Good Afternoon Glen Allan families,

The month of September flew by and it feels great to hear the laughter and see the students engaged in meaningful learning activities! Thank you for taking the time to watch our Meet the Staff videos. We are blessed with an amazing staff who demonstrate their commitment and dedication to making Glen Allan Elementary School a warm and caring place to be for your children daily!

Thank you also for supporting our **Terry Fox Run**. Although the actual run looked different this year, the students participated with enthusiasm and we had a beautiful day for it. Students were also engaged in classroom activities about Terry Fox and we were reminded why it is so important to do our part for cancer research. I had the opportunity to take lots of pictures was very proud of the students for their efforts. We raised **$544.00 for cancer research**,

Tomorrow (**Wednesday, October 7) is early dismissal**! Your child will be dismissed at 2:08 so please plan accordingly.

We have a couple of opportunities to connect during the month of October. The next virtual **Glen Allan School Council (GASC) meeting** will be on **Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m**. We are confident that we have ironed out our technology issues and will send more information after the long weekend about how to join us. If you would like to stay informed, the minutes from the September meeting can be found under the School Council tab on the school website. [https://www.glenallanelementary.ca/sch-council/school-council-agenda](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/pWXrEPpxGv5DbcGLOnemIA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhXgEnP0REaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ2xlbmFsbGFuZWxlbWVudGFyeS5jYS9zY2gtY291bmNpbC9zY2hvb2wtY291bmNpbC1hZ2VuZGFXB3NjaG9vbG1CCgBHp818X3poimZSFWp1ZHkuYW5kZXJzb25AZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

In October we also look forward to **Parent/Teacher Interviews** that will be held on **Wednesday, October 21 and Thursday, October 22 from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. for all students in grades 1 - 6.** Having parent teacher interviews prior to report cards will give you and your child the opportunity to focus on targeted areas for growth as well as celebrate the successes thus far. Please note, **Kindergarten interviews will take place on November 24/25** at which time, teachers can discuss your child’s progress report. Next week you will receive detailed information about booking your interview but please save the dates in your October calendar! **All interviews will be either virtual or by phone depending on the teacher.**

October starts with the excitement of **Read-In Week**! The theme for this year is **Reading Around the World**! Ask your child if they have watched any videos of staff members reading this week. Here is a sample if you want to participate in a story at home as a family:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y41Im1MrfekJ\_l94RwcttmiJgtYI17z3?usp=sharing](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/4kmwFtJxlHECGWFXH_h3Sg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhXgEnP0RUaHR0cHM6Ly9kcml2ZS5nb29nbGUuY29tL2RyaXZlL2ZvbGRlcnMvMVk0MUltMU1yZmVrSl9sOTRSd2N0dG1pSmd0WUkxN3ozP3VzcD1zaGFyaW5nVwdzY2hvb2xtQgoAR6fNfF96aIpmUhVqdWR5LmFuZGVyc29uQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)

Although we have had amazing weather in September, Fall has definitely arrived! With the changes in temperatures, please make sure your child is dressed for the weather as it can be unpredictable.

We have a **professional learning day coming up for staff on Friday, October 9**, which will give us opportunity as a staff to **focus our learning on Brightspace**. As some of you may know, EIPS has recently adopted the D2L Brightspace as our primary learning management system (LMS). The purpose of a LMS is to provide a virtual environment for teaching and learning. Having a platform like Brightspace will allow students and teachers to remain connected to their classrooms, even when they are not able to attend school. At the start of this school year the Division had been focusing on Brightspace as a tool for our out-of-school learners. However, Brightspace is a tool for all EIPS families, not just those registered in out-of-school learning.

Over the coming weeks all EIPS teachers will be engaging in a variety of professional development activities geared towards learning the functions of Brightspace. We are thankful for the time on October 9 for some of this learning to take place!

If a particular cohort of students is legally required to quarantine, Brightspace will be used by their classroom teacher to provide continuity in their programming and as a way to connect with students.

Students can access Brightspace by using their division-assigned email and password. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be having our students practice this in class. **Parents and guardians can access** [Brightspace for Parents](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/f4IpIJ1Fb7xiVv2JhX_VXA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhXgEnP0QlaHR0cDovL2VpcHMuYnJpZ2h0c3BhY2UuY29tL2QybC9sb2NhbFcHc2Nob29sbUIKAEenzXxfemiKZlIVanVkeS5hbmRlcnNvbkBlaXBzLmNhWAQAAAAC) to view upcoming work and posts from teachers. If you have never logged into Brightspace for Parents before, select Forgot your password to set up a new account. An email will be sent to you with instructions for creating your account. For more information, please refer to the [Brightspace Parent Guide.](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/c_afsdyDplwl6kGBUZjo3w~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhXgEnP0QjaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZWlwcy5jYS9kb3dubG9hZC8yOTg1NzdXB3NjaG9vbG1CCgBHp818X3poimZSFWp1ZHkuYW5kZXJzb25AZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

Our professional learning on Friday leads into an extra-long weekend for families. I hope you have a peaceful and restful Thanksgiving and are able to spend some time with family.

Thank you for your continued support. If you ever have any questions, feedback or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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Principal