



GL ROBERTS CVI

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"Education is the most powerful weapon in which you can use to change the world"

Nelson Mandela

This year has been filled with a lot of first time memories for many of us. Although the pandemic has made it more challenging for us to participate in the wonderful experiences that high school has to offer, we have persevered and found ways to find joy, excitement and celebration. Whether it was through virtual celebrations, in class events, sports events, art displays, a Taste of Culture during Black History Month or Rainbow Bagels for Transgender Day of Visibility, we have always found a way to recognize and celebrate who we are - we are Laker Nation. I am so privileged and honoured to be the Principal of GL Roberts and can't wait for the memories that we will build over the next few years.

For our graduating grade 12s please remember the words of Nelson Mandela - "Education is the most powerful weapon in which you can use to change the world". With education you have the power to decide your path and the power to take all opportunities that come your way, you are our future. Congratulations on your wonderful accomplishment, we are so very proud of you!

Mrs. D. White, Principal GL Roberts CVI



"A good education is a foundation for a better future".

Elizabeth Warren

This has been a rewarding year since through the passing months we have gradually seen everything moving towards normalcy. In fact, with the semester system being reimplemented and the start up of clubs and sports, many in the GLR school community have been encouraged. Having said that, this year has been filled with beautiful memories like celebrations, in class events, sports, drama/art presentations and much more! Your determination and resiliency demonstrated throughout this past two-year season will serve you well during your life journey. You did it! Always remember you are our future, and we know that you will always have in your heart the tenants of GLR - Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. For all our students I am so proud that you are investing with good choices now because, as Elizabeth Warren eloquently puts it, "A good education is a foundation for a better future".

Mrs. J. Crosby, Vice Principal GL Roberts CVI





- Graduating Grade 12 GLR students were treated to a Graduation Formal Event the evening of June 24th at Tosca Hall in Whitby. Wishing all our GLR Grads a heartfelt congratulations and future successes.
- Sincere thanks to the Graduation Committee for creating such a memorable event, and for coordinating the Grad Clothing Event in May where students were able to try on formal attire and get outfitted for this very special occasion! Loving our Laker Nation!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The GL Roberts Student Council enjoyed another extremely busy year. Some of our events included:

- Spirit weeks, including the ever-popular Tunes Tuesdays
- Fundraising for Ukraine through the sale of buttons
- Remembrance Day
- Food drive
- Mitten drive
- Welcome to Semester 2 goodie bags
- Candygrams

Asian Heritage Month celebration (many thanks to Tea Times Square and Canbe Foods for partnering with us to make this a successful event)

*Looking forward to next year and welcoming the students who will lead us in our **2022-2023 Student Council**.*

Prime Minister: Alma Mahmuda

Deputy Prime Minister: Hailey "Void" Starkes

Student Senators: Cherish Otono and Brandon Muller

Minister of Communications (Daily Announcements): Cassy Hicks and Cassandra Watt

Minister of Advertising: Carly Rightmyer

Minister of Spirit: Angel Hillier

Minister of Culture: Allison Miranda

Minister of Athletics: Kyra Burns, Devonte Hall, Danira Newell

Minister of Information (Secretary): Cassie Kemp

Minister of Finance: Nicola Tan



It's not too late to become involved. There will be an opportunity to join GLR's Student Council as we have many 2022-2023 events to run. We are eagerly looking forward to the fall activities, some of which include:

September—Terry Fox Walk and Spirit Week (including Tunes Tuesday)

October—Food Drive, Spirit Week (including Tunes Tuesday), and hopefully the Hallowe-en Maze

November—Remembrance Day Assembly, Spirit Week (including Tunes Tuesday)

December—Talent Show, Mitten Drive, Semi-formal, and Spirit Week (including Tunes Tuesday)

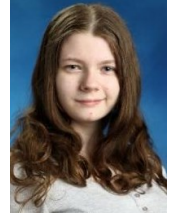
As always, we do appreciate your support for GLR's events and hope to bolster student pride, empathy, spirit and respect toward others.

