

Glenwood Elementary Newsletter

MARCH 2020

Glenwood Families,

February flew by in a flash and our focus on science made it even more fun. We had a wonderful time at our Wonder, Explore and Create Fair on February 20th and I'd like to send a special thank you to **Chairperson Molly Russell and her Assistant Chairperson Tammy Wanck** for their "behind the scenes" work. Setting things up, printing off certificates, organizing materials, and lining up judges takes work, and it is that type of work that makes the actual night of the fair so much fun for all. Thank you, thank you, thank you. We had eleven esteemed judges who helped out that night as well. I'd like to thank our Vestal Staff Members who judged: **Barb Morgan, Kim Robinson, Patrick Clarke, Sarah Evans, and Kara Talbut**.

Also, we had some present and former Glenwood parents and students help out: **Marianne Taylor, Marie Taylor, Brett Stankevich, Rebecca Barkley and Adina Setzer**. And we also had a Kopernik Staff Member who came and assisted: **Nick Guydosh**. Thank you all, and a behind-the-back, sweep-it-to-the-side high five to Molly and her team for making it extra special. 😊

The Annual Glenwood Talent Show will take place at the ARE/VMS Auditorium on Thursday, March 19th starting at 6:30 PM. We have many talented students who will be performing that evening, and we'll also have staff members performing in a dance ensemble. Even if your child is not part of the show, feel free to come that evening and enjoy the talents of our Glenwood students. Elaine Laramee and Stephanie Mitsakos are busy preparing for that evening.

The month of March also marks the beginning of NYS state testing season. This year, our third, fourth and fifth grade students will be completing two days of ELA testing on Wednesday, March 25th and Thursday, March 26th. We appreciate your help during the testing window in ensuring that your child has a healthy breakfast in the morning. It would also be helpful to schedule any non-critical appointments on alternate days so that students can complete the testing without having to go into make-up days. All grade levels will be taking the tests first thing in the morning at 9:00 AM so please try and get your child to school on time those days as well. Thank you for your help!

We're switching up the School Store a little bit. For many years, we've had a School Store here at Glenwood that has been run by parent volunteers and offered items for sale three to four times per year during lunches. However, our volunteers aren't able to help with the school store any longer and for that reason we are going to change a few things about how our school store operates.

Starting this March, a group of 5th grade students (Helping Hands Ambassadors) will be doing all of the work associated with the school store. 5th Grade Teacher Allison Kramer has agreed to help coordinate things as well and I'd like to thank Allison for her willingness to take the lead on this initiative. The money that is made (the profit) from the sale of items will go toward purchasing food for our Snack Pack Program. Each Friday, Heather Kirchheimer and Stephanie Mitsakos pack and distribute bags of food that are sent home to 20 different Glenwood families. Many of the items in that bag are from the Broome County Food Bank. However, we supplement what we're given by the Food Bank by purchasing other food items.

Instead of selling items during lunch, the school store will operate in the mornings, like we've done this year for other fund raisers. And, the school store will run for a week straight, but only one week a month. The first week that items will be for sale will be March 16-20. There will be a flyer going home either late next week or early the following week, and we'll do announcements as well. The 5th grade students are very excited about having the chance to run a "business" and to "work together to make our world better", which is one of our Glenwood Expectations. 😊

At Glenwood Elementary...

- 🌟 We follow class rules and routines.
- 🌟 We take responsibility for our learning and our behavior.
- 🌟 We use what we know to help others.
- 🌟 We work together to make our world better.



Doreen McSain - Principal

KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Thank you to all who helped us close out February with a focus on kindness. It was so fun to spread kindness together last week, and we are hoping you're willing to continue as we head into March.

Spreading kindness is something that should happen every day. Pick a few different things from the list below and let's keep our focus on kindness going in March! 😊



- Smile at someone
- Compliment someone
- Make a new friend
- Tell a joke and make someone laugh
- Be kind to yourself and eat a healthy snack
- Learn something about your teacher
- Draw a picture and give it to someone
- Help a younger student
- Entertain someone with a happy dance
- Say "Good Morning" to 5 people
- Invite a new friend to play with you
- Sit with different kids at lunch
- Read a book to a friend or sibling
- Help someone in need
- Hold the door open for someone
- Listen to your teacher the first time
- Lend a pencil to a friend
- Say "Thank You" to your bus driver
- Pat yourself on the back when you've tried your best
- Give your friend a High Five
- Help someone up if they fall down



Notes from the Health Office



A Good Start

March is National Nutrition Month and March 2-6 is National School Breakfast Week. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It provides the nutrients and energy your child needs to concentrate in school. Research shows that kids who eat breakfast get better grades, pay attention better in class and behave better. Give your child a combination of protein (milk, eggs, cheese or meat) and carbohydrates (whole-grain cereal, whole-grain bread or fruit). The carbohydrates boost energy and help your child start their day and the protein keeps his/her body going strong until lunchtime. Here are some quick breakfast ideas:

Make instant oatmeal with low-fat milk or water. Toss in raisins or other dried fruits and nuts.

