



GL ROBERTS CVI

NEWSLETTER 2020-2021, Volume 1

Greetings to everyone!

We are excited that GL Roberts CVI is once again open to the students of our community providing a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment.

We would first like to welcome Jacqueline Crosby as the new Vice Principal here at GL Roberts. Mrs. Crosby's heart is to provide our students with opportunities to promote equity and to help them acquire the knowledge and skills they need to build positive human relationships as members of the global community. We are so proud of our GLR community who have made it our number one priority to provide safe spaces for our students to learn and develop their skills in all classes, including gym, art, drama, culinary arts and music. We are so impressed with how our students have shown great resiliency, perseverance and determination as they daily participate in this hybrid model of education. Students are learning how to navigate through an educational world which includes both in-person and virtual interaction. Not only are our students developing their technology skills through their on-line classes, but they get to network with their classmates, teachers, educational assistants and support staff within their 'cohort bubble' (Group A or B).



Students truly have been very co-operative with following all the new protocols, including wearing a mask, using hand sanitizer regularly, following directional arrows and physical distancing throughout the entire building.

For students who require extra support, our Guidance and Special Education teams have worked hard to ensure that students have access to opportunities that encourage both academic and student mental health supports.

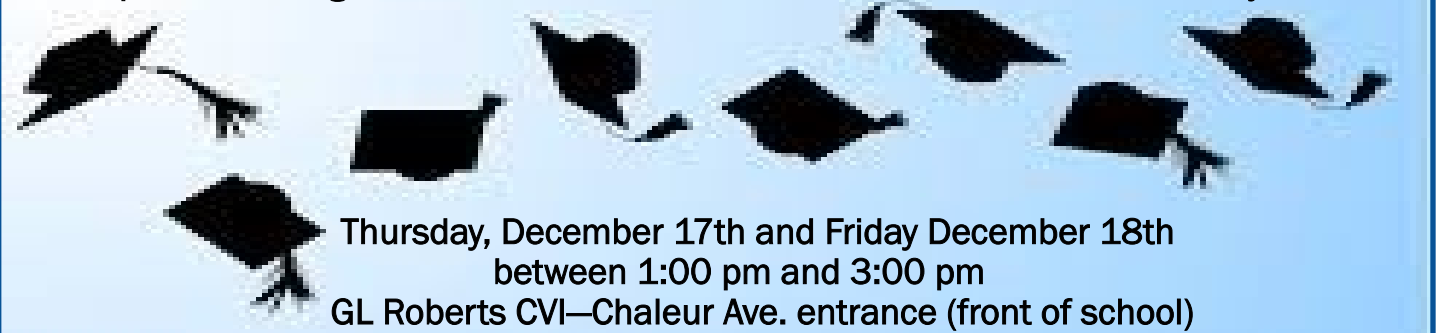
In the coming days you will have the opportunity to connect with your child's teacher for a parent/guardian interview either virtually or by phone. If you would like assistance in connecting with your child's teacher, feel free to complete the Google Form <https://forms.gle/6csWqs4CbRWf5DWUA> and we will help you get connected for your parent/guardian-teacher interview(s). This is an opportunity to engage in important conversations surrounding your child's strengths and areas for improvements.

The Character Trait for the month of October at the DDSB is "Teamwork." Truly the smooth start up this year to prepare for our students was a team effort consisting of an amazing custodial team, clerical staff, teachers, and educational assistants. We look forward to partnering with parents/guardians to ensure that all our students continue to stay safe and healthy as they journey through this school year.

- Mrs. Evanoff & Mrs. Crosby

2019-2020 GRADUATES

GLR is proud to recognize our 2019-2020 Graduates with a drive thru ceremony!



Thursday, December 17th and Friday December 18th
between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm
GL Roberts CVI—Chaleur Ave. entrance (front of school)

We hope these times allow an opportunity for Graduates to come and celebrate their achievements and receive their diploma and awards.



RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS!

Here at G.L Roberts, we like to acknowledge students who work hard and go the 'extra mile' in their efforts and actions. Our staff members nominate students and three recipients are chosen twice a semester who exemplify respect, responsibility and excellence. We are proud to announce our first set of winners!

RESPECT

Liza Vandenhooen shows respect daily towards the EAs, other students, and her teachers. She respects her classroom work as she always completes it and offers to help with various activities around the class. Liza also respects the school rules including the new Covid protocols by always wearing her mask and/or shield in class.



