Welcome back to our returning Glynn A. Green Gators from what I hope was an amazing summer! To our new families, we look forward to meeting you and welcome you to our Glynn A. Green School Community. We encourage you to become involved in the school as attentive parents, as parent volunteers and as active supporters of our wonderful school.

We would like to thank our cleaning staff, teachers and support staff for all of their hard work to get the school ready for opening day despite some needed repairs. Over the summer, we had the front and side of the gym foundation excavated in order to find the leak that damaged our gym floor. Our gym will be out of commission for the first 3 weeks of school in order to install a new wooden floor, so please remind students to be prepared for outdoor phys. Ed classes by bringing sunscreen, a hat and gym clothes. Thank you for your patience in this process. The old YMCA daycare building has been demolished and replaced with a newly paved parking lot. We encourage kindergarten parents to use this lot to drop off and pick up your children.

We look forward to building upon a positive school culture at Glynn A. Green by continuing to “INCREMENT THE PEACE” as Q-Mack and J-Box emphasized in our anti-bullying presentation last May. We encourage students to “Never give up”, “Chase your dreams” and “Stand up for others instead of just standing by.”

A warm welcome to Mrs. Lori Lehne, our new vice-principal who joins us from Plymouth School, our new grade 8 teacher, Mrs. Maria Verwey from Princess Elizabeth, Mr. Jesse Campbell our new grade 7 teacher from Pelham Center and our new DECE, Cindy Powell from Nelles who will be working with Mrs. Chrastina in the kindergarten room. We have a long term occasional teacher in for Mrs. Corey who is going to have a baby any day now; welcome to Mrs. Bonnie Whittington who will be teaching Kindergarten and Grade 6!

Please feel free to contact myself or Mrs. Lehne, our new vice principal, if you have any questions or concerns. The Glynn A. Green Staff is committed to ensuring that all students have the best educational experience possible. With your continued support and cooperation, together we will have a fabulous year!

Yours in Education,
Mrs. M. Mussari, Principal
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Anaphylaxis

We have a number of students in our school who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products. Anaphylaxis is a severe life threatening form of an allergic reaction. Foods such as peanuts, other nuts, shellfish as well as insect stings may cause an anaphylactic reaction.

Peanut butter, as well as other products made from peanuts and other nuts are the most common triggers for these severe reactions. Those who are severely allergic do not have to eat the product to have a reaction. For example, a reaction could be caused by touching a surface where peanut products were sitting, or by playing with play-doh that was used by someone who had not washed their hands after eating peanut butter. In our effort to keep all of our students safe at our school, we ask for your cooperation in not sending peanut products or other items containing nut products to school with your child.

Medication, Prescription Drugs

If for some reason your child requires medication during the school day, you are asked to contact the office. The policy for our School Board requires that parents/guardians obtain a medication administration form from the office. This will be kept on file during the school year. The form must be complete, renewed annually and signed by your child’s physician. Medications should be provided in the original pharmacy container.

“Insure Your Child” or “Accidents Can Happen”

Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury? The District School Board of Niagara does not provide medical payments coverage for students. If you have no other coverage, it is important that parents/guardians purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been sent home with each student to assist you in getting coverage. Or you can visit www.insuremykids.com to apply online. It costs as little as $8 per student for one year of basic school day/school activity coverage.
Please note that the District School Board of Niagara has designated Friday, September 18th as an Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed for the day at 12:25 p.m.. A crossing guard will be on duty at Port Robinson Road and South Pelham for students who walk home. Busses will arrive by 12:25 p.m. to transport students home (Grades K to 8).

Our Code of Conduct has been updated once again and is posted in our agendas and on our school website. Please read over the code of conduct with your child/children. Students from Grade 1 to Grade 6 have received student agendas. The agenda provides a way for students to keep organized and provides a place for parents and teachers to communicate. The cost for agendas is $5.00 this year. We ask that payment be forwarded to your child’s teacher.

Parents who pick up their children (Grades 1 to 8) after school will find they are dismissed out of the back doors of the school. We ask that parents wait outside of the school by their child’s exit door. If you wish to see a teacher, deliver something to your child, or pick up your child early for an appointment, please enter the school at the front door and come to the office. Our secretaries will be there to assist you. This policy is designed to assist us in monitoring who is entering the building, keeping classroom interruptions to a minimum, and keeping all students safe. Your co-operation with this policy will assist in protecting the educational environment of our students.

Parents of young children are encouraged to escort them onto and off the playground during busy traffic times. Students who walk home are to use the marked walkway around the edge of the parking lot rather than taking chances dashing through moving vehicles. Kindergarten families are encouraged to use the new parking lot on the south end.

The role of volunteering with the District School Board of Niagara generally involves interaction with students to varying degrees, and as well, places volunteers in a position of trust and confidence with regard to information they may receive. The Board’s “Duty of Care” for our students requires that we take reasonable steps to determine the suitability of prospective volunteers. If you wish to volunteer in any capacity (eg. Driving to events, in the classroom, school trips, special events, etc.) at GAG we thank you in advance for filling out the volunteer form provided in your package.