Layer low-fat yogurt with cereal and blueberries.

Top a waffle with low-fat yogurt and fruit.

Blend a breakfast smoothie with low-fat milk, yogurt and frozen fruit.

Spread a flour tortilla with peanut butter, add a banana and roll it up.

Add ham and cheese to a toasted whole-grain English muffin.

Reminder– Please keep children home from school until it has been 24 hours with no fever, vomiting or diarrhea. If your child will be home sick please remember to call the health office at 757-2293. Thank you!

Report to PARENTS

The Rewards of Reading

The seeds for success in the classroom are sown at home. Encouraging children to read at home is one of the most powerful ways that parents can support students' learning. Just 15 minutes of reading at home per day can make a difference in students' reading fluency. Prioritize reading with these tips.

Always have books on hand. Keep a book in your bag or your car's glove compartment so your child can read in the car, or while waiting in line at the grocery store. Make regular trips to the library, and keep an eye out for books at bargain sales or garage sales. Or, consider holding a "book swap" with neighbors and friends. For birthdays or holidays, give your child new reading material.

Keep it up. Find ways to encourage your child to pick up new reading material to read once one book is finished. For instance, introduce him or her to a series or ask your librarian for books by the same author. Draft a "to-read" list that your child can check off. Consider subscribing your child to a magazine for kids.

Focus on their interests. Encourage your child to check out books from the library that feature characters or topics he or she is interested in. Whether it's NASCAR to NASA, the topic doesn't matter (as long as it's age-appropriate), as long as your child is reading.

Read out loud together. Schedule time to read aloud together, taking turns to read passages. Invite your entire family to participate. Use different voices for different characters, or invite your child to make sound effects for the story.

Make it a routine. Consider how to make reading habitual. Your family could have a weekly read-aloud session, or you and your child could read each week before bed.

Be a patient listener. No matter how slowly your young learner reads, avoid finishing sentences for your child. Gently correct mistakes, sound out words together, and let your child know you're proud.

Cut the distractions. During reading time, turn off or put away electronic devices. Make sure you follow the rule, too.

Ask questions. Ask your child about what he or she is reading in school or what you are reading together. Try open-ended questions such as, "Why do you think the character did that?," "What would you do if you were in that situation?," or "What do you think will happen next?"

Read beyond books. Invite your child to read menus, greeting cards, movie listings, newspaper comic strips, or directions to a destination. Word recognition is an important step for reading fluency, so consider using strips of paper and tape to label everyday objects in your home to boost your child's familiarity with words.



Reader Man Visits our Kindergarten Classes



Miss Brigham's class and Mrs. Cherevko's class would like to say "Thank you!!" to the many people who helped make our fundraiser for Every Dog's Dream Rescue successful.

~To all of our wonderful parents, students and staff who donated money or bought items from our table

~To Mrs. Porto, Mrs. Yelverton, Mrs. Bonsick, Mrs. Fletcher & Mr. Campo for helping our students at the table each morning

~To Weston Nabywaniec and Oliver Parsons, part of the Helping Hands group, for working at the table every morning

~To Mrs. Spatafora, Mrs. Gill, and Mrs. McManus for assisting at the table each morning or during the Science Fair

~To Mr. Pooler for set-up and take-down

~To Mrs. Mullen for letting us use her cart

~Most importantly, to Mrs. McSain for allowing us to conduct our fundraiser for such an important cause

