

The Glen Este Gazette

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Message from the Principal

It's already May and our school year is quickly coming to an end. May is when we bring our school year to a close and begin our transition to next school year. Our 8th grade students have made their small school choices and the 5th graders have made their visits to get acclimated to our school. Transitioning students is very important for their overall success. Typically, when we talk about transitioning students, we think about helping each child feel comfortable in new surroundings and different people. Feeling comfortable in new surroundings does affect students emotionally and academically. However, I believe the most important aspect to helping transition students to their next grade level is to make sure that each student is on grade level academically so that they are ready for the additional challenges that each successive grade level offers.

I want to thank our PTO and parent volunteers for helping our school in every way imaginable. I would also like to thank bigg's for their support in helping us recognize our students.

In closing, I would like to wish our 8th grade parents farewell and good luck as their children enter high school. They are in good hands. I hope that your child's years at Glen Este Middle School were rewarding and successful.

Sincerely,

Important Dates

May

- 19 - 6th Grade Band, Chorus & Orchestra, 7:00, PAC
- 20 - 7th Grade Band, Chorus & Orchestra, 7:00, PAC
- 21 - 8th Grade Band, Chorus & Orchestra, 7:00, PAC
- 23 - Walk-a-Thon
- 26 - NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
- 27 - Academic Awards, 7 p.m., PAC (invitation only)
- 29 - 8th Grade Fun Day
- 30 - Last Day for Students

*Have a Safe and Fun summer!
See You August 25!*

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following Students of the Month for March and April 2008!

March

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| 6-1 Marissa Holt | 7-1 Dana Jones |
| 6-2 Abril Guerra-Lopez | 7-2 Abby Warf |
| 6-3 Jake Simon | 7-3 Sydney Ford |
| Heimann - Jordan Flatt | Howes - Devonna Miller |
| 8-1 Tyler Gibbs | |
| 8-2 Kayla Crawford | |
| 8-3 Alisha McDaniel | |

April

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| 6-1 Alex Gammon | 7-1 Spencer Burton |
| 6-2 Rachel Harrison | 7-2 Rachel Tracy |
| 6-3 Jake Simon | 7-3 Jake Velten |
| Heimann - Michael Seward | Howes - Tim Shepler |
| 8-1 Jovante Woods | |
| 8-2 Garrett Fenchel | |
| 8-3 Holly Flake | |

Intra-District Registration Ends May 30

Registration for intra-district transfers will end at 4:00 p.m. on May 30. Remember, applications must be renewed every year. Approvals are on a first come, first served basis.

Yearbooks Coming Soon!

Yearbooks will be here soon! Yearbooks will be distributed the last week of school to students who pre-ordered. A limited supply of extra books will be sold for \$35 while quantities last. Eighth grade students who did not pre-order will have the first opportunity to purchase a yearbook.

Library Books Due NOW

Library books are due Friday, May 16. If you have an overdue book or if you have lost one this year, it will need to be paid for immediately. Report cards and yearbooks will be held you owe for library books.

Hoops for Heart

Mr. Mulvaney and Mr. Redmond would like to thank everyone for their support in the Hoops for Heart basketball event that took place March 20. The amount of \$3031 raised was double the goal! Special recognition goes out to the following students who collected donations in honor and memory of their families whose life has been affected by heart attack or stroke: **Megan Combs (\$330), Peter Jones (\$125), Lucas Wapinsky (\$125), Karrisina Martina (\$125), Josh Buckner (\$91), Logan Brock (\$75), Felicia Mayer (\$70), Miranda Rubenbauer (\$70).** Thanks, also, to our students who gave up their lunch time with friends to collect donations: **Sam Brannen, Natalie Ianelli, Brittany Baker, Kevin Kurz, Hannah Bowers, Kayla Gregory, Jessie Goedde, Rachel Bradley, Dori Honchell, Michaela Courtney, Kaitlynn Land, Sam Winter, Joey Spiegel, Logan Brock, Tyler Clark, Olivia Knodel, Caitlin Donohoo, Anik MacLeod and Macon Overcast.**

Glen Este Middle School Mission Statement:

The Glen Este Middle School staff is committed to empowering all students in a safe environment for changes and challenges of the 21st century, through a shared responsibility between home, school and community.

SPORTS NEWS

Track News

The track team participated in the FAVC meet on May 12 at Loveland. The boys came in 3rd place! Also, congratulations to two track members who set meet records this season: **Dan King** set a new record in the pole vault with a height of 8'1". **Steven Stoffel** set a new record in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:16 and in the 1600 with a time of 5:04. Congratulations to both!

Cheerleading Tryouts

Cheerleading tryouts will begin with a four day camp starting on Monday, July 28 and tryouts on Friday, August 1. Be sure to listen to announcements about an information meeting that will take place before the end of the school year!

Sports Physicals Offered

Athletes must have a sports physical on file with the Athletic Director before participating in fall sports. Physicals are available at Dattilo Chiropractic, 810 Ohio Pike, Withamsville for \$10.00. Call 947-8970 for more information. Physical forms and emergency medical forms are available in the middle school office or online at www.westcler.org/gm (click on "Athletics").

Eligibility

Remember that your 4th quarter grades will be used to determine eligibility to play sports this fall. You must have a 1.51 GPA in order to participate.

Official Start Dates

Football: July 31

Cross Country: August 4

Volleyball: August 4

For more information, be sure to listen to announcements.

SUMMER CAMPS

Glen Este summer camp info can be picked up in the middle school office.

Youth/Jr. High Football Camp

- June 3-6, 9:00-11:30 a.m., cost: \$50.00. Questions or concerns? Call Don Jacobs at 375-9442 or email Jacobs_d2@westcler.org.