RESPONSIBILITY

Ken Thickson, is an ideal example given his perfect attendance record this year. He has been the leader of his Transitions to Work class maintaining the gardens at the school and volunteer outings to help local seniors with yard work. He has been an empathetic coach and supporter of some newer students and has given his free time to train some students on Durham Transit bus routes.



EXCELLENCE

Anne Charpentier has joined Student Council this year and has brought great energy and enthusiasm! She is one of our Student Senators and is extremely devoted to our Student Council. Anne has also been doing very well in her classes where she likes to answer questions, shows a strong work ethic, and assists her peers regularly.



GLR TRIVIA

Thanks to Ms. Beresford for adding a bit of fun to our mornings by hosting GLR's Music Trivia Contest during daily morning announcements. It's been fun to solve which tunes she's spinning and listen to some old favorites. Music Trivia will be missed but will be replaced by Hallowe'en BINGO. Seasonal Holiday contests will follow.

These lucky winners correctly answered the Thanksgiving Trivia questions. Well done!



BUTTERFLY RELEASE CIRCLE



Students enjoyed a warm September morning on GLR's front lawn learning about the life cycle of butterflies and how they migrate to Mexico. Big thanks to Jim and Shiela Ellis for spending time teaching and collaborating with our students.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Staff bringing awareness and honouring our Indigenous Community and victims of residential schools.



September 30th has been marked nationally as Orange Shirt Day. This day is an opportunity for schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation to commemorate and recognize Residential School Survivors. Phyllis (Jack) Webstad's story recalls her 1973 placement in a residential school. Her grandmother had purchased a new orange shirt for Phyllis to wear her first day at the Mission school. Sadly, when Phyllis got to the Mission, her clothes were taken and she never saw the orange shirt again. Phyllis felt like her feelings didn't matter and that no one cared. She has been on a healing journey since childhood and tells her story so that others might benefit and understand.

DURHAM REGION INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



IT'S TIME.

**TIME TO ENGAGE.
TIME TO DISCUSS.
TIME TO LEARN.**

DRIFF EDU 2020
brings art into the classroom.



GLR was involved in the Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF), for the 3rd year in a row. This year, the festival went virtual, but GLR was still included in the planning and sharing of the DRIFF Education Program with Secondary Schools across the DDSB. This year's programming focused on topical and relevant issues that are important to our students and our society. We value our relationship with DRIFF and the opportunities and experiences they

provide to our students, and appreciate the hard work put toward creating an enriching program for 2020. We look forward to hosting DRIFF in our beautiful lecture theater, with students from across the Durham District School Board in attendance, in the future.

TRANSITIONS TO WORK PROGRAM



The students in Mr. Kane's Transition to Work Program have been working hard on their resume writing, interview skills, employability skills training, safety in the workplace, and learning their bus routes using Durham Transit. Our students are anxious to get to work and all of our faithful employers are ready to welcome them back to their various places of employment. Unfortunately students are not yet able to go to their work placements because of

ongoing concerns with Covid. In the meantime, these hardworking students have put their employability skills to good use. They have been raking, weeding, trimming and cleaning the yards and gardens of GL Roberts. Many staff and community neighbours have commented on how awesome the place looks. As well, the students have started to take their gardening and lawn care skills on the road, helping neighbourhood seniors with gardening duties and raking in this fall season. If you or someone you know is a senior citizen or has physical limitations and lives within our school community, feel free to give the school a call and the GL Roberts Garden and Lawn Care Crew will see if we can help you out. For more information call the school and ask for Mr. Kane. GREAT JOB, CREW!



HOSPITALITY & TOURISM



Congratulations to students of Grade 10 Hospitality and Tourism for demonstrating considerable talent in the kitchen this Quadmester!! This is most relevant when put into Covid-19 perspective.



Students have had to get organized, prepare food, present food, clean and sanitize their kitchens without the benefit of a collaborative arrangement.



They have been given a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate excellence independently which has promoted self-reliance, initiative, and resilience. Their food was pretty awesome as well!



GUIDANCE NEWS



What's New?

We have **Google Classrooms** set up for every student according to their grade. Students should join the online classroom to keep up to date with events, news and opportunities available at G.L. Roberts. Students simply need to accept their virtual invitation.



