

GLADSTONE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

May 4 – Family Library Night
(3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

May 8 – NO CLASSES (Non-Instructional Day)

May 18 – NO CLASSES (Victoria Day)

May 20 – Branches Assembly

May 25 – Family Library Night
(3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

May 25 – Coffee with the Principal – (5:00–6:00 pm)

June 3 – Rooftop Photo

June 4 – Fun Run / Gr. 6
Immunizations (AM)

June 8 – Family Library Night
(3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

June 22 – Family Library Night
(3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

June 25 – Grade 6 Farewell

June 26 – Report Cards Home

June 29 - NO CLASSES (Non-Instructional Day)

June 30 – Last Day of School
(11:30 Dismissal)

Dear Gladstone Families,

Happy May! As you can see from the important dates, the last two months of school promise to be full of exciting events! One of these events is a school-wide assembly on Wednesday, May 20th at 9:30.

Over the course of this year, we have been building a relationship with Grandma Janice Millar to support us in our action toward truth and reconciliation as outlined in the Indigenous Education Policy Framework, “Mamàhtawisiwin”. Grandma Janice met with me and the teachers throughout this year to explore what this work could look like at Gladstone. We talked about who we are, as a culturally diverse school community, and she suggested that a good place to start would be a focus on belonging. She feels the next generation’s sense of belonging (to each other and to the natural environment) is vital to their future and to the future of our planet. This really resonated with me.

One of the actions we are undertaking at Gladstone to promote belonging is the creation of 12 Branch Groups. Each group will be made up of about 20 students from Nursery to Grade 6. These “Branch Groups” will meet throughout the year for a variety of activities to build each child’s sense of belonging beyond their specific classroom. Activities will also be designed to increase awareness and understanding of how we all belong to the natural environment and how important our actions are in keeping our earth healthy. The assembly is intended to introduce this idea before students go and meet in their groups for the first time. We will all meet Grandma Janice and she will share some thoughts with us. Branch Groups will then meet together for some special activities.

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend this assembly. Further to this, I would love to have a follow-up conversation with any interested parents or guardians during the Coffee with the Principal we have scheduled for May 25th after the Family Library Night. I look forward to seeing this important work take shape this year and in years to come!

Sincerely,

Mr. Nikkel

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May



Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
					1 Day 5	2
3	4 Day 6 LIBRARY NIGHT (3:30-5:00 pm)	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4 NO CLASSES (Non-Instructional Day)	9
10	11 Day 5	12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16
17	18 NO CLASSES (Victoria Day)	19 Day 4	20 Day 5 BRANCHES ASSEMBLY (9:30 – 10:00)	21 Day 6	22 Day 1	23
24	25 Day 2 LIBRARY NIGHT (3:30-5:00 pm) COFFEE w/ the PRINCIPAL (5:00– 6:00 pm)	26 Day 3	27 Day 4	28 Day 5	29 Day 6	30
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SPECIAL NOTES

FAMILY LIBRARY NIGHT

We will be hosting our Family Library Nights on

Monday May 4th & May 25th from 3:30 pm-5:00 pm.

Please come in from the front door of the school and go upstairs to the library
(Room 10)

Students can sign out some books, take part in activities and have a snack!

On May 25th this will be followed by a Coffee with the Principal time (5:00 – 6:00)
where we will be discussing Gladstone’s partnership with Grandma Janice. More
information will follow.

WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Friendly reminder to families to ensure that your child(ren) comes to school with
the appropriate clothing for the weather. It is important that everyone is dressed
accordingly as we do still enjoy the outdoors during morning, lunch and afternoon
recess (weather permitting). As we get into the nicer months, please have
sunscreen and or bug spray applied **BEFORE** sending your child(ren) to school.

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SPECIAL NOTES

GLADSTONE SCHOOL'S ART SHOWCASE

JUNE 16
4:30-6:00

Cotton Candy
Popcorn
Fruit

Parents come with
your children and
enjoy a night of
games, treats,
dancing and art!

Dancing
Art Walks

Yahtzee
Bean Bag Toss
Snakes and Ladders
Jenga
Tic Tac Toe
Lawn Bowling
Sandbox
Tattos

PLEASE BRING
chairs and blankets
for sitting

STAY TUNED
More information
to come!

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