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS!

Here at GL 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 this set of winners!

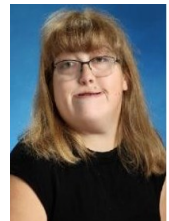
RESPECT Shelby Taylor-Burge

Shelby is always respectful towards her peers and teachers. She helps her classmates by handing out calculators at the beginning of math and collecting them at the end of the day unasked. Shelby is respectful towards classroom materials and always asks permission before borrowing any.



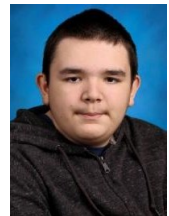
RESPONSIBILITY Jenna Farnham

Jenna diligently collects the breakfast bowls every day. She takes this responsibility very seriously and usually tries to make sure that she has someone to cover for her when she is away. Thank you, Jenna, for your help in keeping this important program at GL going!



EXCELLENCE Owen Calloway

Owen Calloway is a Grade 9 student who has had a remarkable semester. He has fantastic attendance and has persevered through challenging subjects. Owen has gone out of his way to make new connections and has been very helpful to his teachers and classmates. Congratulations on an amazing semester, Owen!



STUDENT RECOGNITION



Congratulations to Kudakwashe Shoriwa who is the recipient of the Ifarada Institute of Excellence Award. Ifarada is an organization that represents Black excellence, knowledge and capacity for healing. The award is presented to two self-identified Black students in Grade 12 who are pursuing post-secondary studies, and have demonstrated leadership, resilience, and an ability to overcome adversity. Kudakwashe is passionate about contributing to the future of health sciences. She encountered numerous hardships growing up in the capital of Zimbabwe and caring for an ailing family member, which sparked her interest in health care. After just two weeks in Canada, Kudakwashe joined the Black Leadership Association Committee which stresses Black pride, racial equity, and is committed to the elimination of racial discrimination in schools. She is planning to be an advocate for Black patients in hospitals, and wants to study Health Sciences at the University of Waterloo.

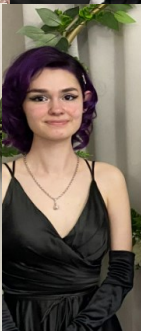
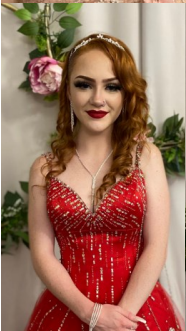
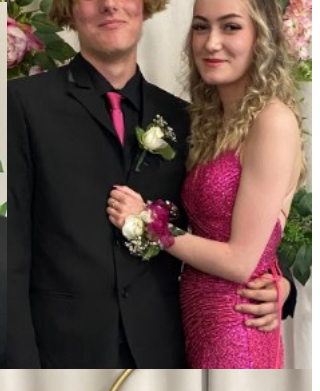


OYAP..STYLING GLR GRADS

OYAP Hair Styling students make us look good in more ways than one! Thank you to Mr. Jackman and students for offering GLR graduating students hairstyling assistance in preparing for the Grad Formal. We appreciate your dedication to your learning and your craft, and were thrilled for your support during this most important event. We admire your effort and ambition to move forward in your career pathway.

GRADUATION FORMAL

After a three year hiatus we were finally able to celebrate our shared graduates with an in-person Graduation Formal (formerly known as Prom). What an incredible event! The dance floor was full all night! Students, it was a joy to celebrate this milestone with you. It's been an interesting high school experience to say the least and we're so glad to celebrate each of you and your ability to overcome all the challenges and obstacles thrown your way. We wish you all the best for your futures.



EID MUBARAK



In Celebration of Eid, GLR's Muslim Student Association (MSA) and staff volunteers shared a traditional Samosas and Galub Jamun lunch with students and staff. Delicious!



BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Ms. Post and Ms. Vanderkooi hosted GLR's Black Student Association (BSA) meetings this year where students became engaged in conversations, sharing ideas, and making decisions about how to showcase Black excellence at our school through actions and visualization, promoting community interaction and celebrating our identity.



ASIAN HERITAGE

Wednesday, May 25th, GL Roberts Staff and Students celebrated Asian Heritage Month with an authentic lunch featuring Lumpia, Samosas, and Rangoon. Sensational! Thanks to Ms. Floras-Matic and her crew of staff and student helpers.



BLACK EXCELLENCE MURAL

Some of our Laker's working together, collaborating, brainstorming and making progress toward the development of GLR's Black Excellence mural that is in the making to be installed outside the cafeteria. So excited to see the results.



CELEBRATING THE ARTS

"Art is too important not to share." In early June, GLR welcomed friends and family to experience the talent of our Arts. In addition to performances from the band and choir, guests were also able to explore exhibits from our Visual Art classes. We look forward to hosting more evenings in Arts again in December 2022 and Spring 2023.



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

E-mail: NationalHelpline@bellnet.ca Website: www.blackyouth.ca

INDIGENOUS STUDIES



This past spring, grade 11 students taking the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Studies English course (NBE 3C/U), were given the opportunity to take their in-class studies and apply them on a free trip at the Nonquon Outdoor Education Centre in Port Perry. Students spent the day learning how to build a box fire to cook an outdoor lunch, hike through the forest, and consider the land where we teach, learn, and live. Students were grateful for the chance to strengthen their sense of identity and place within their community.



FIELD TRIPS - NONQUON



GLR welcomed a return to Field Trips after a long hiatus. Ms. Hackett and her Native Studies Class visited Nonquon Environmental Education Centre in April, spending time connecting with each other, themselves and the land around them. It was a great day despite the rain and mud,, and wonderful to reconnect with nature as a group.



SUPPORTING UKRAINE



BUTTON PINS

Members of GLR's Student Council organized a fundraiser selling custom made pins, with proceeds from sales going to help support the people of Ukraine.

FOR SALE

COMMUNITY CLEANUP

GLR Staff and Students celebrated our beautiful and unique campus by participating in an Earth Day Cleanup.



A JOB WELL DONE



A lesson from Mr. Kane's TWP (Transition to Work) class about having pride in our school, being a positive member of our community and contribution to keeping our campus beautiful! Thank you for your hard work and for getting GLR's gardens ready for summer.



GROWING WITH GRAINGER



The THJ3M (Green Industries) class, was proud to offer plant sales Fridays at lunch during the month of May, outside by the Greenhouse. Students worked hard this year, making the most of their return to the greenhouse setting, and cultivating beautiful geraniums and succulents.



HATCHING INTO SPRING



One of our fabulous EA's, Ms. Pomroy has a small farm in Solina where she raises chickens. She recently surprised PLP students with a special visit from some baby chicks, called Silkies. They are fluffy, small and super cute! Ms. Pomroy incubates their eggs at home and offered students the chance to candle eggs and watch them grow. Thank you Ms. Pomroy for bringing this joy into the classroom.



GL Roberts CVI is a Mask Friendly Environment

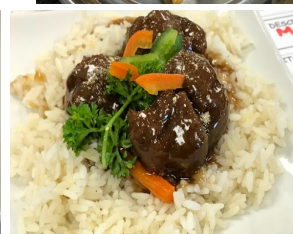
Although the masking requirement has been removed in schools, we want to remind everyone that here at GL Roberts CVI, we are a mask-friendly environment. Anyone (staff, students, parents/guardians, visitors, etc.) can choose whether they want to wear a mask based on their comfort level and personal risk assessment. We ask that everyone be kind, considerate, and respectful to one another and the choices that individuals make on wearing a mask. Thank you for making our school a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.



