discussions and bringing ideas to the table, becoming a part of a sub committee, and volunteering.

The first meeting of the 2020-21 school year will be held on Thursday, September 24 at 6:30pm. This meeting will be held virtually. A link will be sent out through MyFamilyRoom closer to the date.

Everyone is welcome to attend meetings throughout the school year.



SEPTEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	LABOUR DAY	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				Arrival of our Monarch Butterfly Chrysalids in Gr. 4/5	Student Information Verification form sent home for editing. To be signed and returned on Wednesday	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Link for School Council Meeting sent home through My-FamilyRoom (MFR)	Electronic School Council Nominations Due  First Day of Fall	SIGNED Student Information Verification Form Due 	School Council Mtg. on Teams at 6:30 p.m. Those who attend will have the opportunity to vote anonymously for our 2020-21 School Council.		
27	28	29	30			
			Terry Fox Run (by Cohort)			