



# GL ROBERTS CVI

NEWSLETTER 2018-2019, Volume 2

## RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS!

### Shane Camara

Shane has been nominated for the respect award. He treats both staff members and students in a very respectful and courteous manner.

### Gabby Stacey

Gabby is a very responsible student and has shown great skills and character in her grade 10 hospitality class.

### Natalie Farnham

Natalie has shown great excellence this semester, demonstrating great achievement in particular within her grade 12 chemistry class.



## UNITY IN UNIQUENESS: GIRLS' NIGHT AT GL ROBERTS CVI



Planning is underway for our second Girls' Night at GL Roberts. We will be inviting students to join us at the school on the evening of **April 25 from 4:45-7:45 pm**. Attendees are welcome to bring a guest/support for a meal and a keynote speaker, followed by several break-out activities. Each activity will focus on integrating a staff member or guest who will who will speak about wellness, empowerment and future opportunities. Some of the activities include: Women in the Trades, Yoga & Mindfulness, Baking, STEM activities, Cards & Stamping, and Hair Care, which will highlight our wonderful Durham Hairstylist Academy at GL Roberts.

We look forward to creating a positive and engaging shared experience for students, guests and staff.

**This is a FREE event! Sign up will take place in the Pit the first week of April.**



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- February 15, 2019 P.A. Day
- February 18, 2019 Family Day Holiday
- March 8-15, 2019 March Break
- March 19, 2019 Progress Reports
- March 21, 2019 Parent-Teacher Interviews
- March 27, 2019 Literacy Test Day (OSSLT)
- April 5, 2019 Provincial Priority Day

- April 13, 2019 Parents as Partners Conference
- April 16, 2019 Semester 2, Term 2 Begins
- April 16, 2019 Student Recognition Night
- April 19, 2019 Good Friday Holiday
- April 22, 2019 Easter Monday Holiday
- April 23, 2019 Midterm Report Cards

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMIN TEAM**



**GL Roberts CVI** @GLRobertsCVI · 2m  
#liveatglr Mr. Grainger delves into the #epigenetics of geraniums and how environmental factors have subtle influence on the end-product (beautiful flowers)



**GL Roberts CVI** @GLRobertsCVI · 1d  
#glrlarningjourney Ms. Birney narrows down the search for the best audio equipment that will make our upcoming innovative recording space perfect... stay tuned!



**GL Roberts CVI** @GLRob... · 2019-01-16  
#liveatglr Lakewoods Leopards in the lead over the Phillips Falcons, right here at GLR! Glad to host our family of schools. - Go Lakewoods!



**GL Roberts CVI** @GLRobertsCVI · 6d  
#liveatglr thank you grade 8 parents for joining us for our informational evening! Excellent transitions begin here!



**You really need to follow us on twitter!**  
**@GLRobertsCVI**

Here's the thing - we want all of our community members to know about the great stuff happening at GLR every day. One way that we broadcast our

awesomeness is through our twitter feed. We tweet about events, what we learn as we go along, and all the fun we have in doing so. Our students are gaining exposure to new ways of learning, meeting interesting and knowledgeable people, trying on new roles, participating in innovative activities, and running authentic events. This is a remarkable place to be, and

we want you to catch glimpses of it from wherever you are. **Step 1:** get the twitter app. **Step 2:** make an account. **Step 3:** search for @GLRobertsCVI **Step 4:** FOLLOW US!



**Chef Mike** @chefmike12... · 2019-01-14  
Sideways Dinner #ratatouille #creamedchard #sauteedcremini #potatowedges



As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or praise, reach out and contact us. 905-728-7594

Yours in Education,  
*Ms. Evanoff & Mr. Broumeriotis*



# EQUITY NEWS

## INDIGENOUS STUDENT CIRCLE



We have started an Indigenous Student Circle Lunch and Learn group this year at GLR. We meet and enjoy lunch, while being taught by Elders (Bernard and Tammy Nelson). Students have had the opportunity to create bead bracelets, and on another occasion to paint feathers. In December, our group was able to travel to the board office to meet Logan Statts, an Indigenous singer who won the first episode of the TV show "The Launch". In February our learning circle will be travelling to Peterborough to the Canoe Museum to learn more about the history of the local Indigenous Peoples, and to make/craft a canoe paddle of their own.



## BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GLR is in the process of forming a Black Student Association. This is meant to be a regular meeting place, where students can have a safe environment to learn, grow and discuss issues that they feel are relevant to them as Black students. It will also provide an opportunity for students to take a leadership role in the school, helping to make it an inclusive environment for all students. The GLBSA will meet bi-weekly for lunch and learn meetings. We had our kick off lunch meeting on Monday, February 4, 2019. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at lunch in Room 312.

We are in the process of celebrating Black History Month all February at GLR. On February 7, we had an assembly where students heard from Black leaders in the community, Nickidia Thompson and Talisa Dover. We also had the opportunity to enjoy the dance talents of Prempz and our own GLR students. Other events will be weekly BHM trivia and prizes, foods at the breakfast club, posters and information throughout the school, as well as a few students who will have the opportunity to attend the Ryerson BHM- A Celebration of Excellence-Gala downtown Toronto.





The Grade 10 and 12 Hairstyling classes have finished a very productive semester. Haircolouring, styling and cutting were completed with Ms. Bourke enjoying some peaceful moments of observational assessment. **Congratulations to all the students!** What a wonderful end to a fun filled learning experience.



## MATH DEPARTMENT

Students are elated to have written EQAO in Grade 9 this year. Those students who achieved a Level 3 on the test did not have to write their final math exam! A number of students were very happy to have the extra time to prepare for another class!

For students beginning math this term, we have the Math Help Room that is available to students every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at lunch in room 214. Students are encouraged to bring questions and their lunch to the room and work with teachers while feeding their brains and stomachs! Please also join your teacher's Google Classroom for up to date information from your own class.



Math contests will be written in April, and to prepare for them, we have the Math Club every Thursday at lunch in room 214. Math Club starts on Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Math – it may not teach you how to breathe oxygen or exhale carbon dioxide. It may not teach you how to love a friend or forgive an enemy. But it does give us a reason to hope that every problem has a solution.*

The math department wants to help solve your problems. Do Math!



# TORONTO CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

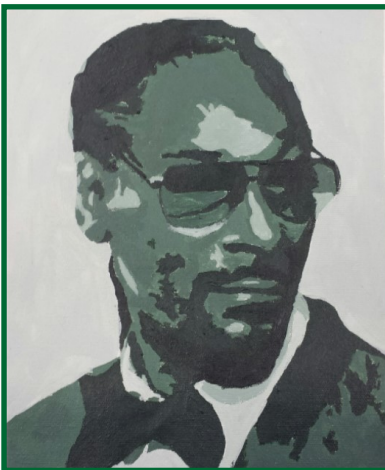


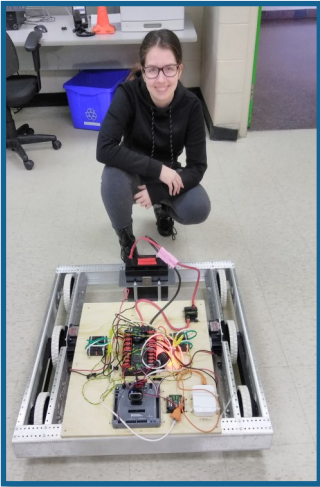
December 14, 2018 proved to be both rainy and FUN for Mr. Kuchirka and Ms. Matthie when they took several classes into Toronto for a cultural experience. Visiting the CBC building, the golden bank, Union Station and the Christmas Market were great learning adventures for our students. Students enjoyed their free time walking around the Christmas market where some had a chance to sample foods, treats and festive hot beverages. Toronto is a lot more than a shopping hot spot, it also proved to be a very historically interesting place. Thanks to all the students who participated and made this trip a success.