FOOD AND HOSPITALITY



Chef Mike's Hospitality classes have been busy this semester developing a variety of culinary arts skills. Students learned to follow recipes, create their own dishes and present food to a professional standard. Pasta, yeast breads, appetizers, baked goods, and other popular foods were made with great care and creativity. Awesome!



VIRTUAL FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Good things happening at GLR!



Thank you to Ms. Armstrong for organizing GLR's first Virtual Family Engagement night, which included a cooking class and discussions about supporting mental health for teens talk. Participating GLR families were provided with a delicious meal kit to prepare chicken fingers, french fries and ceasar salad from the comfort of their own kitchens. Games

were also included to promote family game nights. Our sincere appreciation is extended to PROGrant, Fantastic Foods, and Psychometrist Sandra Newton. We look forward to more events like this one!



IGNITE LEARNING INITIATIVES

The Ignite Durham Learning Foundation is launching a **'Ready To Learn' School Supply Drive** and are asking for your support. Together school communities and the Ignite Durham Learning Foundation can ensure that every student has the resources they need for a successful start to the 2022/2023 school year.

From July 4—August 12, 2022 Ignite Durham Learning Foundation is accepting donations of NEW:

Lunch bags, Thermos, Water bottles

Lunch Containers, Notebooks, Markers

Crayons, Pencils, Erasers, Lined paper

Rulers, Calculators, Pens, Math Sets, etc.

Follow the Ignite Foundation on social media:

Twitter: @IgniteDurhamLF

Instagram: @ignitedurhamlf

Facebook: Ignite Durham Learning Foundation

LinkedIn: Ignite Durham Learning Foundation



Ready to Learn
SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE!

Shop the **'Back To School WISH LIST'** on Amazon for items specially curated for DDSB students!

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On behalf of DDSB Students,
we THANK YOU for your support!

ACCESSING THE PARENT PORTAL

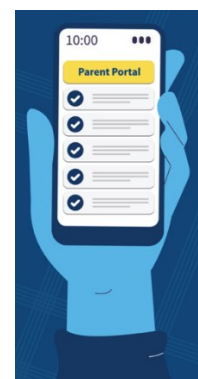
Learn how to access the Parent Portal...

If you have questions about your Parent Portal account over the summer break while schools are closed, you can visit bit.ly/3ljx8MB for login instructions and FAQs.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS



The upcoming **2022-23 school year calendars** are now available for DDSB elementary and secondary through the DDSB website. Visit bit.ly/3x9Rhly.





GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

SUMMER SCHOOL

There are several opportunities for students, this summer, to continue their learning journey. In addition to offering a Credit Recovery Summer School Program at G.L. Roberts (July 6th-18th), the [Durham Continuing Education Department](https://www.dce.ca) has also provided programming for students to earn credits through Credit Recovery programming, Upgrading programs and Full Credit programs. Learning options for Summer School included in-person and Virtual learning.



For more information, please go to www.dce.ca. **Registration for Summer School can be completed using myBlueprint.** Additionally, G.L. Roberts is pleased to offer the **Getting Ready for High School (GR4HS)** program for students entering Grade 9 in September. We encourage these students to consider signing up for this program as it provides them with a brief introduction to the grade 9 English and Mathematics curriculum, as well as study skills, time management, and steps to success. The program also allows students to become familiar with Laker Nation and prepares them for the transition from elementary school to secondary school. This program is a great resource for students who are experiencing some anxiety regarding the upcoming transition. The Getting Ready for High School program runs from August 22nd-25th, 2022. Please use the course code GR4HS, when registering through [myBlueprint](https://myblueprint.ca).



COMMENCEMENT



G.L. Roberts C.V.I. hosted another successful commencement ceremony on Wednesday June 29th, 2022. The staff at Laker Nation were happy to welcome friends & family of our graduates and share in the celebration of our students' success and achievements! Congratulations to all of our graduates for your achievement. Your effort, determination and choosing your success has led you to this important milestone!

