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|  | Glen Falls School  NEWSLETTER  May 2024 |

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**VISION**

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

**Important Dates**

May 3rd – **No School** NBTA meetings

May 6th – **No School** NBTA meetings

May 14th – National Denim Day in support of the Cure Foundation

- PSSC meeting

May 16th – Moose Hide Campaign

April 17th - May 17th – Jump Rope for Heart – wear red on the 17th

May 20th – **No School** (Victoria Day)

May 22nd – Family Fitness Frenzy at the Field House

May 27th – May 31st – Heart Healthy Schools Water Challenge

May 27th – Welcome to Kindergarten (**no school for current K students**)

May 29th – Evacuation practice to EPR site.

**Breakfast and Food For Thought (lunch)**

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

Lunch Connections is hosting an online auction on their Facebook page, [https://www.facebook.com/TheLunchConnection](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FTheLunchConnection&data=05%7C02%7CColleen.Sullivan%40NBED.NB.CA%7C7e2bf08a30554fcb1bf508dc638b8c4d%7C4d2b5fdfc4d24911870968cc2f465c9f%7C0%7C0%7C638494698674091440%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=v8WQmZNPT4aNtLrPzEHBZgdHhsSJ6G3qqVraRLXnqWw%3D&reserved=0), from May 1-10.  Funds will be used to support the brown bag lunch program offered to our students.  Please help spread the word and get your bids in!

**Days with no school** - There is no school for all students on Friday May 3rd or Monday May 6th, due to staff training and meetings. There is no school for all students on Monday May 20th, due to Victoria Day.

There is no school for current Kindergarten Students on Monday May 27th.

**Kindergarten Orientation Event** – Our current Kindergarten students will remain home on **Monday, May 27th,** while we host our Kindergarten students who will be starting school in the fall. All children beginning kindergarten in the fall of 2024 will spend the morning at the school.

We have started sending home our pre-K packages. If your child is registered and you did not receive a package, please contact the school. If you have a child who should be starting school in the fall, and they are not yet registered, please contact the school at 658-5340.

**The Moose Hide Campaign, May 16th** - The Moose Hide Campaign began as a BC-born Indigenous-led grassroots movement to engage men and boys in ending violence towards women and children. It has since grown into a nationwide movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from local communities, First Nations, governments, schools, colleges/universities, police forces and many other organizations – all committed to taking action to end this violence.

Since the Campaign began over 10 years ago along the Highway of Tears, thousands of communities and organizations across Canada have held Moose Hide Campaign events and joined the annual Moose Hide Campaign Day ceremony and fast. People of all ages, genders and backgrounds are invited to take part in Moose Hide Campaign activities.

The campaign is grounded in Indigenous ceremony and traditional ways of learning and healing. A cornerstone of the Moose Hide Campaign is the moose hide pin. Wearing the pin signifies your commitment to honour, respect, and protect the women and children in your life and speak out against gender-based and domestic violence. To date, over three million moose hide pins have been distributed free of charge to communities, schools, and workplaces across Canada. [Moose Hide Campaign | An Indigenous led grassroots movement to end gender-based violence](https://moosehidecampaign.ca/)

**National Denim Day for the Cure Foundation May 14th** – For the past 25 years, on National Denim Day, we invite all Canadians to join a national movement in support of the fight against breast cancer. On the Tuesday after Mother’s Day, hundreds of thousands of Canadians take part by wearing jeans and CURE’s pink ribbon and donating to the foundation. Every year, over 600 educational institutions take part in National Denim Day.

**Heart Healthy School** - During the month of April and May our students will be taking part in programs with the Heart and Stroke Foundation. **Jump Rope for Heart** is a fundraiser we take part in with the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Glen Falls is always a huge supporter of this event. Donation forms were sent home in April and will be due back to the school on Friday May 17th. There is also a website you can use/share for donations: [https://newbrunswickjumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/42976](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnewbrunswickjumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca%2F42976&data=05%7C02%7CColleen.Sullivan%40NBED.NB.CA%7Ca01653af44f947ce333b08dc651ddd2f%7C4d2b5fdfc4d24911870968cc2f465c9f%7C0%7C0%7C638496426134343752%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xZxoPUJ3bRDYIEHUDPzrSX4r6MLBRwwaPMqy48rsq60%3D&reserved=0)

**Provincial Assessments** for grades 4 and 5. This month our grade four and five students are going to be taking part in Provincial Assessments. The assessments are completed electronically**. It is very important for all students to be well rested and present during the assessment periods. Please make sure your child arrives to school on time.**

**Family Fitness Frenzy** – Wednesday May 22nd, 6:00-7:30pm – We are happy to invite all our families to a fun filled activity evening at the Irving Oil Field House. We will have an area of the field set aside for activities for our families to enjoy. This is meant to be a night to get out and be active together as a family. This event is free for our families, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Additional information will be shared as we get closer to the event.

**Bikes/Scooters** – We are always happy to see students using active transportation to get to school. As a reminder, all students biking or using scooters must have a helmet on. You can check out this website for safety tips for your child: [Sports gear safety tips - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/injury-prevention/sports-gear-safety-tips.html)

**Indoor Shoes** – With the winter weather behind us, the students are happy to shed their boots for sneaker and sandal weather. We would like to remind parents that the children are still asked to have indoor sneakers at the school. To take part in Physical Education classes, students need to be wearing sneakers. We also like to keep the classroom floors clean, as students are often sitting on the floor throughout the day. It is also a good time to ask your child how their indoor shoes are fitting. Many students have outgrown the shoes they brought in September.

**Marsh Creek Cleanup** - The Marsh Creek Cleanup is a community wide event that helps protect our city’s environment. Join us for ACAP Saint John's annual Marsh Creek Cleanup!! Be a part of the fun as hundreds of eager Saint John residents come out to help clean our beautiful streams and wetlands for the health and well-being of humans and wildlife alike. This year, the headquarters for this event will be held at The Irving Oil Field House.

Prizes will be awarded, including the most "unique" item of the day! Registration is required, but as for other requirements, just wear your rubber boots and they will supply the gloves and everything else you need. You can also check out ACAP’s Facebook page for more information.

When: Saturday, May 11th, 2023 Registration: 8:30 AM

Cleanup: 9 AM – 1PM Where: The Irving Oil Field House

**Glen Falls Neighbourhood Cleanup** – The school is hoping to host a neighbourhood cleanup during the first week of June. We are going to walk around the neighbourhood and do our part to help clean up the areas where the kids get to play. We will send home additional information as we get closer to that date.

**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.

Follow us on **Twitter @GlenFallsSchool** for updates!!!

**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**

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**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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