## ART MATTERS



The art students in Ms. Davis' Room 103 successfully completed their first semester by creating many beautiful works. The grade nines did a super job painting monochromatic portraits of celebrities. The grade elevens travelled back to fifteenth century Italy, stopping in Venice for their painting techniques. The eleven open class like to put their own perspective on their work! The NAC class learned about the Turtle Moon Phases as one of their summative works. To see more of these creations join us for our annual **ArtsFest: May 29, 2019** when the students from the music, drama and visual arts departments will show case their talents! Also happening in this spring is **For Arts Sake**. The biannual exhibition of DDSB's secondary arts students' work at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery, April 4 to April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. G.L. Roberts will be well represented. Come out and support the arts!





This year we have launched a new team with the goal of learning about Science and Technology through real-world robotics applications. When the robotics team began, we wanted to gain some experience in the programming and designing of a robot. In order to do this, we signed up for the UOIT LEGO Robotics Competition on November 24th. Our team spent 5 days designing, building, and programming a LEGO robot to compete in “sumo wrestling” matches with other robots. On competition day, we were able to overcome some last-minute coding problems, and successfully pushed two of the largest robots off of the “sumo” table. Our team placed 44th out of 60 teams - a great result for a rookie team such as ours.

***“FIRST is More Than Robots. FIRST participation is proven to encourage students to pursue education and careers in STEM-related fields, inspire them to become leaders and innovators, and enhance their 21<sup>st</sup> century work-life skills.”***

*- Dean Kamen, founder of FIRST*

After learning from our experiences at the UOIT LEGO Robotics competition, our team set our sights on the 2019 FIRST Robotics Competition. The theme for this year’s competition is Deep Space; the game involves placing rubber balls (cargo) into a cargo ship, and securing the cargo with plastic panels in order to prepare the “spacecraft” for launch. Currently, we are in the middle of an intensive 6-week period of building and programming our robot.

This build process has been made possible by an incredible amount of financial support. We have received a total of \$9500 in grants and sponsorship so far this year. Our sponsors are The Argosy Foundation (\$5000), FIRST Robotics Canada (\$2000), and Microsoft (\$2500). We have also received discounts and guidance from local suppliers like Oshawa Bearings. Our team is grateful for all the help we have received. Special thanks to Kyle Deegan, Brandon Phillips, Derek Ganz, Mark Patterson and UOIT student mentor Dawson Haw for helping out this year.

Once our robot is completed, we will begin practicing for our first Regional Qualifier, which takes place at UOIT/Durham College on March 1st-3rd. Our second Regional Qualifier takes place one month later at McMaster University on April 5th-7th. From these qualifying tournaments, we hope to advance to the Regional Championships in mid-April in Mississauga.





# ENGLISH

The English department is proud of our Semester 1 Grade 9 students for their reading accomplishments this semester. Guided and choice reading is becoming a large part of our programming. Students are developing agency and identity in their reading and learning.



# LITERACY



The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test is approaching on March 27, 2019. All Grade 10 students will be writing this assessment of reading and writing skills. The OSSLT fulfills the literacy requirement for graduation. There is an after-school program running on Tuesdays and Thursdays for students who need extra guidance in their literacy skills. Please see Ms. Petric or the library for permission forms.

# CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

We had a very successful first semester in the Cooperative Education Department this school year. Students completed work placements within our community at a variety of places such as Bloor Street Animal Hospital, The City of Oshawa, Touch of a Paw Spa, Kelsey's Restaurant, Fix Auto, retail stores, and elementary schools among many.

Congratulations to the students who completed a minimum of 220 hours of work experience and earned two credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. We look forward to another great semester of Cooperative Education including the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP). This is a program for students to explore and gain training in the skilled trades. Aaryn Sykes and Star Jackman will participate in the Hairstyling program with placements at local salons. Kathleen Loughheed is in the Chef program with a placement at Avanti Trattoria.

Good luck to all our students in second semester as they gain valuable work experience and enhance their employability skills. For further information please contact Ms. Teed.



# INCLUSIVE STUDENT SERVICES

- Yearly Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) meeting for all formally identified students will be held during the months of February, March, April and May.
- Invitations for the IPRC will be sent home via Canada Post indicating a date and time for the meeting being held at G.L. Roberts C.V.I.
- It is an important meeting to be able to review your son or daughter's exceptionality, placement and post-secondary transition planning.

Please contact the Special Education Department with any questions.

