

# The Panther Point



Glebe Street Elementary School Newsletter for the month of December, 2011

## December 2011: Principal Carroll's Carol:

The 2011 Johnstown Holiday Parade is now in the books, and Santa's Workshop is next Friday (Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>). It's official- despite the lack of snow, the holidays have arrived to Glebe. In the spirit of the festive season it is my pleasure to share with you the second annual singable "Principal's Message" for December. Thank you to 6<sup>th</sup> graders Abby Baker and Emily Clizbe, whose cleverness and creativity transformed my rather dull first draft to what is sure to be a new holiday classic. And thanks to the many students who contributed their personal feelings of Panther Pride. Hum along to the melody of "Oh Christmas Tree" for optimal enjoyment.

### "Oh Glebe Street School"

Oh Glebe Street School, Oh Glebe Street School  
We learn so much in classes!  
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Social Studies<sup>1</sup>, Math<sup>2</sup>, and more<sup>3</sup>,  
Reading books<sup>4</sup> helps us explore.  
Listening<sup>5</sup> and learning, too,  
But three o'clock comes way too soon.  
Oh Glebe Street School, Oh Glebe Street School,  
We learn so much in classes<sup>6</sup>!

Oh Glebe Street School, Oh Glebe Street School  
How lovely are your teachers<sup>7</sup>!  
Oh Glebe Street School, Oh Glebe Street School  
How lovely are your teachers<sup>8</sup>!  
From Kindergarten to sixth grade,  
They've helped us in so many ways.  
With helping hands and open arms<sup>9</sup>,  
They've made us<sup>10</sup> feel like shining stars!  
Oh Glebe Street School, Oh Glebe Street School  
How lovely are your teachers!

Oh Glebe Street School, Oh Glebe Street School  
We look upon your pillars<sup>11</sup>.  
Oh Glebe Street School, Oh Glebe Street School  
We look upon your pillars.  
The pillars stand so tall and sound.  
They make us feel so very proud.  
Every day we say our pledge<sup>12</sup>  
To treat each other the very best<sup>13</sup>.  
Oh Glebe Street School, Oh Glebe Street School,  
We look upon your pillars.

Oh Glebe Street School, Oh Glebe Street School,  
Oh how we love you Glebe Street School!<sup>14</sup>

From the Glebe Street Elementary School family to yours, best wishes for a happy, healthy, holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Carroll



<sup>1</sup> Mallory Dence (especially Social Studies with Mrs. Coleman)

<sup>2</sup> Darrien Sira, Mina Baldwin; Lukas Marino and Victor Orsell (who both enjoy multiplication)

<sup>3</sup> Emilia Haverly (especially likes writing work); Ryan Crooker (who loves "fun science projects and experiments")

<sup>4</sup> Abigail Levin (loves being a "book buddy")

<sup>5</sup> Brooklyn Heroth (The "listening station" is her favorite.)

<sup>6</sup> Cecilia Dennett, Natalie Baxter, and Braden Jones (all love Phys. Ed.)

<sup>7</sup> Pacey Wilson (who especially likes how Mrs. Kollar teaches math)

<sup>8</sup> Alexandra Queeney (likes science with Mrs. Wager)

<sup>9</sup> Alfio DeMarco

<sup>10</sup> Preston Tubb, Mia Yeackel ("my friends!")

<sup>11</sup> Kaylee Yeackel, Marissa Hayes (Lunch with the Principal)

<sup>12</sup> Alex Nguyen (likes "that we have rules here.")

