

The Timberwolves Times

January 2021



HAPPY NEW YEAR

We want to thank all our families for your patience and support with our unconventional start to the winter term of the 2020-2021 school year. Remote learning has its challenges but we have had a smooth start which is very encouraging.

As of January 18th, our current Principal, Krista Warren will start her new role as the Principal of the Intermediate Division at PDCI. We want to wish Ms. Warren all the best in her new appointment and thank her for her dedication and support of our students throughout her 3 1/2 years as Principal at GTS.

We welcome Dianne Stroud as our new Principal. Ms. Stroud will be shared between GTS and The Queen Elizabeth School, as was Ms. Warren. To contact Ms. Stroud you may call her at GTS at 613-267-1909 or at QES at 613-267-2702 or email her at dianne.stroud@ucdsb.on.ca.

As mentioned in the December newsletter, Ms. Kelly is joining our staff as the French Core teacher. She is looking forward to meeting all the students. Welcome to our team!



We are pleased to announce that our food drive netted 343 items for **The Table**. Items ranged from personal hygiene and baby/toddler needs to canned goods, pastas and rice, snacks and cereals.

Our goal was to collect 250 items. Since we exceeded our goal, Ms. Snider had to dress up in a costume for a day. A student vote was taken and Ms. Snider had to dress as Robert Munsch's

Paperbag Princess

Thank you to all who donated.



New Year Reminders.....

Enter your child's absence in *MyFamilyRoom* or call the school at 613-267-1909 **before 9:30 a.m.** on the day of absence. Please give the reason for absence.

U **Update any phone numbers, contact names and numbers**, medical information or other information for your child that has changed since September by either calling the office, emailing the office at jan-is.trickey@ucdsb.on.ca or by updating your *MyFamilyRoom* account.

Visitor parking is in the gravel lot beside the rink. The front right corner of this lot is reserved for STEO Vans.

Send your child with appropriate clothing for fluctuating winter temperatures. Layers work well.

Label all of your child's clothing (boots, snow wear, mitts, hats).

Leave personal items such as toys and gadgets at home.

Check us out on Facebook for regular news, photos and day-to-day updates. Medical and STEO forms and general UCDSB information can be found on our website at www.glentay.ucdsb.on.ca.



SCIENTISTS IN SCHOOL

This year Scientists in School has developed virtual workshops to continue to nurture inquisitive young minds from grades K to 6 in their discovery of the fascinating and fun side of science, technology, engineering, math (STEM), and the environment.

Dynamic presenters, who are scientists, engineers and technologists lead the virtual classroom workshops. They bring to each workshop:

- Individually packaged investigative materials provided in advance.
- Fun and relevant investigations that build critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills.
- The opportunity to highlight STEM careers and professional opportunities for students.

Thank you to School Council for covering the cost of the classroom workshops.



Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins on January 11th. Registration is for children who will be 4 years old as of December 31, 2021. Families are to register online or call Glen Tay Public School at 613-267-1909 as an alternative. Online registration is easy:

- Step 1. Log onto ucdsb.on.ca
- Step 2. Click on the *For Families* link and a drop down list will appear
- Step 3. Click on the *My Family Room Registration* link
- Step 4. Select *Kindergarten*. The instructions on how to register through My Family Room as well as FAQ and STEO (Student Transportation of Eastern Ontario) tabs are all found on this page.

Once your online registration is received you will be contacted by our Office Administrator for instructions on providing Proof of Age and Proof of Residency documents, which are essential for registration. Starting March 1st, all families will be contacted by school staff for introduction and information purposes. Unfortunately we are unable to conduct in-person visits at this time, but the KG Team will be providing a virtual tour of the school to familiarize you and your child with Glen Tay Public School. A Virtual Information Session will be held in the spring ... more details to follow. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for upcoming KG events.

Learning Commons News @ GTS

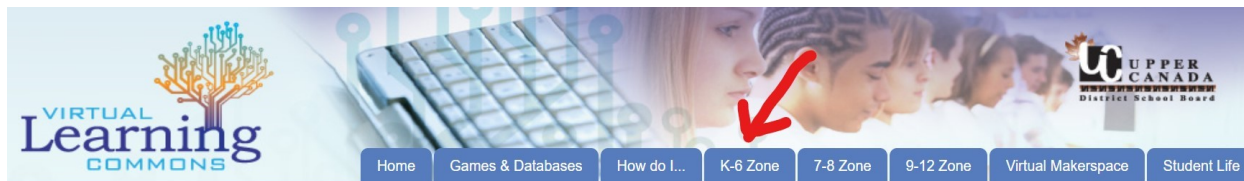
Happy New Year! Amazing resources are available on the Virtual Learning Commons (VLC) website. Encourage use of the VLC for the most reliable and safe information. Some databases require usernames and passwords which are available on the VLC bookmark, at the school or by contacting me at sharon.whittaker@ucdsb.on.ca.


January's Database of the Month

Subject Guides

Subject Guides for K to 6

Check out the VLC subject guides to find subject specific information, apps, and games. Select the K to 6 tab at the top of the VLC homepage. Then, under the "Subject Guide" margin on the right side of the page, choose your subject and then grade level by clicking on the drop down arrow under "Select a Guide". Click "Go" <http://vlc.ucdsb.ca/k-6zone>






Since 1999, **Family Literacy Day** takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities **as a family**. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with your child is crucial to their development and to improving their literacy skills.

The Family Literacy Day theme this year is:
Travel the World Together!

Ms. Snider has a surprise planned for the 27th for all classes!

For more information please go to the ABC Life Literacy Canada page at: <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day/>

January 27th is Family Literacy Day



Take 20 minutes to make learning together part of your everyday.

Fun "Special Day" Observances For The Month Of January

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| Jan. 8—Bubble Bath Day | Jan. 12— Hot Tea Day | Jan. 13— Rubber Ducky Day |
| Jan. 14—Dress Up Your Pet Day | Jan. 18—Winnie the Pooh Day | Jan. 19—Popcorn Day |
| Jan. 24—Compliment Day | Jan. 27—Family Literacy Day/Chocolate Cake Day | Jan. 29—Puzzle Day |

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 First Day of School	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Kindergarten Registration Opens	12 Asynchronous Non-Digital Packages Ready For Pick-Up after 9:30 a.m.	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 	28 School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. via Teams	29	30
31	PA DAY on February 1st					