# LOOKING FOR A FUTURE IN CONSTRUCTION?



G. L. Roberts C.V.I & Partnering Schools students in Grade 11 and 12 continue to build on learning opportunities in our outdoor cooperative education “on site” residential construction program. Each semester the award winning *Oshawa Construction Co-op Internship Program* offers through our *Cooperative Education Department* this 4 credit, **all day** outdoor construction program working directly with various skilled trades on new home building sites and with contractors in home renovations. If you like working outdoors, enjoy working with tools and equipment and find satisfaction in creating and building then this may be a great choice for you. Both young men and women for the past 17 years have

benefited from this unique learning opportunity and now have this program as part of their home school offering. Students currently in Grade 10 should also give this opportunity some consideration for next year.

Students will spend the first few days of the semester at G.L. in pre-placement, before going to the construction sites, learning about the *Construction Health and Safety, Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Certification* training directly related to the construction industry, as well as employment expectations and responsibilities while being a student in the working world. In addition, students will receive training on the “new” law in Ontario known as “*Working from Heights*” and this training will be provided by industry certification leaders. The construction skilled labour workforce in the next 5 -10 years is facing a huge shortfall in workers as many of today’s workers will soon be retiring. Durham Region especially in the Eastern areas of Oshawa/Whitby and Clarington continues to see rapid growth in urban development and the need for skilled workers opens up some great opportunities for young men and women in the construction industry.



## Some typical construction trades that may interest you:

- Brick / stone mason
- General carpenter
- Framing carpenter
- Finishing carpenter
- Drywall board installer
- Insulation installer
- Concrete finisher/ parger
- Vinyl siding installer
- Plumber/Electrician
- H.A.V.C. heating, air conditioning,
- Home renovations
- Drywall taper/ finisher

**MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT GUIDANCE or the CO-OP OFFICE APPLY TODAY!**  
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

**G.L. Roberts C.V.I.**

APPLICATIONS for 2019 -2020 School Year will be available March 1st, 2019 through the Co-op Office at G.L. Roberts and participating D.D.S.B. Secondary Schools



# BOYS BASKETBALL



Anthony Porter from *I'm Possible Training* conducted a two day camp at G.L. Roberts over the Christmas break (photo above). Kids from then entire GTA enrolled for one-on-one training from this current NBA trainer. He will be back March 30/31 for another camp.

The G.L. Junior Boys basketball team won the *Chippewa 24* team tournament in North Bay. The team also came in second place at another event in the York region. The team also defeated Ronald Marion 102-40 to win the LOSSA championship.

GL Senior Boys won the championship at a 12 team tournament in Ottawa and came in second at an event in London. The team won the silver medal at the Richmond hill tournament on February 4, and were finalists in Belleville classic. All star awards going to Tye Curry and Tristan Paguirigan.

Both teams are undefeated in LOSSA league play. The Seniors have an overall record to date of 28-7 and the Juniors 21-4.

LOSSA championships will be held at G.L. Roberts mid-February!

**Congratulations to both teams on a great season!**



# GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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## College and University Applications

The deadlines for equal consideration for college and university for this coming September have passed. They were January 16<sup>th</sup> for university and February 1<sup>st</sup> for college. Students who are still interested in applying should contact the Guidance Office as soon as possible. There will be an Ontario Student Assistance Program (O.S.A.P.) information session on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at G.L. Roberts for graduating Grade 12 students and any interested parents.

There was a Financial Aid Webinar information session on Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup>, through Trent Durham from 7-8pm. This was advertised to students through their grade Google Classroom and it provided information on Financing Education, OSAP and Financial Aid. It was available to all students heading off to post-secondary and who are interested in learning about financial aid.

## PARENT –TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We will be holding our Parent-Teacher Interview Night on  
**Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m.**

Please come to meet your child's teachers for semester 2. Mark progress reports will be issued on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to review these with your child, as they are a good indicator of your child's current effort and potential for success in their semester two classes.

## Grade 8 to 9 Transitioning Process

Our Guidance staff made presentations to the Grade 8 students of our four feeder schools in January, and our Grade 8 Parents' Night was held on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, with much success. Course selection will again be completed on-line this year. Students are asked to return [Course Request Sign Off sheets and their Choosing My Success Planning Tool to their child's Grade 8 teacher by Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019](#). If you have a student entering Grade 9 at G.L. Roberts in September and have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Guidance Office at 905-728-7594.

