

THE GLEN ESTE GAZETTE

"Striving for Excellence"

November 2008

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Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that November is fast approaching and the first quarter has come to a close. Students will receive their first report card for the year later this week. For most students and parents there will be jubilation. For a few others, there will be some serious discussions around the dinner table and less X-Box being played. But regardless of the outcome, it is my goal that there are few surprises. It is absolutely critical that students and parents know exactly how they are doing each day and each week. Nine weeks into the school year is too late to find out that your child is not achieving at the level that we all feel they are capable of achieving. That type of involvement comes from building a partnership between school and home and letting each student know that their success in each class is important to all of us. Progress Book is a wonderful tool to keep parents in the loop in regards to weekly assignment, homework, and academic performance, a critical piece of the puzzle to fostering the school-parent partnership. Parental involvement is a crucial indicator to overall student achievement. I've said numerous times that when students are surrounded by positive peers, supportive teachers, and involved parents they will be successful. If you take one away, students typically struggle. We need to do whatever we can to not let that happen.

With that said, there is time for students to make a difference on this semester's report card. Homework Club is available on Tuesday and Thursday after school from 2:15-3:15. Teachers are there to assist them on their work. Most teachers accept late work at least for partial credit. Ask your child to look at Progress Book with you and to show you their work. If you need help activating your Progress code, please feel free to contact us and we will be glad to assist you.

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Thacker

Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thurs., Nov. 6 & Mon., Nov. 10
4:30-8:00 p.m.

Important Dates

November

- 4 Teacher Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- 5 PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Library
- 6 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00 p.m.
- 7 Fall Picture Re-Take Day
- 8-11 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip
- 10 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00 p.m.
- 11 Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Holiday - NO SCHOOL

December

- 4 PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Library
- 5 Interims Sent Home with ALL Students
- 15 6th Grade Winter Concert
- 16 7th Grade Winter Concerts
- 17 8th Grade Winter Concerts
- 22 Christmas Holiday Break Begins

January

- 5 Return to School

The Glen Este Middle School
2008-09 Yearbook is Now on Sale!
Through 12/19/08: \$25.00
1/05/09-2/12/09: \$30.00
Make Payment to GEMS
Give Payment to First Core Teacher

Student of the Month

The Glen Este Middle School Student of the Month Program chooses students for displaying determination and self-motivation. The following students have been selected by their teachers as "Student of the Month" for September 2008:

September 2008

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| 6-1 Aatur Shah | 7-1 Mitchell Dance |
| 6-2 T. Jay Burbage | 7-2 Stephanie Bogan |
| 6-3 Megan Downey | 7-3 Kayla Gregory |
| Burton - Hunter Hetz | |
| 8-1 Ashleigh Beard | |
| 8-2 Joey Speigel | |
| 8-3 Patrick Delaney | |

Get Connected!

The West Clermont Connection,
a weekly email newsletter,
is available to interested members of the community.
You can subscribe by going to www.westcler.org
and clicking on "Click here to subscribe"
or call Sharon Oakes at 943-5053.

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

Volleyball

Congratulations to the 8th grade volleyball team for winning the FAVC League Championship! Their final record was 14-2. The 7th grade volleyball team finished the season with a record of 10-6. Great season, girls!

Football

Congratulations to the 8th grade football team for winning the FAVC League Championship! Their final record was 6-1. The 7th grade football team finished the season with a record of 5-2.

Cross Country

Congratulations to the Cross Country teams. On October 4 at Winton Woods, the boys finished 3rd in the Buckeye Division and 5th overall in the 18 team conference. The girls finished 4th in the Buckeye Division and 7th overall out of 18 teams. **Raven York** and **Zach Thompson** were both recognized by the conference as **Top 10 Runners**.

Basketball

Basketball tryouts for **7th and 8th grade girls begins Monday, November 3**. Times will be announced. Tryouts for **7th grade boys begins Monday, November 10** and **8th grade boys starts Wednesday, November 12**. Times will be announced.

Wrestling

Wrestling practice will begin on Friday, November 14. There will be an information meeting before Friday, November 14 about joining the wrestling team (tryouts do not take place for the wrestling team). Students should listen to announcements for further information. Students who did not make the basketball team are welcome to join the wrestling team.

Cheerleading Competition

Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade Cheerleading squad for placing first at the Cheer Extravaganza Competition on October 18. **Baylie Fryman** took 1st place in the Middle School Toe-Touch Competition. Great job, girls! Seventh grade cheerleaders: **Lexy Damron, Kayla Gregory, Destinee Jones, Madison Jutze, Amber McKee, Alyson Perry, Jensen Sturdevant, Brittany Yeager**. Eight grade cheerleaders: **Alana Boso, Baylie Fryman, Amberlee Grau, Courtney Maggard, Kristi Merritt, Bobi-Jo Russell, Annie Slone, Alissa Toca**.