<sup>13</sup> Sydney Darling

<sup>14</sup> Especially "recess" (Garrett Bobowski, Emma Frank); the "milk and breakfast burritos" (Jordan and Justice Mitchell); "the net with the giant soccer ball" (Sierra Brower); and "the new lights" (Billy Lander)

2011 Glebe PTA Float in the Johnstown Holiday Parade:  
*“Reading Around the World”*



**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**December**

- 12-2 Lunch with the Principal, 12:30 pm
- 12-7/8/9 Winter Book Fair (recess and dismissal)
- 12-9 Santa’s Workshop, 6:00-8 pm  
Winter Book Fair (recess, dismissal and evening)
- 12-12 SDM Meeting, 4:00 pm  
PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 12-13 Winter Concerts, 1:30 pm  
Evening Concert, 7:00 pm
- 12-15 Board of Ed Meeting, JHS, 6 pm
- 12/24 – 1/2/12 Holiday Recess  
NO SCHOOL**

*Happy Holidays !*

**January**

- 1-3 School Resumes
- 1-6 Lunch with the Principal, 12:30 pm  
BINGO NIGHT, 6:30-8 pm
- 1-9 SDM Meeting, 4:00 pm  
PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 1-13 BINGO NIGHT, snow date
- 1-16 Day Martin Luther King , Jr.  
Observed  
NO SCHOOL**
- 1-19 Accelerated Reader Night
- 1-20 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

**PTA NEWS!**

**Book Fair and Santa’s Workshop!**

Come by Glebe Street Elementary School on Friday, December 9 from 6:00 – 8 pm., to participate in our annual Book Fair and Santa’s Workshop. Children will be able to make gifts for family and friends at the workshop. The PTA has plenty of creative, fun, and wonderful gift-giving ideas that the kids can make—and give– as presents during the season!

The Winter Book Fair will be running concurrently that evening, and all can browse and shop an amazing portable ‘book store’ for wonderful books and activities. The Fair will also run on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (December 7, 8 and 9) from recess and after school from 3:00-4:00 pm. What a wonderful opportunity the PTA has given us to purchase books and activities for the children at the holiday season!



Glebe Street Elementary School  
**WINTER CONCERT!**



Please join us at 7:00 pm., on December 13 for our annual holiday concert! Glebe's Chorus and Bands are perfectly 'tuned up' for this event. The kids sound great! We hope to see you there at this great event. This is a big night for our student performers—just wait until you see and hear the results of learning and hard work! Band and Chorus students should arrive at 6:30 pm.

*At 1:30, on that same day, the bands and chorus will perform for the student body. Also, each grade level will be performing a little holiday piece that they've learned in general music classes (with a little help from classroom teachers, too!). All are welcome to come hear the students perform at this school-wide assembly. Please arrive early (seating begins at 1:15 pm.) Parents and family members who attend this assembly are respectfully asked to exit the main building at the conclusion of the assembly, and wait for children as would normally be the case. The children will be dismissed as regular routine, and at the regular times. Thank you for your cooperation!*

As the winter months are fast approaching, please remember that we will be spending recess time outside with temperatures 20 degrees or better, therefore it is vital that proper outdoor attire be worn to school (HATS, MITTENS/GLOVES, WARM JACKET, BOOTS, SNOW-PANTS). If your child does not have appropriate winter clothing they will not be allowed to go outside for recess.

**Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!**

Tune to your local TV or radio station regarding school closings or early dismissal on stormy days. A great resource, too, is to go online to :

<http://www.wgy.com/pages/storm>

Decisions are usually made by 6am. A 2-hour delay means our students can enter the building at 10:45am., and school will begin at 11:00. You can also check the district web-site for this information: [www.johnstownschoools.org](http://www.johnstownschoools.org)

***Every student...Every minute...Of every day!***

Don't forget that **the Glebe academic day begins promptly at 8:45 a.m.**, when morning work and important "school business" set the stage for the day ahead. When students arrive tardy to school they start their day a few steps behind and interrupt instruction for their classmates who are already busy at work. We depend on the partnership of parents and caregivers to ensure that students arrive on time for school every day, and if we can support your efforts to deliver your child to school on time, don't hesitate to call Mr. Carroll at 762-3714. Please support our mission to provide Glebe's students with the best education available: *every student...every minute...of every day!*