When your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school with this information. An answering machine is available for your convenience when the office is unattended. Calling the school promptly is very helpful to Mrs. Csikos and Mrs. Munro as they must contact parents when there is an unexplained absence. It is also very important for us to have an emergency contact name and telephone number for each student. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Please return the student information verification form and other forms in your child’s information package. We need to update this information each year in case of emergency. Please include an updated email address on the form. Please notify the school if your child has any special custody arrangements. Also, please keep the office updated if the information changes throughout the school year. Thanks so much for your help!

Glynn A. Green will be offering Spirit wear again from Front Row Marketing. The spirit wear will be offered online at our school website starting on September 8th. GRADUATES we recommend that you order your grad hoodies or grad t-shirts (new this year!) soon so you can enjoy wearing your “grad wear” all year long!
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

If you are interested in sitting on the Glynn A. Green School Advisory Council (SAC) or wish to nominate another parent (after confirming their agreement to participate) please complete the appropriate form and deliver it to the school office C/O The Council Chair no later than September 21st. If an election is needed, it will be held at the first SAC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 pm.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL PARENT CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

☑ I wish to nominate for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council.

Name:
Address:
Home Phone: ____________________ Business:

I am the parent/guardian of ________________ who is currently registered at this school.

(Student Name)

_______________ is the parent/guardian of ________________ who is registered at this school.

(Name of Nominated) (Student Name)

The person I have nominated is an employee of the board. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Nominator’s signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________________

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL SELF-NOMINATION FORM

☐ I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school advisory council.

Name:
Address:
Home Phone: ____________________ Business:

I am the parent/guardian of ________________ who is currently registered at this school.

(Student Name)

I am an employee of the board. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Candidate’s signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________________

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.
GYM SHOES

As all of our students take part in a physical education program, students need proper athletic footwear for use in the gym. It is recommended that students keep a pair of running shoes at school for gym class. It would be helpful if these shoes were reserved for indoor use only. This helps to keep our gym floor clean and ready for use by all classes.

OUR SCHOOL DAY HOURS

Yard supervision begins at 8:40 a.m. We ask that children arrive after this time to ensure supervision is in place for them. Students should be part of the daycare program if they arrive earlier that 8:40.

Morning Bell 8:55 a.m. (warning bell at 8:50)

1st Nutrition/Fitness break: 10:35—11:15 am

2nd Nutrition/Fitness break: 12:55 to 1:45 p.m.

Dismissal 3:25 p.m.

Office Volunteers Needed

Our secretary, Mrs. Csikos is seeking parent volunteers for our emergency fan-out. This involves being available to call from your own home to other parents in the case of an emergency (i.e., school closure during the day due to weather). Parents who could come in to occasionally help with counting money for special events/trips would also be appreciated. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Csikos at (905) 892-3821.

FOOD DAYS AND MILK PROGRAM

Food Days are back at Glynn A. Green! Our first Food Days will start with Lunch Lady on September 17 and 24. Order forms will be distributed at the end of September. Money raised will be used to enhance our extracurricular program through subsidizing field trips, our arts programmes, activity days and special events. Milk order forms will also go out at the end of September.

Terry Fox Run - Friday, September 18th

We hope to run our annual Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 18th. Our goal this year is to have each student bring in a “Toonie for Terry” and all monies raised will be forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation to further the cause of cancer research. Our walk will follow the same route as in previous years. The students will walk/run around the track and parents and family members are encouraged to join us on the walk. Each division will walk separately for a period of about forty five minutes.

- Primary students – Period One - 9:00a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
- Junior students - Period Two - 9:45 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.
- Intermediate students - Period Three - 11:15 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

Please see that your child dresses appropriately and brings a water bottle that day.

Friday, September 18th is also an Early Release Day. There are no classes for students in the afternoon. Students will be dismissed at 12:25 p.m.

School Photos - Thursday, October 1st, Re-Takes October 29th

Individual and class photos grades Kindergarten to Grade Eight will take place on Thursday, October 1st. Reminder notices will be sent home closer to the date. Cross country runners can have photos taken on Oct. 29th (re-take day) if they are not available to get photo taken on Oct. 1st.
Glynn A Green Learning Commons – September artist of the month

Beverly Sneath

Beverly is well known for being accepting, peaceful and serene, which is why her home studio on Effingham St. in rural Pelham is named ‘Serenity Art Niagara’.

Beverly resides in Ridgeville, where she grew up. Her love of nature and gardening is apparent through her luminous watercolour paintings of floral, landscapes, animals, nature portraits and ethereal fairies.

Bev is a self-developed artist and throughout the past twenty years has received numerous awards at both local and national competitions. She has many years of teaching experience and offers classes and workshops in watercolour and drawing for adults and teens. She works with children in libraries and visits elementary schools, adding valuable art lessons during the day and after school workshops for children attending JK, through to grade eight.

While Beverly is known for watercolour painting, she also expresses herself through acrylics, silk paintings, clay and bronze sculpture.

Custom art and commissioned portraits are welcome.

Please contact Beverly for workshops, classes, and commissions or to view her work.
Phone: 905 892-5868
Email: bevsneath@yahoo.ca
Website: www.beverlysneath.com

You can also visit Beverly every year in June for the Art and Garden Studio Tour in Pelham.

**Watch for more details about after school art programming with Beverly Sneath at Glynn A Green School.**