Glen Este Youth Wrestling

Attention all students in kindergarten through grade 6: sign-ups for Glen Este Youth Wrestling 2008-09 will be Tuesday, October 28 and Thursday, October 30 from 6:30-7:30 at the GEHS wrestling room. The first day of practice will be Thursday, November 6. For more information call Brett Branson at 404-2053 or Ken Dunn at 378-9847 or ken.dunn@siemens.com. Registration forms are available in the school office.

Student Council Officers 2008-09

President - Maddie Landon
Vice-President - Katelyn Everhardt
Secretary - Mallory Price
Treasurer - Lindsey Singleton
Activities Coordinators:
6th Grade - Kenzie Back
7th Grade - Sierra Mounts
8th Grade - Dana Jones

Student Council Representatives 2008-09

8th Grade: Kaitlin Jones, Jacob Powers, Dana Jones, Katelynn Everhart, Maddie Landon, Amanda Adams and Craig Walker.

7th Grade: Sierra Mounts, Katelyn Pipenur, Mallory Price, Ashley Keith, Ryan Stroup, Raven York, and alternates Andrew Noe and Karagan Miller.

6th Grade: Baili Kleinmann, Lindsey Singleton, Mary Turner, Kenzie Back, Shannon Foxton, Marc Neff, Megan Downey, Brooke Parker, Nick Sullivan, and alternates Bailee Sanders, Shane Hendrixson, Emma McDermott and Willie Dunkman.

Thank You to Students

Thank you to students **James Halley** and **Dalton Wilson** for their commitment to and service in raising the flag each day at school during the first quarter. For the second quarter, **Joey Speigel** and **Jeff Benton** will take on this continuing service.

Background Checks at the District Office
MONDAY through FRIDAY
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PTO NEWS

Next PTO Meeting:

Wednesday, November 5, 6:30 p.m.
(Date Change Due to Conferences)
GEMS Library

Presentation at Nov. 5 Meeting

There will be a presentation on the **Olweus Bullying Program** at the **November 5 PTO meeting**. The Scallywag Tag program will also be discussed.

Fall Fundraiser

The fall fundraiser, Tasty Batters Cookie Dough, is in full swing. Orders are due between Wednesday, October 29 and Friday, October 31. Orders, including online orders, MUST be turned in by October 31 to be eligible for prizes. Orders will be accepted after Friday, October 31 but they will not be granted prizes. The delivery date for the cookie dough is Wednesday, December 10 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for cookie dough distribution. Call 947-7700 if you are able to volunteer.

Spirit Wear Sale

Beginning October 24, spirit wear will be sold at lunch time (10:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.) every other Friday. Spirit wear makes a great Christmas gift!

Coming in November:

November 4 - NO SCHOOL, Teacher Inservice Day.
November 5 - PTO Meeting, GEMS Library, 6:30 p.m.
November 6 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00 p.m., **desert donations needed** for staff dinner.
November 3-11 - We wish the students and teachers on this trip a wonderful experience and a learning adventure!
November 10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00 p.m., **desert donations needed** for staff dinner.
November 11 - NO SCHOOL, Veteran's Day.
November 26-28 - NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Holiday.

Emergency Dismissals

Early dismissal has occurred, in the past, because of inclement weather, power failure, or a threat to the school. This sometimes catches parents off guard. Like you, we do not want your child going home to an unsafe situation. It is important for families to discuss with their children what to do if an emergency situation would occur. ***Please talk to your children about where to go if no one is home or about carrying house keys with them.*** All families should have a contingency plan.

Team 7-3 News

Kendra Ackerman, team 7-3 science teacher, recently developed a program in cooperation with the Cincinnati Nature Center and Kurt Whitford from Glen Este High School. Students will visit the nature center several times to learn about forest ecology and how invaders affect the plants and animals in the forest. The students will design and implement solutions on how to get rid of invading species which contributes to our community's natural environmental health.

Sign Language Club

Sign Language Club advisors are Diane McGinnis and Elizabeth Williams. Sign Language Club will meet on the following dates in room 309: Wednesday, November 5, Wednesday, November 12 and then every Tuesday after that. All students are welcome to join!

Better Babysitter Classes

Better Babysitter Classes will be offered for boys and girls in 6th-8th grades on Wednesday, November 5, 12 19 and December 3 from 2:30 until 5:00 p.m. in the school library. For more information call Amy Marks at 336-9993 or pick up a flyer in the school office.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS:
Students are not permitted to be in the school building
after 2:15 p.m. unless they have adult supervision.
Teachers will be asking students to report to the office
if they are not supervised.