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|  | Glen Falls SchoolNEWSLETTERApril 2024 |



**VISION**

To provide students with essential knowledge and skills to become the leaders of tomorrow.

 **Important Dates**

April 1st **No School – Easter Monday**

April 8th Solar Eclipse – early noon dismissal

April 9th PSSC meeting

April 11th Report cards sent home.

April 15th Parent Teacher 9:00-12:00 & 4:00-7:00pm **No school for students**

April 14th–20th National Volunteer week

**Breakfast and Lunch Programs**

**Breakfast** - A nutritious breakfast is available to all our students 5 days/week.

**Lunch orders** – Families who ordered lunch for April 8th, will receive a refund once the orders have been closed.

**Solar Eclipse – April 8th** we will have a dismissal at 12:00 noon. Students will be bused home to ensure they are at home in time for the eclipse. Information about the elcipse and safety information can be found on the Canadian Space Agency website, [The 2024 solar eclipse - Canadian Space Agency (asc-csa.gc.ca)](https://www.asc-csa.gc.ca/eng/multimedia/search/video/18417), or the Let’s Talk Science website, [The Great North American Eclipse | Let's Talk Science (letstalkscience.ca)](https://letstalkscience.ca/eclipse). The BGC (Boys and Girls Club) is selling solar eclipse glasses for the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse on April 8th. Cost is $4.00 If you have any question please feel free to contact Jessica at BGC jessica.fenner@sjclub.ca

**Kindergarten 2024**- We have sent home our first set of Pre-Kindergarten kits. If your child is starting school in the fall, we want to make sure they are registered and receiving our kits. We will be sending the kits home monthly. If you have not received a kit for your child, please contact us at the school, 658-5340, so we can help ensure your child is properly registered. We can also help set up your EYE-DA appointments. **All children born in 2019 are eligible for kindergarten in the fall.**

**National Volunteer Week** – Every Moment Matters - The theme for National Volunteer Week highlights the importance of every volunteer and each contribution they make at a moment when we need support more than ever. The sharing of time, skills, empathy, and creativity is vital to the inclusivity, strength, and well-being of our communities.

Volunteers are fundamental to meeting this challenging moment. By coming together, committing support, and increasing our collective efforts and impact, we contribute exponentially to the quality of life we all strive for.

During National Volunteer Week 2024, we come together to recognize and celebrate the importance of each and every volunteer’s impact from coast to coast to coast. Now more than ever, Every Moment Matters.

We at Glen Falls are so very fortunate to have several Volunteers who support our school and help our students on a regular basis. Volunteers support us with school supplies, food, and their time. We also have volunteers that come in for reading support, sports, and art activities. We would like to thank everyone who takes the time to support our school!

**Home Reports** will be sent home on Thursday, April 11th. We ask that after looking at the Report cards, you sign and return the envelope. Parent Teacher appointments will be held on Monday, April 15th, from 9:00-12:00 and 4:00-7:00pm. Appointments for Parent Teacher can be made beginning on April 11th. Appointments are made on a first come first serve basis. Information will be sent home with the report cards. Please fill out the appointment form with your preferred time. Your child’s teacher will confirm your appointment with you.

**K-2 Experiential Learning** - Experiential learning activities allow learners to engage in concrete learning through the direct experience of observing, learning, or performing work and learning tasks in the workplace, during or outside of school hours, online, or in the community. This type of learning allows learners to reflect personally and expand their areas of interest. It provides opportunities to explore various career options, increase knowledge, and develop skills and attitudes that will enable learners to contribute positively to their community.
Learning is achieved through experience, trial-and-error, and reflection. Learners practice perseverance in the learning cycle through taking learning risks, making mistakes, and applying corrective feedback. Curricular-based learning through experiences can be community-based, grounded in skill building, and a part of career preparation and personal development.
In experiential learning, learners engage in a concrete experience that is connected to the world around them (e.g., organizing a vote on an important topic, developing a scientific observation, or using a recipe to bake). They have the opportunity to demonstrate agency in their world and are impacted from the experience.

This month we are celebrating Earth Day on April 22 by visiting a Farm. Our K-2 classes will be spending the morning at From the Earth Farm, seeing where our food comes from and how it is grown and visiting the animals.

**Cooking with the Stars** will be recognizing the Acadien Culture of New Brunswick. Our Stars will be making Tourtière. Tourtière, also known as pork pie or meat pie, is a traditional French-Canadian pie enjoyed throughout Canada. It is made from a combination of ground meat, onions, savory seasonings, and baked in a traditional piecrust.

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| Ingredients**Pie Pastry**Pre made pie crust, 2**Meat Filling**2 large Russet or Yukon Gold potatoes about 1 pound1 tablespoon olive oil1 small onion finely chopped1 clove garlic finely minced1 pound ground pork1 pound ground beef1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning1/2 teaspoon cinnamon1/4 teaspoon cloves1/4 teaspoon nutmeg1/4 teaspoon salt1/8 teaspoon pepper1 large egg scrambled for glazing | Instructions**Make the Filling**:* Peel and cut potatoes into 2-inch chunks, add them to a medium saucepan, and fill with water until it covers the potatoes by 2-inches.
* Bring the saucepan to a boil over high heat and then reduce the heat to medium-high and boil until the potatoes are tender, about 12 minutes.
* Reserve 1/2-cup of potato water and drain the rest. Mash potatoes and set aside.
* Heat a large skillet over medium heat.
* Add olive oil, onions, and garlic, and sauté until softened, about 3 minutes.
* Add the ground beef and pork and cook until the meat is no longer pink. Drain off excess fat.
* Add the poultry seasoning, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, salt, pepper, and reserved potato water. Mix well and simmer for about 10 minutes until the liquid is absorbed.
* Remove the skillet from the heat, stir in mashed potatoes, and set the filling aside to cool slightly.

**Assemble the Pie:*** Preheat oven to 400°F/205°C
* Add the meat filling to the premade pie shell. Brush around the outer edge of the pastry with the beaten egg.
* Place the 2nd premade pie shell on top of the filling. Fold the top crust under the bottom crust and pinch or flute the edges. Brush with egg wash and cut vent holes.

**Bake the Meat Pie:*** Bake the pie in a preheated oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until the pastry is golden brown.
* Remove the tourtière from oven and let it cool at least 10 minutes before serving.
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**Toys-** We have several students bringing toys to school. **We would ask that you keep all toys/stuffed animals at home**. The toys are often a distraction at school. We also can’t be responsible when toys are lost or stolen. We have toys here at the school for the children to use during outdoor recess and for indoor playtime.

**Blue Shirt Friday** – We would like to remind everyone that students are encouraged to wear their Glen Falls Shirts on Friday. All students wearing their shirts are entered into a draw for a prize.

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**MISSION**

At Glen Falls Elementary School we are committed to providing a positive, safe learning and working environment. Students are supported in their individual development to become well-rounded, productive, responsible citizens and lifelong learners. We enable students to attain the knowledge and skills to thrive in the 21st century, including communication, collaboration, and independence. Recognizing that it takes a community to raise a child, we value our partnerships with parents, businesses, and other community members. Together we celebrate our successes.

**School Motto**

**At Glen Falls School we are shooting for the**

**S Safe**

**T Team Spirit**

**A At My Best**![MC900093405[1]]()

**R Responsible Citizens**

**S Shooting for Success**

Attention Students: Please have your parent sign this form and return to your teacher for a chance to win a prize!

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