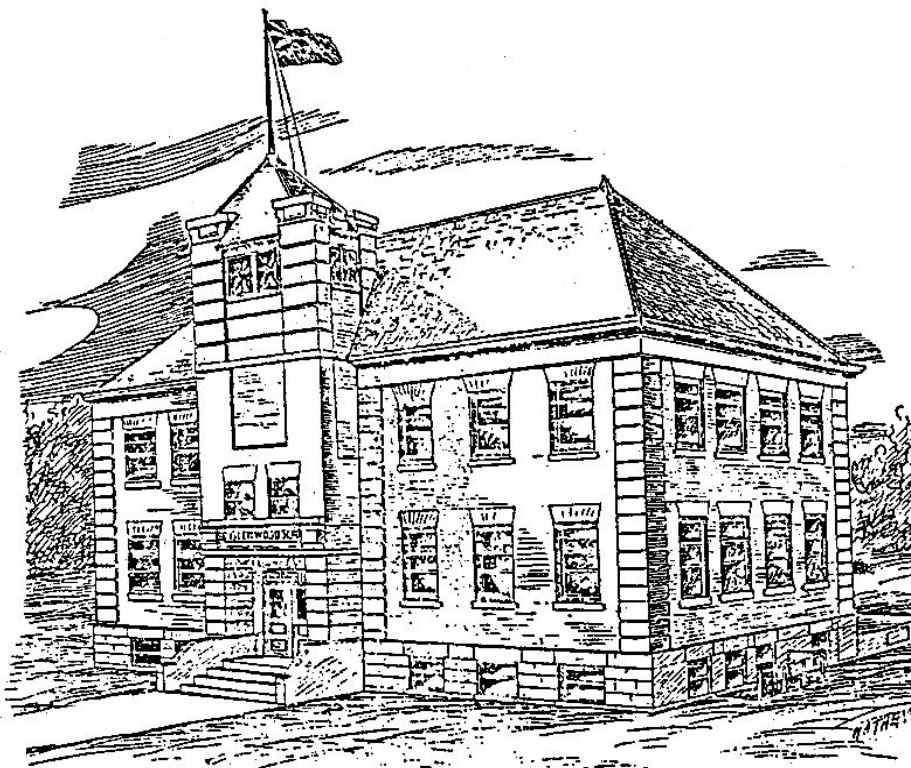


# Glenwood School

NEWSLETTER

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### Principal's Message

Over the past year it has been a pleasure to plan and work with the staff and families of the Glenwood School Community. Lately our staff has been connecting school goals with the [Louis Riel School Division's Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#).

It is our hope that that through careful planning and implementation we can improve our school and the wellbeing of our community.

School Plan areas of Focus:

- Literacy
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racist education
- Community Connections
- Multi-Lingual Learners (English as an additional Language)
- Wellness

Look for more information about our school plan and its goals at the beginning of November.



Allie Hassin  
Glenwood School  
Principal



## Mission Statement

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Glenwood School is a special place,  
where people come together  
to learn and to grow academically,  
socially, emotionally and physically,  
where individuals are valued for their  
strengths and for their differences,  
as well as for their similarities.



## Remembrance Day/Indigenous Veterans' Day

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A reminder that businesses, schools and offices in the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD), including Glenwood School are closed, in part or in whole on November 11 to recognize Remembrance Day. As part of our acts of remembrance, an assembly will be held on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Students of all ages will have a chance to be a part of this act of remembrance.

For those who are new to Canada, information about Remembrance Day (November 11) and Indigenous Veteran's Day (November 8<sup>th</sup>), can be found at the links below.

[Remembrance Day](#)

[Indigenous Veterans](#)



## HALLOWEEN at Glenwood!

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One of the most important elements of public schooling is that everyone feels like they belong. In an effort to be sure that traditions are celebrated, it is a responsibility of schools and society that we acknowledge events that are important to our students and community, but not just those events that are traditionally appropriate for the majority of students. This recognition of tradition cannot be promoted in a fashion that would exclude other students from activities in any way.