Wednesday November 4, is an opportunity for our Grade 9 students to participate in the first ever **Virtual "Take Our Kids to Work Day"**. Cohort A students are required to be in school that day from 10 to 12:30pm. Resources from the following website can be utilized by both parent/guardians & educators.
<https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/>

Students who were recognized by their subject teacher for an "Award of Excellence" and/or met the Honour Roll criteria (80% or over average) during the 2019-2020 school year will be recognized on Wednesday November 4th. Congratulations to all the recipients in advance! Keep up the good work!



VOLUNTEER HOURS

Students require 40 hours of community service in order to graduate with their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. No doubt that this year is going to create challenges for our students to find and complete community hours. Any opportunities that come our way will be shared with students on the Guidance Google Classroom (students can access from their Grades Google Classroom). A website that has been useful in the past for community hours has been www.volunteerdurham.net

INDIVIDUAL PATHWAY PLANNING

MY BLUE PRINT

Ms. Hart has been busy doing introductory videos for our new IPP platform called "My Blueprint". Ms. Hart is posting new activities and tasks in the Grades Google Classroom regularly for students to complete. Life success can be greatly improved by planning and goal setting and that is the purpose of our students visiting and completing the My Blueprint tasks. Our goal at G.L. Roberts is that each of our students graduate high school and leave with confidence, and have a clear plan for their initial post-secondary destination; whether it be the apprenticeship, college, university, or workplace.

We encourage our students to access www.myblueprint.ca/ddsrb to help them develop their Individual Pathway Plan.



COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Did you know?



A Post Secondary **Google Classroom** has been created and an invite has been sent to **all grade 12s**. It is important for grade 12s to accept this invite so that they are able to access a multitude of resources that will help prepare them for college or university.

Ms. Hudgin, Head of Guidance, will be hosting a **Google Meet every Tuesday and Thursday to help grade 12's with any post secondary planning questions**. Students can access this Google Meet from the Post-Secondary Google Classroom.



Looking for free money to help fund your future schooling? Scholarships and Bursaries are posted regularly on the Post Secondary Google Classroom. Check it out! Be sure to register for Scholar Tree, Scholarships Canada and Yconic to receive regular emails.

VISITING CAMPUSES



Most Colleges and Universities in Ontario are not open to the public to visit this Fall because of COVID-19 restrictions. It is important to consider attending a virtual tour. For virtual tour dates and times please visit specific school websites. Students will also find virtual tour links by joining the **Post Secondary Google Classroom**. Colleges and Universities have virtual tours running regularly. Please check out their websites or have your grade 12's go to the Post-Secondary Google Classroom.

University and College Applications

College students are encouraged to go to www.ontariocolleges.ca to begin their online application. The deadline for equal consideration for college programs is **February 1st, 2021**. It is highly recommended that students complete their college application with their payment well before the **February 1st, 2021** deadline.



Application Deadline for Ontario Universities



Students interested in pursuing University need to be aware that, in November, students will receive their individual OUAC pin numbers, which allows them to proceed to www.ouac.ca to begin their online application. Application deadline for Ontario Universities is **Friday January 15th**. Once again, it is highly recommended that students complete their university application with their payment well before the **January 15, 2021** deadline.

SHSM Environmental Studies Program

G.L. Roberts runs a Specialized High Skills Major (SHSM) program in Environmental Studies. This program allows students to focus their high school grade 11 and 12 studies within an environmental perspective.

Courses within this program include science, horticulture, geography, technology, co-operative education & more. 'Reach Ahead' activities include job shadowing, college & university connections, field trips, guest speakers, & community events. Certifications include first aid, CPR, WHMIS, & industry-recognized trade skills.

Even with all the Covid protocols, we are still running our SHSM!

If you have a passion towards nature, and wish to learn more about this program, please send a message through Mr Grainger's Google Classrooms, or contact our Guidance department for further details. We need to have our student SHSM list completed soon, so please don't wait too long to decide!