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

Congratulations to our college and university applicants who are furthering their education at various apprenticeships, colleges and universities for the 2022-2023 academic year. We wish you every success in your future post-secondary studies. We encourage you to be a lifelong learner, and to remember that you are worth the effort! Furthermore, we applaud the students who took the time to apply for scholarships to help fund their education. We were thrilled to see how many of our students were recipients of numerous scholarships, during our commencement ceremony. If you have not already done so, and would like to apply to college, please go to www.ontariocolleges.ca to review the list of programs that are still accepting applications!



2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

We will be welcoming our Grade 9s on **Tuesday September 6th, 2022**, for the first Grade 9 Day in two years! We will be expecting our grade nines to arrive at 9:15 am, so they are prepared to engage in a **full school day (9:30-3:30)**. Lunch will be provided. **Only Grade 9 students attend school on Tuesday September 6th.** During the school day, students will receive their timetables, meet their teachers, and receive course information.



Our regular 2022-2023 school year starts for everyone on **Wednesday September 7th, 2022**. Prior to this date, students can access their timetable using the [Parent Portal](#). Additionally, students' homerooms will be posted throughout the school on Wednesday September 7th. **Students need to be in class before the 9:30 bell.**

Students can request a timetable change during the first week of the semester, by completing the Google Form that will be available on the Guidance Google Classroom. Students will need to check their student email account for their appointment date & time. If you would like to register a new student, please contact our Guidance Office 905-728-7594 extension 228020, to begin the process.

MINISTRY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Community Involvement Hours: This is a friendly reminder that students must have a minimum of 40 Community Involvement hours completed before the end of Grade 12. That breaks down to 10 hours per year. We encourage students to take some time this summer to complete these hours to reduce their workload throughout the academic year.

eLearning Requirements: The Ministry of Education has also implemented a requirement for students to earn 2 eLearning credits to earn their Ontario Secondary Diploma (OSSD). **However**, parents/guardians are able to complete a form and **opt-out** of this requirement. Please contact Guidance to complete and submit the form, if you would like your child to be exempted from this requirement.

IT'S OK TO ASK FOR HELP

We want you to feel heard, seen and understood.

We are here if you want to talk.

Reach out to school staff or connect with our Mental Health team at bit.ly/3LaeMQo



Ignite Durham Learning Foundation

The Ignite Durham Learning Foundation is a charitable community organization that supports DDSB students facing financial barriers to success. It could be a student that doesn't come to school on cold days because they don't have a winter coat, or a child who can't concentrate in class because they're hungry. There are countless ways that poverty shows up in Durham schools and creates barriers to learning. The Durham District School board is responding to the challenge with this new foundation that now has charitable status. Donations can be made online at ignitedurhamlearningfoundation.ddsb.ca.



Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Summer!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, September 6th, 2022—first day of classes for Grade 9's only
- Wednesday, September 7th, 2022—first day of classes for Gr. 10–12 students



GL Roberts is celebrating 50 years in 2022!

Donations & merchandise, and **ticket sales** are **now available!**

<https://glrobertscvi.ddsb.ca/en/our-school/gl-roberts-50th-anniversary.aspx>

Itinerary of what's been planned so far:

Friday, October 21, 2022—Volleyball in the GLR Gym 6-9pm

- Golf Tournament at Kedron Dells starting at 8am

Saturday, October 22, 2022—Basketball in the GLR Gym 11am—4:30pm

- OPEN HOUSE DAY at GLR & Lakers Pub Night at the Tribute Centre

Sunday, October 23, 2022—Staff Breakfast GLR Cafeteria 10—11am



Special Thanks to our Student Nutrition Sponsors

- Durham Child Nutrition
- DCNP Food Hub
- PC Children's Charity
- Ignite Durham



COVID-19 SCREENING

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-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:

Fever/chills

Cough/barking cough

Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea

Decreased smell/taste

Shortness of breath

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