All students are allowed to wear costumes on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, if it is a tradition that is observed by their family, or if it is the wish of the family that their children partake in this tradition. However, I ask that students are respectful of the school day and only wear costumes in the afternoon (Kindergarten am students may dress up in the morning).

It is the responsibility of our school community to see that any of our students who may wish to participate but do not have the means, be allowed. If you have any gently used costumes that could be passed along to those who may have none, please contact the office as to the donation.

If families wish to send children in costumes; a distinction must be made between what can be worn at home versus what is to be worn at school. What is appropriate during the school day for an inclusive school is based on respect for the various needs and ages of the school population.

When considering costumes that will be worn at school, please think of this:

- All schools should be free from violence and/or the depiction of violence (Costumes that are gory, bloody, or exceptionally scary are not appropriate for school. Students cannot bring any toy weapons.)

- All schools should be free from ridicule, racism, and intolerance and individuals or groups of people should not be targeted. (Costumes that are culturally, ethnically, or gender insensitive are not appropriate for school.)

Also, of note:

October 31<sup>st</sup> is a school day. Teachers will not be cancelling classes to have a party. Some teachers will plan themed learning activities, but primarily it is a learning day.

Individual teachers will determine when costumes will be put on in the afternoon and will communicate this to families. It is important that students can put on their own costumes.

If you have any questions as to the appropriateness of a costume for school, it is the responsibility of caregivers to please speak with administration in advance. Having a conversation about the appropriateness of a costume on October 31<sup>st</sup>, could lead to an upset child which certainly can be avoided.

## Clothing Closet

**Stay Warm This Winter!**

**Due to high demand and limited sizes, this program will only be open to Glenwood students and their families. We ask that you only select the items that meet your current needs and not select items that would be worn in future seasons.**

For more information or if you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Ritchot at [jason.ritchot@lrsd.net](mailto:jason.ritchot@lrsd.net). The location of the event is the CLW office at Glenwood School.

## Student Learning

PM Kindergarteners are so excited to learn about the fall season. We have used leaves for science, math, art and ELA learning. The leaf theme included sorting sizes, comparing colours, learning why leaves change colour and even using them to form our names. Kindergarten has discovered that trees make nuts to feed our little squirrel buddies and many more animals.





Glenwood Grade 1/2 students headed outdoors for “Take Me Outside Day” and created Eco-Art inspired by famous land artist Andy Goldsworthy and the book “Leaf Man” by Louis Ehlert. Students collected natural materials found on our walk to King George V Park. They used their materials to create mandalas by forming concentric circles that depict radial symmetry. Students also used natural materials to create their very own Leaf Man.



Grade 1/2 students selected a special stone and painted it orange in honor of Truth and Reconciliation Day. We picked a special message and privately shared our thoughts and feelings with our stone. Then, one by one we returned our stones to the lands in hopes of bringing awareness to Canada’s past and building a path towards reconciliation.



