

# FEBRUARY

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## Principal's Message:

Semester 1 has come to a close as high school students write exams this week and semester 2 starts February 3rd. High school report cards will be sent home February 7th.

February is I LOVE TO READ month!!! My favourite time of year!! During the month there will be guest readers that come in to read to the kids and we have various activities planned throughout the month.

We have a tubing trip and a ski trip planned for this month and we are hoping the weather cooperates this year. The last few years have been a battle against Mother Nature and have resulted in cancelled trips due to extreme cold or not enough snow.

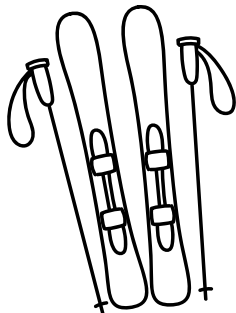
A reminder that students do need to be dressed appropriately for the conditions. The weather has been all over the place this past month but when the temperature is more seasonal we are finding students are unable to withstand the length of recess especially lunch recess.

Looking forward to a great month!

Lauren Frohwerk

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## Upcoming Events:



Feb. 7: High School  
Report Cards

Feb. 17: Louis Riel Day  
(no school)

Feb. 20: Tubing Day K-12

Feb. 26: Ski Trip Gr. 3-12

Feb. 28: PD Day (no  
school)

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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## Kindergarten & Grade 1

It has been a busy couple of months! Thank you to all who were able to attend the Christmas concert and see our singers in action. I think the K/1's stole the show!! We had some special days in December like our Polar Express Day when we ate reindeer pancakes and heard the bell ring!

We have been focused on addition strategies in math for the past while and they are doing very well with friends of ten, doubles and doubles plus one. January has brought skating and cross-country skiing to our class. We have all been improving on the ice and snow and are looking forward to our trip to the Neepawa Winter Park to test out the trails there at the end of the month. Thank you to all who have made skating and skiing possible for us. They are both life-long activities that not all schools get to participate in.

Pam Staples



## Grade 2/3/4

This month we have been busy getting back into routine after Christmas break. In Phys. Ed Mr. Smith has been taking our class to the rink for skating. Ms. Staples has also been teaching us how to Cross Country Ski and we have been enjoying getting outside and skiing the trails. We are also looking forward to our trip to Neepawa this month for a day of Cross country skiing and some other fun outdoor activities.

In math we have been working on our multiplication. We have been practicing multiplication facts along with practicing multiplication but using repeated, arrays and equal groups. Our Grade 4s have also been practicing three by one multiplication.

We have started learning about nouns and verbs in ELA. We have also started expanding our writing and becoming more descriptive.

In Social Studies we have been learning about Canada. Discussing symbols of Canada, holidays and important people. We are creating collages of Canadian symbols.

We are looking forward to fun activities in February. February is "I Love to Read" month we will also celebrate 100 Day and Valentines Day. We also have a tubing trip to look forward too.

Mrs. Pilatic

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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## Grade 5/6

Welcome to the half way point! The highlight of January was our Winter Activity Day at Neepawa Winter Park this month - where we all got to go cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and tubing. A great day was had by all.

Within the school, we have been working on our inferencing and critical thinking in our ELA time using short movies. We have analyzed character traits, dug deep on settings, the types of conflict, resolutions and creating plot diagrams. Now the time has come to apply all of our skills - by creating our own short stop motion movie.

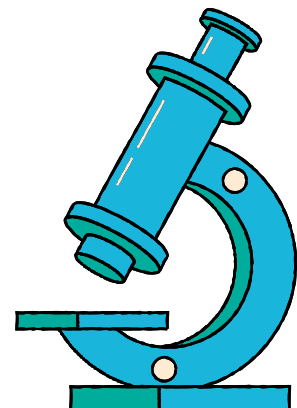
In Social Studies we have wrapped up our unit on the Original Ways of Life in Canada before European Contact. We are well versed in how the regions of Canada influenced the lives of people, and how they had to live off the land to survive. We completed a presentation on a region of Canada and how the Indigenous people traditionally lived in those lands. Everyone did a fantastic job.

In Math we have completed decimals across the board, with the Grade 5s moving into multi-digit multiplication and the exciting world of long division. The Grade 6s have been learning about ratios and percent. For February we will all be moving into the world of area and volume.

In Science we are studying the properties of the states of matter and the ways we can change the states of matter. There will be lots of hands on experiments and labs to go along with this during class time- so attendance will be super important to get a full understanding (and also the fun part!)

We are already looking forward to our tubing activity day in MacGregor coming up this month, downhill skiing in Minnedosa and I Love to Read Month!

Julia Kreutzer



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## With Miss Barclay

The start of another year is always filled with hope and excitement and 2025 has not been any different. As our students returned to their school day routines, our high school students began to prepare for their January exams. Students in Grades 11 and 12 finished their semester off strong in the post-exam season by displaying their skills in creative writing.

Meanwhile our Grade 7 and 8 students buckled down with their expository writing unit and focused on expanding their essay writing skills. At the same time in middle school Art, our students switched their gears from Christmas watercolours to black and white zentangles, using pattern and creativity to add a touch of personal pizzazz to their initials.

Last, but not least, our Grade 9 and 10 students joyously returned their Social Studies textbooks after brainstorming about what our technological future might look like and problem solving some of our world's biggest issues. By exploring the past students are able to understand what made us who we are today as a country and society but also look ahead to where we are going in the future.

With the new semester right around the corner we are all looking forward to a new month, a new semester, new courses, and eventually spring. Until then, thanks for checking in and Happy New Year!

