

The Timberwolves Times

January and February 2022



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back! We know that the last little while has been especially hard for many of you. Thank you again for all of your support and patience during the remote learning period. While we hope for smoother waters ahead, we're also aware that there still could be a few rough patches ahead. One day at a time :)

We understand that many of you may be feeling anxious about your child(ren)'s return. Please be assured that all masking, distancing, and hand hygiene protocols will continue to be enforced and that HEPA filters have been placed in all classrooms and common areas. Students will also be learning outside as much as possible, so please ensure that they are dressed appropriately for the weather.

In other news, I'm very, very pleased to announce that effective February 1st, I will be assuming the position of Principal at Glen Tay. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Dianne for all of her guidance and support over the last six months.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Take Care,

Claire



Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 school year began on January 10th. Registration is for children who will be 4 years old as of December 31, 2022. Families are to register online or call Glen Tay Public School at 613-267-1909. 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 on May 26th at 6:00 pm on Teams. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for upcoming KG events.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN CANADA



February is Black History Month. As part of Black History Month celebrations, students and staff will be participating in a school-wide biography unit to learn about the contributions of some exceptional Canadians of African descent. Junior students will be preparing oral presentations on a person of their choosing and those who wish to do so will have the opportunity to share their project live, during our virtual announcements.



School Absence Data and COVID-19

School absence data will be published on Ontario.ca starting January 24th. Effective immediately, if any child or staff member goes home from school with COVID-19 like symptoms, the individual's teacher's name and class will be posted on our school website. For example, "At least one individual associated with Mrs. Smiths Grade 3 class went home with COVID-19-like symptoms today, Monday, January 17, 2022." This system will not report cases in which students presented with symptoms but stayed home.



Switching to Remote Instruction and Bus Cancelations

Please make sure to check your email and/or our Facebook page every morning. While switching classes over to remote learning is the last step in a long list of strategies we can employ if a teacher is away, given current staffing shortages, this may need to happen. STEO has also let us know that bus routes may also have to be canceled at the last minute if a driver is sick and no replacement can be found. Cancelations will be posted on the STEO website. We will do our best to also relay these messages via email and FB.

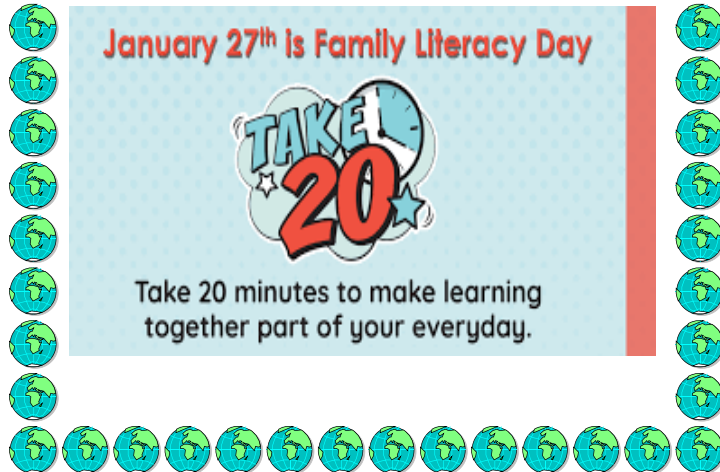


Since 1999, **Family Literacy Day** takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities **as a family**. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with your child is crucial to their development and to improving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

January 27th is Family Literacy Day



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



Skating on Bowes Ice Rink

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! Permission Forms for skating are going home this week.



Learning Commons News @ GTS



Thanks to students and their parents at GTS, the school library will have a whole bunch of amazing, wonderful books to read and enjoy. Purchased with Scholastic credits from previous Book Fairs, expect over 100 items that include graphic novels, chapter books and picture books for all ages. There's even some non-fiction too!



Calling all students! Once again, I'm challenging myself to READ MORE BOOKS. My goal is to read at least 10 books before the end of May just for fun! If you love to read, why not join me! Invite your friends and parents to participate too!! If you're interested in your own personal reading challenge or want more details, let me know and I'll help get you started. Talk to me at school or email at

Sharon.whittaker@ucdsb.on.ca Happy reading everyone!

February's Database of the Month



Nasa's Space Place

Launched in 1998, NASA Space Place's mission is to inspire and enrich elementary aged kids' learning of space and Earth Science online through fun games, hands-on activities, informative articles and engaging short videos.

Check it out at <https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/>



Feb 1—PA Day

Feb 21—Family Day Holiday

March 14 to 18—March Break

April 15 to 18—Easter Weekend

May 23—Victoria Day Holiday

May 27—PA Day

JAN/FEB 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 23	24	25	26	27 Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 Pizza Day 	28	29
30	31	FEBRUARY 1 Start of Black History Month PA DAY	2  GROUNDHOG DAY	3 Pizza Day 	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Pizza Day 	11	12
13	14  I Love February	15 National Flag Day	16 Report Cards Sent Home	17 Pizza Day 	18	19
20	21 Family Day - NO SCHOOL	22	23	24 Pink Shirt Day Pizza Day 	25	26
27 Family Literacy Day	28	REPORT CARDS GO HOME Wednesday, FEBRUARY 16th				