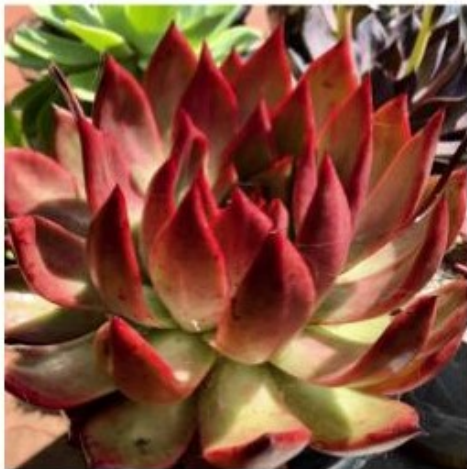


GREENHOUSE NEWS

Well, 2020 has sure been a challenge to us all! One major success story is our greenhouse at GL! We saved the plant collections, and while the normal plant sales were cancelled with the Covid restrictions, life goes and grows on!

This fall the horticulture students have been busy saving and planting seeds, taking clones, repotting plants, and diagnosing plant problems. It has been an excellent quadmester with motivated hard-working students! We also have added to our collection of succulents at GL Roberts! We purchased new varieties of aloe, gasteria, haworthia, crassula, and echeveria.

The fall hybridization experiments on our collection of geraniums (really perlargoniums) is also underway, with dozens of promising crosses setting seed. We have the largest collection in Canada, with over 500 varieties. Truly a beautifully diverse collection!



Echeveria 'Scarlet'



Aloe 'Piranha'

STUDENT COUNCIL

A Message from Student Council:

Student Council is thrilled to welcome back the GLR community. We are excited about all the events we have coming up (at a distance of course), and are kicking off this year with....



Quadmester 2 Goodie Bags



Remembrance Day Tribute



Holiday spirit week



Stay tuned for more fun events/activities throughout the year.

Our Student Senators have been busy representing our school at Student Senate. We have two Senators who will be our GLR Ambassadors for student voice and advocacy!

If you are still interested in a leadership opportunity and want to join GL's Student Council, please get in touch with Ms. Floras-Matic or Mr. Peel.

VOLUNTEER OF DISTINCTION AWARD

WARREN EDWARDS

The DDSB Volunteer of Distinction Award celebrates outstanding people that dedicate their time to working with schools and students. Warren Edwards has been voted as our GLR 2019-20 Volunteer of Distinction. He demonstrates commitment to the students of G.L. Roberts, as well as the community of South Oshawa.



Warren keenly values giving back to the community. He is also an alumnus of G.L. Roberts. As a student, he was an active member of the school community and an integral part of the basketball team. Warren has continued with his post-secondary journey where he pursued his passion for working with youth - Centennial College (Recreation & Leisure), Durham College (Youth Corrections & Interventions). He has run successful and meaningful programming in both Halifax and Oshawa, called Project Impact. Warren is currently seeking a Finance degree at OUIT/ Ontario Tech.

Last year, Warren (Project Impact) held weekly Lunch & Learns in our new Community Hub. He worked with students to develop skills and strategies in resilience, conflict management, and in ways to build self-confidence. He continues to make a difference in our school and after speaking with many of the students in the program, it is clear that he has a definite connection and impact. Our students feel that he listens to them and understands what they are going through. They respect him because, he too, has overcome many challenges. They see him as a leader and continually look forward to working with him.

In the past, Warren participated in the United We Stand Conference (an annual GLR event) as one of our motivational speakers. His sessions were well attended; many of the students specifically chose his session because they knew him through their community programs. He engages students in an authentic manner and sincerely cares about their pathways. We are very proud of Warren and appreciate his commitment in supporting our students and school community.

FEELING THANKFUL

Ms. Hart graciously shared her list of Gratitude with students and staff in honour of Thanksgiving.

“I am thankful for your effort to continue to learn”

“I am thankful you show up whether in person or virtually to class”

“I am grateful you make yourself and your education a priority”

“I am grateful for so many things—our students are among my list”

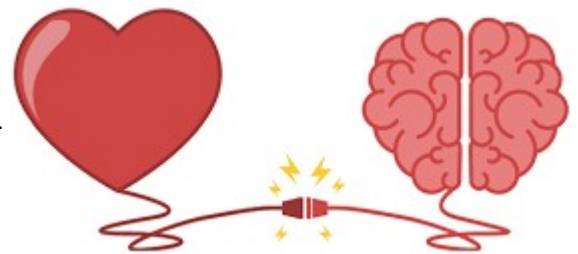


WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

C.L.E.A.R

Controlling & Learning about Emotions, Anger & Reactions

C.L.E.A.R. is providing students aged 14–17 years of age with the opportunity to learn new skills and make positive life choices. **Every Tuesday starting November 3rd at 6:00–7:30 pm ,for 4 weeks, on-line Zoom meeting.** Please contact Jarred Brown to register at jbrown@bgcdurham.com 289-404-3259.