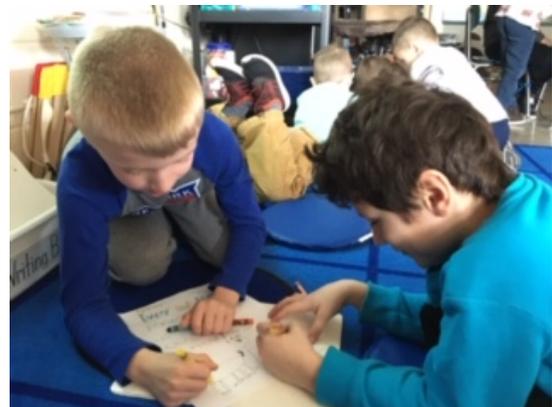
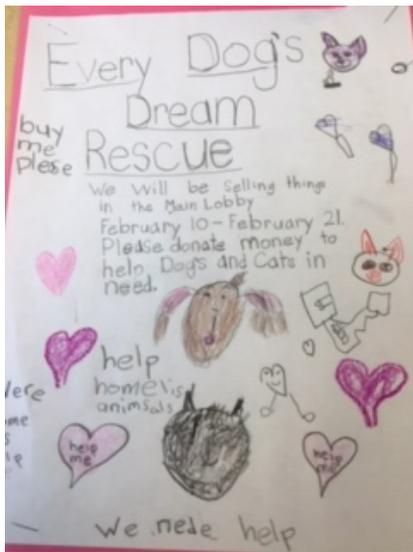
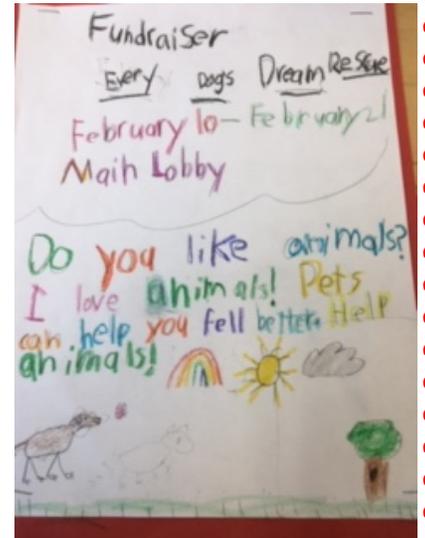
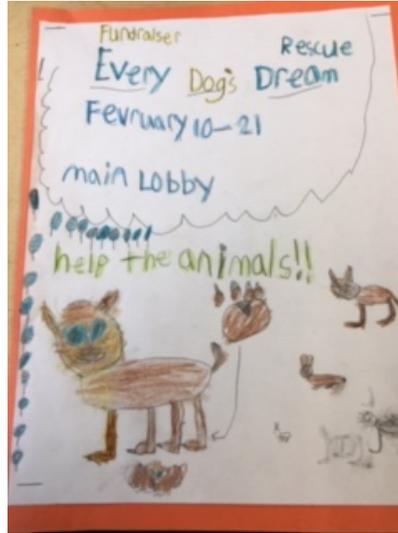


Did you know that our 1st and 2nd graders worked together to create posters for the fundraiser? They did a fantastic job, and we are so proud of their interactions! The older kids taught some of their knowledge of phonics to help the younger kids spell and write sentences. They also worked on coming up with a hook to get readers interested in reading their posters, as well as including all the necessary information about the fundraiser. They worked together to create thoughtful posters, and they were very excited that we gave them this important work to do. The 2nd Graders even read announcements every day during the two weeks.

We are excited to share that our next fundraiser for Every Dog's Dream Rescue will be in the next few months. We plan to do a supply drive along with a can & bottle drive & a bake sale for Open House! Our students feel very committed to helping the animals.

Thanks to you - **Glenwood collected \$1,123.00!**





Turn Markers



Into Energy!

Dear Parents,

I'm excited to tell you that Glenwood Elementary is still participating in the Crayola ColorCycle program. This amazing program repurposes used markers rather than sending them to landfills!

The ColorCycle program has repurposed more than 70 tons of expended markers in the United States and Canada since 2013, and uses the most advanced plastic conversion technologies available today to make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles as well as to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food, and power vehicles.

Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house- even non-Crayola brands! Highlighters and dry erase markers can also be included. Old markers can be brought to the Art room to be recycled.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can continue to keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Merta

Art Teacher

[African Road Elementary](#)
[Glenwood Elementary](#)

Glenwood List of Events and Dates for 2019-20

MAR

- 4 Oakdale Mall Trip - 4 & 5 grade Music Dept 9:30 - 11:30
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins - Move Clocks Ahead One Hour
- 12 Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students
- 13 No School
- 19 Glenwood Talent Show - 6 pm
- 20 First day of Spring
- 24 Board of Education Meeting 6:30
- 24 Vestal Park (Mrs. Cherevko's class) 10:00-11:30
- 30 GSCA Meeting 6:30
- 31 Vestal Park - 1:45 - 3:00 (4 & 5 grade helping hands)

APR

- 3 1st Grades field trip to Anderson Center 11 - 1:45
- 6-13 Spring Break No School
- 15 Board of Education Meeting 6 pm
- 27 GSCA Meeting 6:30 pm
- 28 Parent Orientation (Kindergarten) 6 - 7 pm