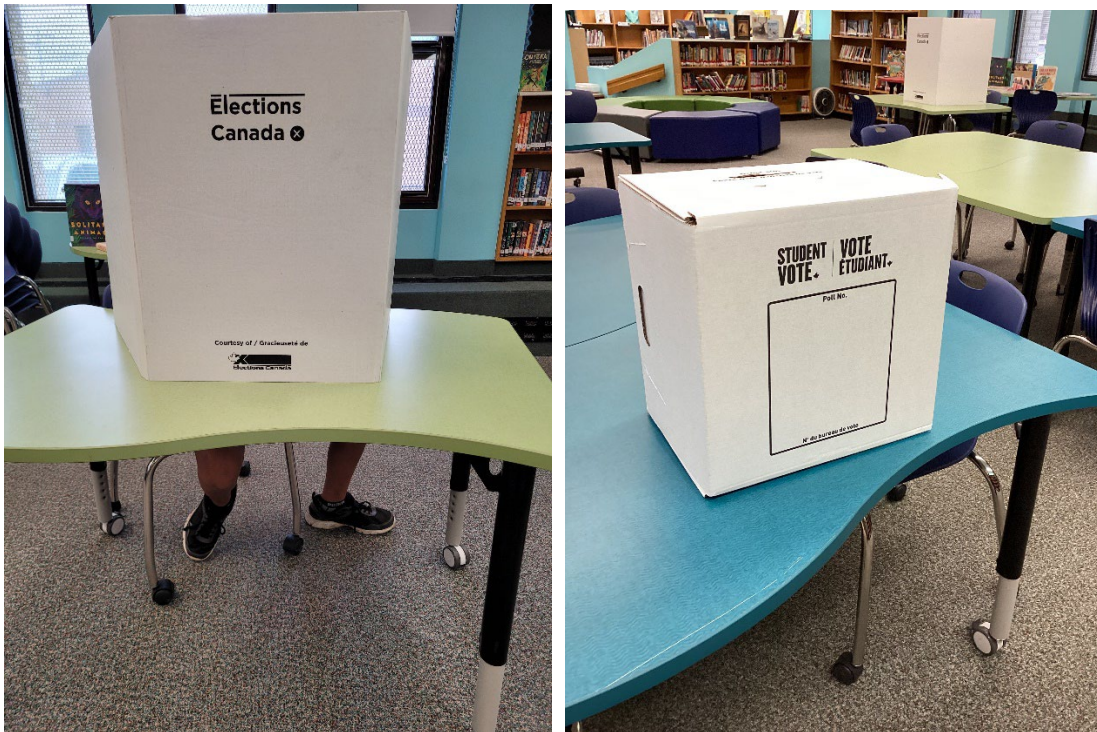
We are excited to share the highlights of our recent Student Vote 2023 initiative here at Glenwood School. In collaboration with our teacher librarian and our grade 5 to grade 8 teachers, our students embarked on a comprehensive journey into the world of Manitoba politics. Through a series of engaging lessons, they delved into the intricacies of government, political parties, constituencies, and the prominent issues of our time.

Our students put their newfound knowledge to the test by conducting their own research on the various candidates vying for positions in our riding of St. Boniface. On Oct 2nd, they cast their votes for the individuals they believed would best represent the interests of our community. The remarkable aspect of this exercise is



that the results of our Student Vote closely mirrored those of our riding during the actual election. Just like the adults, the NDP managed to edge out the Liberal candidate by a narrow margin.

Events like the Student Vote are invaluable in teaching our students about the electoral process and the importance of casting their ballots.



## Assessment and Treatment of Asbestos-Containing Materials:

On August 21, 2023, the Louis Riel School Division sent a communication that specifically outlined our Workplace Safe and Healthy practices around the assessment and treatment of all asbestos-containing materials. We shared information about LRSD's asbestos management and control plan which included a reassessment of all schools over the summer months by an environmental consulting firm.

Our Facilities and Maintenance Department has received the reports and scheduled remediation work where necessary as a next step. These reports and the remediation plan have been shared with The Department of Labour and Immigration Services. A [COR](#)® certified abatement contractor has been hired to perform the removal, repair, and decontamination work.

Abatement work is scheduled for Glenwood School in the following areas:

- Gym equipment room,
- The hallway connected to exit #1,
- The stairway outside of the daycare,

- Room 22 and 27 (Lunch rooms), Room 26 (top floor Daycare space), Room 28 (7/8 Hartleb),
- Grade 3/4, and 4/5 upstairs hallway,
- Grade 1/2 and K hallway.

This work will occur on October 30<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, between 4:00 and 11:00 pm. This work is being undertaken proactively. These areas pose no risk to health and safety risks currently. Contractors will employ appropriate precautions to ensure that no risks to health and safety occur as remediation work is performed.

Additional information about LRSD's asbestos management and control plan is available [here](#).



