



GLENHAVEN SENIOR P.S.


WELCOME BACK!

September 2017

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Welcome

Our 2017-2018 school year is off to a great start. It was wonderful to welcome many new students to Glenhaven as well as our returning students. This school year marks a special milestone for Glenhaven as we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary! We are in the very early planning stages, and there will be much more information to come.

Middle school is a very exciting time that goes by very quickly! We value the partnership between home and school as it has been shown that children are more successful when parents and teachers work closely together. I encourage all parents to join us in this very important partnership that will enhance your child's education. We look forward to meeting you at our **Open House** on Thursday October 5th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Another great way to stay connected is through **School Council**. Please consider joining us on October 4th at 6:15.

Students arrived to a sparkling clean school thanks to Mr. Torchia and our custodial team. Thanks also to our teachers who ensured that their classrooms were warm and welcoming. Also a special thanks to Mrs. Maiatico and Ms Viola in the office for welcoming our families and helping to make sure everyone had a successful start.

Welcome New Staff

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the new staff members joining our Glenhaven community. We are excited to have Ms Lozada (Library/In-School Support), Ms Sahni (Gr. 6), Ms Mehta (Gr. 7), Ms Basrai (ELD Itinerant) and Ms Fournier (Gr. 7) joining our staff. We are also welcoming Ms King (Gr. 6), Ms Musafiri (Gr. 6) and Ms Rebelo (Gr. 7) who are taking on the responsibilities for teachers on leave.

Communication

Agendas were made available to all students for a cost of \$5.00. This resource is a very important tool for organization and communication and we strongly encourage all students to purchase one. The agenda is a great tool for writing notes to teachers and to talk to your child about homework and assignments. As well, we encourage you to follow Glenhaven on **Twitter @GlenhavenSr** or to find information on our **website at: www.schools.peelschools.org/1173**.

School Success

Math continues to be a board and school priority. We will be reviewing last year's work focussed on rich numeracy tasks and reviewing data (e.g., EQAO, Your Voice Counts) to guide our action plans.

Our staff continues to be committed to ensuring that your child has a successful year. We're looking forward to a great year!



Key Dates:



September

26 - P.A. Day
(Reorganization): **No school for students**

October

2-5 - Book Fair
3 - Picture Day
4 - School Council (6:15 p.m.)
5 - Open House (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.)
6 - Professional Learning Day - **No school for students**
9 - Thanksgiving **School Closed**
30 - Photo Retakes

Reorganization

During the first few weeks of September, Peel schools analyze their actual enrolments to ensure our class sizes meet board and provincial standards. If we need to reorganize your child to a different class, you will be contacted prior to September 26th, Reorganization Day. There is no school for students on September 26th.

Library and Book Fair

I am Ms Lozada, your new teacher-librarian and special education support teacher. Glenhaven has a terrific selection of books and resources. Students are able to sign out 2 books at a time and have up to 2 weeks before they are due back. Please be respectful of your library materials so they are not damaged or lost. There is a replacement cost for all lost/damaged materials.

I am excited to announce that we will also be hosting our first Scholastic Book Fair for the year from Monday, Oct. 2 to Thursday, Oct 5. More information to come on the open house and fair.

School Council

Please consider joining our School Council! This is a wonderful way to stay connected to the school and share your ideas. Included with this newsletter is a nomination form. The School Council is a committee that meets at least four times a year to talk about school matters and to work for the benefit of all our students. If you are interested in joining our school council, please complete the form and return it to the office by **Friday, September 29th**. Our first school council meeting (and elections if necessary) is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 4** at 6:15 pm.



BCC Lunch Information

Towards the end of September, the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre Lunch Jam Program will commence for the first half of the school year. The program allows students to relax and have fun in the Youth Room or to work on their basketball or badminton skills in the gym. The BCC lunch program is a great way for students to have fun with their friends over the lunch hour and to stay active during the long winter months. The program is available to students of all grades on a daily basis. Students will be escorted to and from the Community Centre by Glenhaven staff.



Picture Day

This year picture day will be October 3, 2017. Individual and class pictures will be taken. More information will be sent home the week prior to picture day.



Important Information

Breakfast Club: Beginning Monday, September 11, our incredible breakfast program will be running again in the morning from 7:30 to 8:15 am in the gym. The donation for a delicious, healthy meal is only 25 cents. We hope to see you there!

Homework Club: For students who need additional access to computers or quiet time to complete assignments, all students can attend Homework Club from 8 a.m. to 8:20 in the Library and from 2:40 until 3:30 in the Computer Lab.

Lunch: Students going home need a "**Home for Lunch Pass**". This pass allows students to go home where they are supervised during lunch. This pass does not allow students to go to the mall or any other unsupervised locations (Burger King, Tim Hortons, etc.). The Pantry will be starting on Monday, September 11 for students to purchase snacks and some lunch items.

Attendance: Consistent and punctual attendance is essential for student success. Students who are frequently late and absent are monitored closely. Students who accumulate 5 lates or more will result in a detention after school. Make sure you get strong routines in place!

To report your child's absence call, visit or download:

- 1-855-209-6155**
- pdsb.schoolconnects.com**
- Download the *SafeArrival* mobile app for Apple and Android users.**

Planned absences should be reported in advance.

Safe Arrival: If your child is going to be absent or late, **parents must report this information through the Safe Arrival system** before 8:45 a.m. This is essential to ensuring safety.



