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|  | Glen Falls SchoolNEWSLETTERMarch 2024 |



**VISION**

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

**Important Dates**

March 1st – Polka Dots and Stripes Day

March 4th-18th March Break – No school for students.

March 17th – Wear Green for St. Patrick’s Day

March 21st – Wear your favourite mismatched socks for Down Syndrome Day

March 25th – Professional Learning Day – No school for students

March 26th – Wear Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness Day

March 27th – Intergenerational Lunch

March 29th – Good Friday – no school for students

**Breakfast** -*A nutritious breakfast will be provided to all our students 5 days/week.*

**Kindergarten Registration -** Kindergarten attendance is compulsory for all children who reach the age of **five years on or before December 31st, 2024**.  Parents, however, may defer entry into Kindergarten until September of 2024 for children who turn five between September 1st and December 31st of 2024.  Children who will not reach the age of five on or before December 31st, 2024, are not eligible for admission to kindergarten. Families looking to register their child should contact the school at 658-5340.

 **\*\*For Newcomer and/or international students, please do not contact the school.** Instead, if your child was **NOT** born in Canada, or born in Canada but you are **NOT** Canadian citizens, or their first language is **NOT** English and they require English language support regardless of where they were born, please contact the Welcome Center at 506-658-2702.

**Pre-Kindergarten Packages** – We will begin sending home packages to our pre-Kindergarten students beginning at the end of the month. If you have a child that will begin kindergarten in the fall, and you have not yet registered them, please contact the school. If you have a child registered in kindergarten, we hope you enjoy the activities that we are sending for you and your child to enjoy. If you do not receive a package by the end of the month, please contact the school to ensure we have the proper address.

**Intergenerational Lunch -** We are planning to host an intergenerational lunch at the school on Wednesday March 27th. This is like our previous Brown Bag lunches, but this lunch is for grandparents or a special senior citizen in your child’s life.

Please share this invitation with the grandparent/senior citizen in your child’s life and explain that they are to bring their own lunch with them. We will provide a light dessert for those in attendance. The event will run from 12:00-12:25.

**World Down Syndrome Day -** WDSD is marked each year on March 21.  The 21st day of the 3rd month signifies the triplication of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome. We encourage students to wear mismatched socks or draw pictures of mismatched socks to stir up conversation and remind people that things that are different are still beautiful and wonderful!

**Epilepsy Awareness Day -** Cassidy Megan from Nova Scotia, Canada, founded Epilepsy Awareness Day with the first event held on March 26, 2008. Motivated by her own diagnosis and struggles of living with epilepsy, she realized the importance of everyone understanding this common neurological disorder. She created an avenue for people to learn, engage, and support the public’s education of epilepsy as well as dispel the myths and fears surrounding it. We ask everyone to wear the colour purple on March 26th.

**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.

Irving Field House - Thanks to donations from Exhibition Park Association, our students have been experiencing Phys. Ed. Classes at the Irving Field House.  This happens every Tuesday and Thursday for 2 weeks a month.  They’ve played soccer, spike ball, capture the flag and many other activities on one of the fields.  Each class starts with FOUR laps around the field – our Glen Falls Stars are SUPERSTARS at the Field House!

Fruit and Vegetable Challenge – March 18-22 - Glen Falls School is a Heart Healthy School.  In partnership with the Heart and Stroke Foundation, we have four challenges a year.  This month’s challenge is our Fruit and Vegetable Challenge when we will introduce and try a new fruit and veggie every day during this week.  We want to challenge YOU, our GFS families to take on the challenge at home and try a new fruit and vegetable this week.

Solar Eclipse - On Monday, April 8, 2024, a rare, total solar eclipse will be visible in our region. While this is an exciting natural phenomenon and an excellent learning opportunity, it also poses a safety risk for observers. Looking directly at the sun, even for a short period, can lead to serious, permanent eye damage. For this reason, schools in ASD-S will be dismissed early that day to ensure students arrive safely at their after-school destinations before the eclipse begins. The eclipse will occur between approximately 3:30pm - 5:30pm. It is important that younger children have adult supervision during this time. Schools will communicate their specific dismissal time closer to the date.

It is crucial to ensure that your child **does not look directly at the sun** without equipment that is specifically designed for solar viewing, such as eclipse glasses. Note that sunglasses, binoculars, and telescopes do NOT provide eye protection.

Students can also protect their eyes from harm by using a homemade [pinhole projector](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2F8gscwDWyEq_2TVuMrvVrdA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRnplSZP0RIaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuanBsLm5hc2EuZ292L2VkdS9sZWFybi9wcm9qZWN0L2hvdy10by1tYWtlLWEtcGluaG9sZS1jYW1lcmEvVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpluhkhxWU1K8aqUhtDb2xsZWVuLlN1bGxpdmFuQG5iZWQubmIuY2FYBAAAAAI~&data=05%7C02%7CColleen.Sullivan%40NBED.NB.CA%7C81b8dafbb1eb4d3e2a6808dc28d6037a%7C4d2b5fdfc4d24911870968cc2f465c9f%7C0%7C0%7C638430146843935085%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=G9bcO%2BzTOsKWa7jD%2B7JT1MSo26kQ7qjTPU11mRggqrs%3D&reserved=0) or viewing the eclipse via [live stream](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FickO7XnIgcN1_1ntAqviRA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRnplSZP0Q7aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudGltZWFuZGRhdGUuY29tL2xpdmUvZWNsaXBzZS1zb2xhci0yMDI0LWFwcmlsLThXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmW6GSHFZTUrxqpSG0NvbGxlZW4uU3VsbGl2YW5AbmJlZC5uYi5jYVgEAAAAAg~~&data=05%7C02%7CColleen.Sullivan%40NBED.NB.CA%7C81b8dafbb1eb4d3e2a6808dc28d6037a%7C4d2b5fdfc4d24911870968cc2f465c9f%7C0%7C0%7C638430146843945599%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wmll%2F%2FfJD%2F%2BRBYanWtCyosLQ5xZE5pEHpm6GbIKTaKw%3D&reserved=0).

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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**

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**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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