Offensive Football Mini-Camp

- July 21-25 and July 28-29, cost: FREE.

Volleyball Camp

- Middle school camp will be conducted by Coach Korfhagen, high school volleyball coach.
- July 14-18 from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball Camp

- Middle school camp will be conducted by Coach Caldwell, high school varsity basketball coach.
- June 9-13

Bowling Camp

- July 7-July 10, 9:00 a.m.-noon

Washington, D.C. Info

Attention 7th grade students: If you are planning on going on the Washington, D.C. trip in the fall (as 8th graders), check the orange lists in the 7th grade hallways to make sure that your names are on it. If your name is not on it and you have made payments for the trip, see Mrs. Meredith immediately! Seats are still available for the trip November 8-11. The cost is \$550. Pick up an information packet from the library for more information or email Jean Meredith at meredith_j@westcler.org.

Youth for Justice

Youth for Justice involves teams of students throughout Ohio who research problems in their schools or communities and implement solutions. The 6th and 7th grade Youth for Justice teams participated in the Youth for Justice Summit on May 14 at the Riffe Center for Government and the Arts in Columbus, Ohio. **Sixth Grade:** Their project focused on raising awareness of the incidence of communicable disease throughout the school and providing useful information to reduce absenteeism and common sources of infection. Team members **Allyson Croll, Sam Barnett, Sam Casavant, Heidi Dallman, Jordan Large, Katie Hudson, Taylor Gabriel** and **Grant Pieples** earned a beautiful plaque for our school. Their advisors were **Mrs. Dallman** and **Mrs. Meyer**. **Seventh Grade:** This is the second year this team has worked on solving what the majority of the student population sees as a problem in our school: cutting in the lunch lines. The students presented the problem and steps to get to their solution. Team members were: **Olivia Knodel, Maddie Landon, Rebecca Cass, Wesley Thacker, Erin Robinson, Steven Emerson, Jacob Arnold** and **Spencer Burton**. These teams are to be congratulated for their superior representation of Glen Este Middle School at a state event.

PTO NEWS

Walk-a-Thon

The 4th Annual GEMS Walk-a-Thon is fast approaching. Friday, May 23, is the date for this fun, healthy activity. Pledges must be turned in by May 16 for prize consideration, but pledges will be accepted through May 23. New this year is an invitation to parents to join in the fun with their children! For an entrance fee of \$5.00, you can come be part of the Walk-a-Thon. **Volunteers are needed on Friday, May 16** to count pledges. If you can help out, please send an email to volunteers@gems-pt.org or call Allison at 374-3318.

Thanks for Successful Book Fair

This year's book fair was a tremendous success. Over \$2200 was raised, which will benefit classrooms and the library! Thank you to Allison Jones for opening and closing the book fair each day and for arranging all the volunteers for the event, who were much appreciated! The book fair was successful because of your support!

Thanks to Volunteers

PTO would like to thank all the volunteers for making the 6th grade dance and the 7th/8th grade dance such big hits!

PTO Board Officers

Board elections were held at the May 1 meeting. The PTO Board Officers for the 2008-09 school year are:

President: Joy Hickey

1st Vice-President: Melanie Sturgeon

2nd Vice-President: Kelly Shahan

Recording Secretary: Allison Jones

Corresponding Secretary: Angel Warf

PTO is still in need of a Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator and Membership Coordinator. If you are interested, email president@gems-pt.org or recsec@gems-pt.org.

Medication Reminder

If your child has medication in the school health office, please pick it up by the end of the school year or it will be disposed of. A new West Clermont Authorization form must be completed every new school year for the health aide to dispense medication to students. Be sure to get it in by the beginning of next school year. Forms are available in the office or on the GEMS website. ALL medication must be brought to school by a parent in its original container.

Team 6-1 News

Students on Team 6-1 from Mrs. Stevens' Core 3 Language Arts class took part in a field trip to Clough Pike Elementary to present their Spanish "Cloud Forest" skits to the gifted students. These stories had an environmental and life lesson. Upon return, they had a Mexican fiesta which was the culmination to their learning the Spanish language as part of their culture. Students really worked hard on this and did a great job! Ole!

Team 7-3 News

Team 7-3 will be conducting a river study at Sycamore Park through the Ohio River Explorer Group. This project is designed to help students learn about the ecology and importance of the Ohio River. Classes are taught along the banks of the Ohio River and other rivers, streams and creeks in its watershed. It hopes to be a fun and educational event!

Library News

Mrs. Meredith would like to thank the following students who have helped her during library class times, as well as when they had extra time to volunteer: **Drew Kearns, Sam Winters, David Fehn, Gwen Bell, Morgan Woodring, Denzel Rivers, Holden Robinson, Anthony Pinto** and **Zach Piatt**. Also, thanks to the Channel One operators this year: 8th grade - **Peter Sheldon, Summer Clark, Payel Patel, David Collins**; 7th grade - **Maddie Landon, Jessica Klatzke**; 6th grade - **Gabby Ruhlman, Alexis Carta** and all the helpers from 6th grade. These students have helped the library and news programs run smoothly this year. Thank you, again!

Congratulations to Yearbook Committee

The 2008-09 Yearbook Committee will be: **Amanda Adams, Ashleigh Beard, Ashley Belanger, Alana Boso, Rebecca Cass, Jake Childres, Alex Gabriel, Samantha Horton, Shelbey Jowers, Megan Killian, Maddie Landon, Jordan Large, Kayde Mock, Mary Jean Murrell, Mallory Price, Kendall Rigney, Caitlyn Riley, Olivia Sparks, Sara Truitt, Gabrielle Truitt** and **Victoria Wilson**. Congratulations!