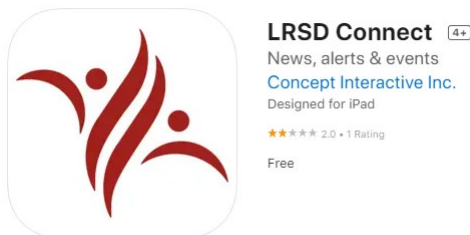
## Peak of the Market Fundraiser

A huge thank you to Kelsey and Darcy Kuchma who helped organize and raise funds for Glenwood School over the past two months. Their work saw bushels of vegetables brought into our community from the Peak of the Market. Staff and students helped organize the final pick up and the event went smoothly with all produce being delivered by the end of the day. Fantastic!



## LRSD Connect App and Communication Between Home and School

Glenwood School and the LRSD has a new way to keep in touch with families. Please remember to download the LRSD Connect app to keep you and your family updated with all school announcements - you will find the app in your favorite app store.



Also, please inform the office if there are any changes to your phone number, where you are living or email address and if any of this information has changed for your emergency contacts.

School information will be sent home through the student, can be found online at our [website](#), or is emailed to families.

If you haven't done so already please check out our [TWITTER ACCOUNT](#) so that you can be reminded of important dates and see what is going on from time to time at Glenwood School.



## Student Absences and Early Pick UP

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Please call the school office if your child is going to be absent or late. Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. An answering machine is available for you to leave a message if it is more convenient for you to call outside of office hours.

School Attendance: 204-233-3619

If a student is absent and the parent or guardian has not called the school, we will call home or work to determine that the child's absence is known and that he/she is safe. This pertains to all grades from K to Gr. 8 and includes those days when Junior High students are to be at Industrial Arts or Home Economics classes. Please call us if your child is going to be absent, as this saves both a great deal of time and worry! Thanks!

Any student arriving after 9:00 am and 12:45 pm must report to the office upon arrival, otherwise the student will be reported absent, and an unnecessary telephone call will be made to the parent.

Occasionally parents wish to pick up their children prior to our regular dismissal times. Parents are asked to make arrangements to come into the school and pick up their children at the office. Please do not ask your child to wait at the door, or on the playground, or go to the classroom.





## Glenwood Family Centre

We would like to welcome Kelly Beckingham-Johnson to the staff as our new Family Centre Coordinator.

Glenwood Family Centre is excited to get our doors open and welcome our families back to this special place! Our schedule may look a little different than before but the things that brought you in to spend time with us are still here and almost ready to be enjoyed once again.

You are invited to join us for an afternoon of "Pleased to Meet You" activities on Thursday, October 26 at 1:00 in the Family Centre. Our new Coordinator Kelly Beckingham-Johnson is looking forward to connecting with families.

If you have any questions, contact the Glenwood Family Centre by calling 204-233-3619 or email [Kelly.BeckinghamJohnson@lrsd.net](mailto:Kelly.BeckinghamJohnson@lrsd.net)



# Glenwood School Calendar:



Please note that there is now an online calendar that is being updated with all of the information that you need to stay current. Dates will be updated and possibly changed as the school year progresses.

## [GLENWOOD SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

Important Dates:

OCTOBER	
*Friday, October 20	MTS Professional Learning Day – <b>No School</b>
Tuesday, October 24	<b>Staff Meeting Early Dismissal at 2:30 PM</b>
Wednesday, October 25	<b>Hearing and Vision Screening (K and new grade 1 students)</b>
Thursday, October 26	<b>Picture retakes</b>
NOVEMBER	
Friday, November 3	School Based Professional Learning (No School)
Thursday, November 10	Remembrance Day Service
Saturday, November 11	Remembrance Day
Thursday, November 16	1 <sup>st</sup> Term Report Cards available online
Monday, November 20	Conference Manager Opens for Conference Requests
Thursday, November 23	Student-Led Conferences
Friday, November 24	Professional Learning – <b>No School</b>
Tuesday, November 28	<b>Staff Meeting Early Dismissal at 2:30 PM</b>