## G.L. Roberts Course Selection for 2018-2019 School Year

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, Guidance held assemblies for our students to help give some background knowledge about course offerings and review the course selection process. During the month of February, students should be independently reviewing their course selections for the upcoming school year. Once again, students will be choosing courses on-line through the Career Cruising website. Once their courses are chosen, they must bring in their Course Request Sign Off form with a parent or guardian signature. We ask that the parents discuss the choices with their children to ensure that they are making the best choices possible. Reviewing your student's progress on [www.careercruising.com/login/ddsb](http://www.careercruising.com/login/ddsb) can help students make decisions on course choices and pathway plans. **The signed forms are due back to the Guidance Office by February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** If there are any questions, please contact the Guidance Office at 905-728-7594. To view your student's course selections online visit: [www.careercruising.com/login/ddsb](http://www.careercruising.com/login/ddsb).



# SCHOOL SUPPORTS FOR SMOKE-FREE ONTARIO ACT 2017

As part of our ongoing efforts to support schools with the changes to tobacco legislation, and new Cannabis legislation ( Bill C45 the Cannabis Act), (Bill 36, the Provincial Act concerning Cannabis) (Smoke Free Ontario Act, SFOA), the Safe Schools Department has updated policies and procedure and created a communication tool to assist you when informing your school community.

- Please refer to the link to a [Safety Tips Poster](#) that you can use to support your communication regarding potential safety and community issues that may arise due to the in changes to the Tobacco/Cannabis legislation
- You can use this document as newsletter insert as well as posting it on your school website and/or by posting on your social media platform (Twitter, Facebook)
- If you wish, you can also print the poster to place near your exists or you can order the posters by contacting [sheryl.pearson@ddsb.ca](mailto:sheryl.pearson@ddsb.ca) at DDSB Creative Services

Policy 5500 Code of Conduct and Student Discipline and 5145 Prohibiting Smoking and Use of Associated Devices have been revised and are going to February Board for approval.

The following are changes of note regarding Policy 5500

- Reasons for Suspension
  - ◆ Possessing alcohol, illegal drugs or, **unless the pupil is a medical cannabis user, cannabis**
  - ◆ Being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or, **unless the pupil is a medical cannabis user, cannabis**
  - ◆ In addition, Principals/Vice-Principals must consider the following; **As defined in the Education Act, a medical cannabis user is a person who is authorized to possess cannabis for the person's own medical purpose in accordance with applicable federal law**
- Reasons for Suspension, Investigation and Possible Expulsion
  - ◆ Giving alcohol or **cannabis** to a minor

**Note: The medical use of cannabis must be treated like other prescribed medications, and requires a prescription by a licensed medical doctor, or nurse practitioner and safe and appropriate storage and handling**

The following are changes of note regarding Policy 5145

- Smoking and vaping, including the smoking and vaping of cannabis and medical cannabis is prohibited by the SFOA and the School Code of Conduct **within 20 metres of school property.**
- Any persons found in violation of the SFOA will be subject to a provincial offence fine. Students in violation of the SFOA may also be subject to progressive discipline under DDSB policies.

Code of Conduct

- Please revise your School Code of Conduct to reflect the changes in policy and procedure (refer to 5500 for process of reviewing your Code of Conduct)
  - ◆ Please communicate the changes to your school community

Enforcement of the SFOA

- Recently an email was sent to all Administrator with a list of the [Tobacco Enforcement Contacts](#) for your region.
- Tobacco Enforcement is not an emergency service, but responds to a violation report (refer to the [forms](#) in [Policy Appendix](#))
- Tobacco Enforcement works from a progressive discipline framework
- Tobacco Enforcement continues to distribute update signage, once you have receive the new signage please post in the required locations.

If you require more information about the changes or need support accessing Tobacco Enforcement to connect with Dan Hogan Substance Use Violence Prevention Coordinator [dan.hogan@ddsb.ca](mailto:dan.hogan@ddsb.ca) .