COVID-19 SCREENING

Students, parents, and school staff

Answer a few questions before leaving for school.

To help decide if you should or should not go to school today.



covid-19.ontario.ca

Screening Questions:

Are students currently experiencing any of these symptoms:

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| Fever/chills | Decreased smell/taste |
| Cough/barking cough | Sore throat |
| Shortness of breath | Runny/stuffy nose |
| Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea | Headache |
| Extreme fatigue | |

Durhamhealth@stopthespreadosh

NOW CANADA-WIDE!

Black Youth Helpline is pleased to announce that our STAY-IN-SCHOOL PROGRAM & SUPPORT SERVICES for Canadian Youth is available Canada-wide!

REACH US AT 416-285-9944 or 416-739-8989 Toll Free 1-833-294-8650/1-833-BYH-8650

BRIDGING CULTURES FOR YOUTH SUCCESS

What We Do:

- Serve as the point of contact and support for youth, parents, schools, and key stakeholders who work with youth
- Help Youth and families address concerns in the school system and communities
- Help schools and other youth serving organizations understand and manage the most vulnerable children and the multi-cultural challenges of working across cultures
- Help achieve the best possible outcome for each child/youth/family

SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



Providing safe learning environments is a strong and constant focus at the Durham District School Board. Families should however recognize that there is always a potential risk of injury with field trips, sports and other student activities both on and off school grounds. Accidents can happen, despite precautions to prevent them. Accidental injuries may involve medical, dental or other expenses not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans.

Please be aware that the Durham District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries. For your convenience, we do make available a Student Accident Insurance program through Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. This program offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable prices.

All rates are one-time annual premiums. The insurance agreement is between **you** and **Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada**. For complete details please refer to the *insuremykids Protection Plan* information/application form or visit their website at: www.insuremykids.com.

MAKE TIME ... For Yourself!

Remember the importance of **making yourself and your success a priority**. Make use of your Online Support period to seek help on challenges and to complete work on time.

SHOW UP FOR YOURSELF!

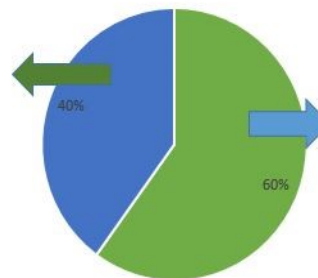


6 Weeks done and 4 to go! Students have overcome so many new challenges during the past 6 weeks. Just imagine what can be accomplished over the next 4. Make yourself and your education a priority **You are worth it!**

Quad 1: Completion

■ 1st Term of Q1 ■ 2nd Term of Q1

You can accomplish so much over the next 4 weeks. What will you do?



What You've Done Since September:

- Started school
- Learned a new schedule
- Met new teachers
- Began new courses
- Used different ways of learning

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Quadmesters

- November 16, 2020—Quad 2 Begins
- February 2, 2021—Quad 3 Begins
- April 22, 2021—Quad 4 Begins

Cohorted Fridays

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| October 23, 2020—Cohort B | November 27, 2020—Cohort A |
| October 30, 2020—Cohort B | December 4, 2020—Cohort B |
| November 6, 2020—Cohort A | December 11, 2020—Cohort B |
| November 13, 2020—PA Day | December 18, 2020—Cohort A |
| November 20, 2020—Cohort A | |

Tentative Tech Support Days—Wednesday/Thursday/Alternate Fridays

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| November 4, 2020—Wednesday | November 26, 2020—Thursday |
| November 5, 2020—Thursday | November 27, 2020—Friday |
| November 11, 2020—Wednesday | December 2, 2020—Wednesday |
| November 12, 2020—Thursday | December 3, 2020—Thursday |
| November 13, 2020—PA Day | December 9, 2020—Wednesday |
| November 18, 2020—Wednesday | December 10, 2020—Thursday |
| November 19, 2020—Thursday | December 11, 2020—Friday |
| November 25, 2020—Wednesday | |

Dates to Remember

October 26—30—Parent Teacher virtual and phone interviews



November 11, 2020 -Remembrance Day



December 18, 2020—Last day before Holidays

December 21—January 1—Winter Holidays

January 4, 2021—Classes Resume