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Dear Peel District School Board Families:

We all want our students to experience success and we do this by focussing on their well being as well as their academic achievement. If a student is facing challenges at school or home it influences how they learn, grow and interact with others. Our goal is to help our students. We have a number of resources within our schools and within the community to help students.

One of the organizations we partner with is Peel Children's Aid, our local Children's Aid Society whose role it is to support and help strengthen families so children are safe and well. Last year, Peel CAS worked with about 10,000 Peel families who were experiencing stressors and difficulties related to their children.

One of the functions of Peel Children's Aid Society under the *Child and Family Services Act* is to investigate situations where a child is or may be in need of protection. This act has specific requirements which school staff must follow:

- **School staff do not have a choice if they suspect that a student is or may be in need of protection. Staff must report their suspicions directly and immediately to the Children's Aid Society.**
- When staff report concerns to Children's Aid, they must also share with them any information about the concern which might otherwise be confidential. And based on direction from Children's Aid, staff will not be able to inform parents of their report to CAS.
- It is not the school's responsibility to investigate suspicions, evaluate the situation or assign blame.
- Staff can be fined \$1,000 for failing to report that a student is or may be in need of protection. Staff may also be subject to employment consequences and a provincial offence charge under the *Child and Family Services Act*.

Our staff has a special awareness of the signs of child abuse and neglect, and as such, has a legal responsibility to report any suspicions to Children's Aid. It is not necessary for staff to be sure that a student is or may be in need of protection. All that is needed is "reasonable grounds to suspect" abuse or neglect. "Reasonable grounds" is defined as being what the average person would expect given his or her training, background and experience.

The Peel District School Board is fully committed to meeting the legal requirements of the *Child and Family Services Act*. Staff has the full support of the board in meeting this obligation.

Keeping children safe is a shared responsibility – parents, schools, police, Children's Aid and all members of the community. At the Peel District School Board, we are committed to the welfare of our students.

Sincerely,



Peter Joshua
Director of Education

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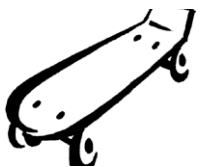
School Hours

Entry	8:30 a.m.
Period 1	8:35 a.m.
Period 2	9:35 a.m.
Period 3 (1st Half)	10:35 a.m.
Lunch	11:05 a.m.
Period 3 (2nd Half)	12:10 p.m.
Period 4	12:40 p.m.
Period 5	1:40 p.m.
Dismissal	2:40 p.m.

Walk, Bike or Wheel To School!



Almost all Glenhaven students live within walking distance of school. This is the healthiest way!



OPEN HOUSE

You and your family are invited to join us on

Thursday,
October 5th
at
6:30-7:30 pm

SafeArrival System District School Board

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Get Connected!

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Life-Threatening Allergies

Please help us keep our students safe by ensuring that all food items sent to school are nut-free.



Home is not a place; it's a feeling.

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Dear Peel District School Board Families:

Growing up in Mississauga in the 1970s, not once did I think I would ever have the opportunity to lead the school board I was so fortunate to be a part of as a student. Fast forward a few years (okay, maybe more than a few years) and I'm thrilled to return home to an organization dedicated to making a real difference in the lives of children and their families—the Peel District School Board.

I started my role as Peel's director of education on July 17, 2017, and already I've been inspired by the many initiatives and supports in place to positively impact student achievement and well-being. None of what I've experienced so far is surprising. For years, I've watched the Peel board from the sidelines. I've long admired this board's courage, innovation and focus on students. This is an outstanding school system—a place where children learn and grow, supported by exceptional educators, support staff, and each of you.

We have so many reasons to celebrate the Peel smile, a smile that is rich in diversity and worthy of being celebrated. We remain committed to our board goal of achieving inclusion for all through continued progress on equity. This requires us to examine how we have done things in the past and to work to design a path that includes all voices in the creation of system-wide initiatives. We will do this together.

During the upcoming school year, we will consult, listen and take your input and suggestions to heart. Quite simply, because your voices matter.

Our Plan for Student Success continues to be Peel's strategic plan, focusing our collective efforts to further student success. Aligned with the Ministry of Education's goals, as well as our vision and values, the goals and projects in the plan interconnect to help us achieve our board mission to inspire success, confidence and hope in each student. To learn more, visit <http://pdsb.me/Plan4StudentSuccess>.

As a child, the most important lesson I learned from my parents was to stay true to who I am and to always care for others no matter the role I hold. I look forward to working alongside trustees, the senior leadership team, administrators, staff, parents, students and community members to nurture a safe and caring climate, to set high expectations for achievement and to build mutual respect. I am excited for this opportunity to lead with honesty, transparency and trust.

All of us need something to look forward to and dreams to chase. I am so very thankful my dreams brought me here...to Peel...home. Have a wonderful school year!

Peter Joshua, Director of Education

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Appendix A

Parent School Council Candidate Nomination Form
Glenhaven Senior P.S.
(school name)

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone # _____ Business phone # _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____
(student name and date of birth)
who is currently registered in this school.

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent representative on the school council. I understand the role and responsibilities of a member of the school council as described in the Peel Board's school council policy.

Candidate signature _____ Date _____

Received by _____ Date _____

Nomination form receipt

The nomination form for parent representative on the school council for

_____ has been received.
(school name)

_____ Date _____
(school official)