Miss. Barclay



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# The Eagle Screech

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January is over and that means the first semester is also over. January was the month for skating lessons, the K-4 classes took their turn going over to the rink to work on their skills. The students absolutely love going to the rink every other day to get out on the ice and their skating skills keep getting better each day. I'd like to give a big thanks to Paul Johnson our bus driver for getting us there and helping tie skates. Any students who are borrowing skates and helmets from the school are more than welcome to take the equipment home to go to public skating being held after school hours. Glenella Arena has public skating/sticks and pucks from 5:00 – 8:00 on Mondays, 3:00-5:00 on Fridays as well as supper specials on Monday night. This upcoming month the K-4 classes will be working on basketball.

The 5-8 classes worked on cross-country skiing this past month. Cross country skiing is an excellent cardiovascular activity and a great way to pass the time in winter. This month the weather worked in our favour, we only missed a couple classes due to weather. The 5/6 class will get a chance to test their skills on a bigger trail system when they go on their field trip to the Neepawa/Langford ski area this week. Next month, the grade 9-12 students will be skiing as part of their PE classes which start in February. I am hoping to plan a ski trip on one of the trails in Riding Mountain National Park for the older students. If anyone is interested in skiing but doesn't have equipment please email me at [csmith@trsd.ca](mailto:csmith@trsd.ca) and I'll get you set up if I can.

Jr. Basketball recently started at the beginning of January and it looks like we will be combining with Laurier School in order to have a mixed team. Students are very excited during all practices which is a great thing to see! Games will run throughout the month of February with the divisional tournament wrapping up the season on March 3rd. Glenella is tentatively set to host one of the Jr. tournaments but may change in the next few weeks. We look forward to what the rest of the season brings!

If you've noticed giant plywood boxes in the school yard then you've noticed the beginning of the 9/10 final project. The students will be carving snow sculptures on Jan 29th. Stop by after then to take a look or check the Glenella School Facebook page to see the results. The grade 10 science class finished the weather unit this month and then prepared for their final exam. Digital film class saw the last of the editing lessons and are now set to finish editing their final short films at the end of the month. I look forward to seeing them all.

Chris Smith



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# Senior Varsity Girls Volleyball

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The senior varsity girls volleyball team travelled to Gladstone on October 5th to play in a 5 team tournament. The team went 0-4 but the weekend was highlighted by multiple close sets and a 25-21 set victory over the eventual champion of the weekend, Minnedosa.

The senior girls then played a home and home against the Aces where they broke even. First falling in 3 straight sets to the home team Alonsa, but then rising to a 4-0 victory a week later when the Aces came to the Eagles Nest. The Eagles would then host the Ste. Rose Celtics but lose 2 straight.

Glenella hosted the TRSD Divisional Tournament on Oct 3rd. The senior team finished 2nd losing to only the Celtics. The end of October saw the senior team fighting to get into the Zone Championships. It began with a play-in game against Alonsa in a 3 set winner-take-all. The official scores: 26-24, 21-25, 15-12 with the Eagles coming out victorious and allowing their season to continue.

Two days later the Glenella Eagles travelled to Ethelbert to play the Eagles. Set 1 saw the Eagles take advantage of the Eagle's bus legs and gain an early lead, but the Eagles clawed back to make it a close game. The Eagles came out on top 25-19. Set 2 was another up and down battle between the Eagles, the final score Eagles 25 – Eagles 18. Unfortunately for Glenella they were not the Eagles that won.

The varsity team would play their last games of the season in Ste. Rose at a 10 team tournament. Day 1 saw the Eagles win matches against Alonsa and Gladstone, a rare tie against Minegoziibe Anishinabe Talons, and a loss against MacGregor placing them in the championship bracket for day 2. Day 2 started with a slow start that resulted in a 13-25 loss; the team mustered up a bit more life in the second set to put together a close 24-26 loss which meant they were playing for 5th. In the 5th place game Gladstone won the rubber match and that marked the end of the season for the senior varsity team.

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# Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball

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The junior varsity girls experienced a season of highs and lows and showed a ton of resilience throughout the year. It started off at the beginning of October with 2 close sets against Ste. Rose where the Celtics came out on top. Followed by a game against the McCreary Mavericks that went to 3 sets where the Eagles came out on top.

On October 11th they travelled to Ste. Rose for a 1 day tournament. They played their first game against zone rival Gilbert Plains losing in 2 sets. Their next game came against Ashern where they earned two 25-23 victories which put them into the 3rd place game against Hamiota. In the exciting bronze medal game against the Huskies, the Eagles lost 23-25 in a close set. The Eagles wouldn't back down after that setback, they responded with a decisive 25-19 win to force a third set where the Eagles soared to victory 15-12 against a team that was ranked 9th in the province at the time.

After a bit of a hiatus the girls had a rematch against the Celtics where they had yet another close match 22-25 , 25-23, 11-15. At Divisionals the Eagles finally got their victory over the Celtics in round robin play, but because of a loss to the Mavericks earlier in the day they would have to play one final match against the Celtics. The girls were buzzing and won the first set, high on the sugar of their previous win. Then came the crash, with the majority of the JV girls also being starters for the senior team, fatigue from all the games they had played set in and the Celtics won the final two sets. Through it all the girls still felt positive about their day and felt good about how they would do at the Zone Championships. Then, tragedy struck! The Eagles' setter falls sick the weekend before the championship and is unable to play. Riley the back-up setter (only on paper till now) is now tasked with learning a new position overnight. The team played hard but unfortunately success under these circumstances is only something you see on a Disney movie script.

With the season now at its conclusion I would like to say farewell to our two grade 12 players Maizy Scott and Morgan Mayuk. I'm so glad I was given the opportunity to coach you in your final year of high school volleyball and I hope it was a fulfilling experience like it was for me. To the players returning next year, I look forward to seeing what the future holds for you. I had many coaches this season comment on the potential of this team in the years to come. It's good to hear others say what I have already known for years. Go Eagles!

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