

# SCOTIA-GLENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOLS



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OPAL

where students shine

Opportunities & Programs for Advanced Learners

## Parent Corner

Each month we will provide you with information regarding community activities for your children and/or information about gifted learners.

## Community Events

### Coming Soon to Scotia Cinema:

Movies based on popular children's books are coming soon! Percy Jackson, Alice in Wonderland, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and How to Train your Dragon!

[www.scotiacinema.net](http://www.scotiacinema.net)

### Proctors Theatre

Fly me to the Moon in 3-D

<http://www.proctors.org/events/5700>

## Parent Resources

### Parent gifted page

[http://www.ri.net/gifted\\_talented/parents.html](http://www.ri.net/gifted_talented/parents.html)

### Hoagies testing and assessment

[http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/tests\\_tell\\_us.htm](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/tests_tell_us.htm)

### AGATE

[www.agateny.org](http://www.agateny.org)

## Student Websites

### Puzzle Parlor

<http://www.gamepuzzles.com/pparlor/puzzleparlmm.html>

### Reading lists

[http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/reading\\_lists.htm](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/reading_lists.htm)

"Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire."

~~William Butler Yeats~~

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## Primary OPAL

**Grades 1 and 2:** The interdisciplinary learning centers created from themed suggestions by classroom teachers remain in each classroom to address the needs of advanced learners as well as any other students who may move quickly through material. Topics for May are: Ice Cream (Gr 2) and Where the Wild Things Are (Gr 1). The non fiction nouns for the month of May are The White House, The Mayflower and Calamity Jane. Technology is integrated into most of these lessons.

## Intermediate OPAL

**Grade 3: Time-** The students really enjoyed making their mobiles about time and their hourglasses. They learned estimating skills as they had to calibrate their hourglasses to an exact period of time with salt in their water bottles. Some students will explore time zones and what it means to cross the international date line this month. Some will also begin to explore time in literature with Graeme base's the Eleventh Hour. Some students also read A Pitch in Time, which is about time travel and the Civil War. They analyzed civil war photos and wrote tea paper letters while listening to Civil War era music.

**Grade 4: Questions—** Students continue to research their extension topics, and design answers for questions to mirror the game Jeopardy. When their questions are complete they will create their Powerpoint game board as well as shape collages about their topics. They are planning a time for the fourth grade classrooms to compete against each other in June.

**Grade 5: Viewpoints-** The fifth graders continue to prepare for our district debate on **June 9th at the Glen-Worden dining hall at 6:30PM**. Students are making connections amongst topics and writing arguments and rebuttal speeches. They are also creating visuals to support their speeches. They will soon begin practicing their presentations and working on honing their public speaking skills.

The resolve is "School uniforms are beneficial to student performance."