

The Timberwolves Times



February 2021



We're live-in 3..., 2..., 1

Our morning announcements have been taken up a notch! The Glen Tay Morning News is being broadcast live each morning via video conferencing to all classrooms. Our grade 5/6 students are currently taking turns filling the roles of co-anchor and co-technical support persons. Once we are up and running smoothly, we will be offering the opportunity to any student that wishes to take a turn filling either of these roles.



Glen Tay News Crew

Guest Speakers Last week, our grade 2/3 and 4/5 students had the opportunity to join classrooms across the UCDSB to "meet" author, Monique Grey-Smith and illustrator, Nicole Neidhart and hear the story behind their inspirational picture book, "When We Are Kind". Both classes were inspired to reflect on their own ideas about kindness and are working towards publishing a classroom anthology capturing their ideas.



Skating on Bowes Ice Rink

Our grade 5/6 class have been making good use of our back-yard rink and plans are underway to extend this opportunity to other classes. The rink is open to the public outside of our 9:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. school hours. If you haven't stopped by yet, the ice is in great condition - thank you Tay Valley Township!



Health and Safety

Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, please do not send your child(ren) with Valentine's Day cards this year. Staff have planned several in-class activities to celebrate this occasion, including celebrating FRIENDSHIP on Friday, February 12th.



Pink Shirt Day - February 24, 2021



**SCIENTISTS
IN SCHOOL**

Mrs. MacNeil's Grade 2/3 class will be the first class to participate in a Scientists in the Schools virtual workshop on February 12th. The students will be learning about Strong Structures. They will build on their knowledge of structural strength and discover how to design a structure to withstand both tension and compression. As a "Junior Engineer" each student will test different materials for strength, and investigate how the strength of a material can be altered by manipulating its shape!

Virtual Scientist in the Schools Workshops are made possible through funding from our wonderful School Council.

**REPORT CARDS GO
HOME THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 18th**

Learning Commons News @ GTS



Ms. Whittaker has an announcement! I'm challenging myself to READ MORE BOOKS. My goal is to read at least 20 books before the end of June and if I don't read 20 books, that's ok, this isn't a test, it's just for fun. If you love to read, why not join me! Invite your friends and parents to participate too!! We can share what we've read on Biblionarium, a safe and kid friendly social network for sharing book recommendations and reviews. Or keep a book log of all the books you've read. If you're interested in your own personal reading challenge, let your teacher know and I'll help get you started. Or contact me at Sharon.whittaker@ucdsb.on.ca Happy reading everyone!



February's Database of the Month - Biblionarium

Biblionarium is a social network or gymnasium which uses the power of technology, social networking, gaming and strong data collection to encourage, engage, and excite young students to become regular readers. Its book review features allow virtual bookshelves to catalogue and track what they have read and what they want to read, wish lists of books and even record the books they own. Parents create their own and their child's account. - Saskatchewan School Library Ass. Check it out at <https://www.biblionarium.com/#tab/content-winter-picks>

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION... (PLEASE PASS ALONG)

Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open for children who will be 4 years old as of December 31, 2021. Families are encouraged to register online through the My Family Room app. **before the end of February**. Alternatively, parents can call the school at 613-267-1909 for information. Online registration is easy:

- Step 1. Log onto www.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. By March 1st, all families will have been 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.



Monday, February 15th is the **Family Day Holiday** AND **National Flag Day of Canada**. Our flag is a unifying symbol that reflects the Canadian values of equality, diversity and inclusion. For ideas on how to celebrate National Flag of Canada Day virtually you can access the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/g28xnwhid22zd6i/A8lvYMRgTUVu6HRkcAXHRa?dl=0>.

As we go through these difficult times, our national flag is a reminder that we are all a part of something bigger, and we are stronger together.

We Are The Flag!



School Immunization Clinics: Do you have a child in grade 7, 8 or 9 that still needs their Hep B, HPV or Meningitis immunizations? The Health Unit will be scheduling additional catch-up clinics, so stay tuned for dates and locations. For more information: <http://bit.ly/Grade7Immunizations>

The 4 D's of Mask Wearing. If a mask becomes DAMP, DIRTY or DAMAGED, change it up, and wash cloth masks at least DAILY! A dirty mask no longer does the job of protecting others and puts the person wearing it at risk of contaminating themselves. Did you know? You can hand-wash cloth face coverings in a sink or basin and hang them to dry. This can be a great way to teach laundry skills to children of any age. For more information on masks, and how to obtain free or low-cost masks, visit:

<https://healthunit.org/health-information/covid-19/face-coverings-masks/>.



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	1 PA DAY	2  GROUNDHOG DAY	3	4	5	6
7	8 Asynchronous Paper Package Drop-Off and Pick-Up after 9:30 a.m.	9	10	11	12 Friendship Day  Wear RED, PINK and/or WHITE	13 Virtual Scientists In the Classroom for Mrs. MacNeil's Gr. 2-3's p.m. 
14 	15 Holiday FAMILY Day 	16	17 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!	18 	19	20
21	22 Asynchronous Paper Package Drop-Off and Pick-Up after 9:30 a.m.	23	24 Pink Shirt Day 	25	26	27
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Important Dates



March Break — March 15 to 19

School Council Meeting — March 25

Good Friday — April 2

Easter Monday — April 5