

École Guelph Lake Public School



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Dear Parents and Students,

As June draws to an end, here are a few final words to bid you "Au Revoir".

This year has not been regular by any means and although there have been challenges, our entire community of students, parents, and staff were able to pull together in making the most out of difficult circumstances. Hopefully in the fall we will be able to return to being at school, at least in some capacity and be able to bring back some sort of familiarity to our routines.

By now, you may have heard that GLPS will have a new principal next year. I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Hamilton has been promoted to the position and that she is excited at the prospect of leading our school. Additionally, Mr. Bodiam is joining our staff as our new Vice-Principal. We also have some new teaching staff, Mme DiFrancesco, Mme Black and Mme Vollrath coming to us from other UGDSB schools and returning staff from leaves Mme Soers and Mme Germann. We bid farewell to Mme Brownlee who has accepted a teaching position closer to home. As well as Mme Girard, Mme Nixon, Mme Poldre, Mme Guindon and Mme Baswick who have completed their long term occasional positions. Next year, Mme Booth will also be on a leave. We thank all of them for their contributions to our school, and wish them well. As for myself, I will be taking in life at a "new speed". If you have not already heard, earlier this year I made the decision to retire at the end of June. Having said that, I will definitely be back in the fall to touch base and maybe even help out in some classrooms from time to time.

This communication includes some important information items as we end this year and begin thinking about September.

In the meantime, have a safe and enjoyable summer with your families and rest assured that we will keep you keep you informed as information becomes available for September.

Sincerely,

D. Marquis N. Hamilton

Tentative Staff Organization for 2020-2021

JK/K	E. Clement	(ECE – M. Vosper)
JK/K	K. Kleovoulos	(ECE – L. Howarth)
JK/K	A. Soers	(ECE – K. Evans)
JK/K	C. Carter	(ECE – S. Gamble)
Gr. 1	C. Oliver	
Gr. 1	R. Wright	
Gr. 1	W. Ward	
Gr. 2	L. Dupré	
Gr. 2	N. Theodor	
Gr. 2	S. Butler	
Gr. 3	E. Tavares	
Gr. 3	A. D’Alton	
Gr. 3/4	G. Black	
Gr. 3/4	A. Vollrath	
Gr. 4/5	N. Potwin	
Gr. 4/5	C. DiFrancesco	
Gr. 5/6	N. Gallagher	
Gr. 5/6	R. Martin	
Gr. 7/8	S. Rossier/Freychet	
Gr. 7/8	C. Brunette/Freychet	



CYC	S. Mooney
Planning	E. Stretch, J. Bastedo, K. Germann
Resource	S. Malone
Library	C. Brunette / A. Bodiam
Office Coordinator	S. Schaefer
Vice-Principal	A. Bodiam
Principal	N. Hamilton

Summer Safety

Summer is a carefree time for children and with school out we need to reinforce the need for safety. At school, we are reminding our students about keeping safety in mind when they're playing outside during their break from school and classes. Parents can also do their part by reinforcing the usual road and water safety rules so that our children are aware when they're out and about, riding their bikes, swimming or having fun with their friends. In addition this year, COVID safety precautions will be a must for everyone. Keeping social distance in mind and wearing masks in public will continue to be good practice over the summer months.

Chromebooks

Thank you to all of our parents and guardians who have helped support student distance learning during our closure period. We hope the use of the borrowed Chromebook has been helpful. We have had many requests from families wondering if they can keep the Chromebook over the summer to continue to support learning and help children stay engaged in their learning. The answer is yes! Feel free to keep the Chromebook you have for return to our school in September. For those moving to a new Upper Grand DSB school you may continue to use the same device you currently have and return to our school in the fall. If you choose to keep the Chromebook over the summer please remember to fully shut it down regularly to ensure it access updates over the summer when it is turned back on.

For those students moving to a new school board for the fall and for families who would prefer to return their Chromebooks over the summer please drop off at our school as per the schedule below: Thursday, June 25 and Friday, June 26 between the hours of 9:00am and 1:00pm.

Thanks again for your continued support and best wishes for a healthy and safe summer!

Thank You

A huge thank-you to our School Council for supporting learning as well as assisting with the cost of many school initiatives and projects over the course of this past year. A special thank-you is extended to those parents who took on a lead capacity in various roles required to make special events take place. It's been a lot of work, but our wonderful parents have handled it all!

Are You Moving?

Please contact the office at 519-822-9271 if you know that you will be moving and your child(ren) will not be attending our school in September.



French as a Second Language

With the school closure and the unpredictability of what September will look like we have had some questions regarding French learning. Here are some suggestions for over the summer to continue literacy learning.

How can I help my child succeed in learning French as a second language?

Being a positive role model can have a powerful influence on children. Showing your child that you value the learning of French is one of the most important ways to nurture your child's motivation to do well. You can do this by periodically listening to French audio books with your child (Biblioenfants), watching French television or movies together (<https://www.tfo.org/>), and talking about the many communities in Ontario, throughout Canada, and around the world in which French is spoken.

Since literacy skills acquired in one language will transfer to another, seeing their parents reading in English or their first language can motivate children to read on their own, thus developing literacy skills in the languages they are learning. Reading together and encouraging them to read in French as well as English are further ways for parents to support the development of their children's literacy skills.

Lecture Enfant will be available for families to use all summer long.

Login at: <http://livresvideo.net>
usernames: gl
password: bravo

You can also access Tumblebooks, Biblioenfants, Overdrive, PebbleGo through UG2GO using your child's username and password they have been using to access distance learning.

Learning another language involves skills such as attentive listening, recalling information, inferring and making predictions. These skills can be developed in any language, often through activities children enjoy such as oral word association and rhyming games; learning song lyrics, poetry and riddles; playing board and card games; and doing puzzles of all types.

Resources designed to assist parents:

The FSL Toolbox (<http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/index.php>) has a wealth of information for parents and offers practical tools for learning French.

TFO: La télévision franco-ontarienne (<https://www.idello.org/en>) offers a wealth of educational multimedia resources to children attending French-language schools.