

The Panther Point



Glebe Street Elementary School Newsletter for the month of February, 2012

Principal's Message:



Last week's end to the second academic quarter and the approach of our "100th Day of School" celebration mean that we have officially reached the halfway point of the 2011-2012 school year. With a great deal of hard work behind us and so much left to learn, the Glebe Street Elementary School community is recharging its batteries and fueling up its engines with its campaign to "Pump Up The Paws!"

At Glebe, the pillars that support our entranceway, through which all of our students, staff, and families pass each day, are more than a structural or even decorative element of our school- they represent the six Character Pillars that we strive to promote and uphold in all that we do. Those six Pillars- *Responsibility, Caring, Fairness, Respect, Trustworthiness, and Citizenship*- are the foundation of the Glebe Panther Pledge, which we begin each day by reciting together; and they guide the Character Pillars program by which we educate our students in the meaning of each Pillar and celebrate the individual and collective demonstrations of each Pillar in action.

At six times throughout the year, Glebe students and staff come together in an assembly to introduce and define the Character Pillar that we will begin to recognize as a building, and we review what we understand of the Pillar whose formal recognition concludes. In our most recent assembly we looked to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as role model of *Fairness* at the conclusion of that Pillar's formal recognition, and *Respect*, which we have just begun to celebrate. This means that for the next several weeks classroom teachers will reward their own students with Panther Points for demonstrations of *respectful* behavior within their classrooms, and students and classes will earn Community Paws from all other staff members for demonstrations of *respect* outside of the classroom and throughout the school community.

At this last assembly I identified six specific ways in which every class could demonstrate their *Respect* for others, their school, their learning, and themselves. These include:

1. *Perfect punctuality for the class.*
2. *A lunch table and cafeteria floor left free of trash.*
3. *A good behavior report from our recess teachers.*
4. *100% preparedness for outdoor winter recess.*
5. *A neat and clear classroom floor at the end of the day.*
6. *A neat and orderly hallway/locker area outside of the classroom.*

I pointed out to students that a class could potentially earn around 175 Community Paws before our next assembly by demonstrating *Respect* in these ways every day, and I issued a challenge to all. Classes who *Pump Up The Paws* in a big way by earning 100 Community Paws for *Respect* will earn a special reward in addition to their eligibility for the already exciting prize of a unique learning opportunity for the class that earns the most Community Paws for this Pillar.

Glebe students and teachers accepted the challenge, chanting "Pump Up The Paws!" while making boastful promises to beat the 100-Paw goal and claim the distinction of Community Paws winner for *Respect* for their classes. Please join us in *Pumping Up The Paws* and promoting respectful behavior by encouraging your own Glebe Panthers to help their classes earn Community Paws in the above ways and by checking in on their progress. Happy 100th Day!

Sincerely,
Mr. Carroll

Panther Care

A couple of weeks ago, we requested folks who would be willing to be on a list to be called, when necessary, to provide outerwear (coats, boots, etc.) for some Glebe students who are in need. Several volunteers met that need, but we are now ready to check the last person off of that list.

Can we have another round of people who would be willing to add their names to the list who can provide some assistance with this? Please contact Glebe Street School 762.3714 and ask for [Deborah Ruggeri](#). Thanks so much.

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Pre-K Roundup and Kindergarten Recruitment

IF YOU KNOW A CHILD WHO WILL BE ENTERING PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN NEXT YEAR, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORMS THAT ARE BEING SENT HOME INSIDE YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD.

Family Fun Night will be held at the the Johnstown High School on March 1, 2012 from 6-8 pm.

There will be Swimming, Games, Wall Climbing, Interactive activities from local organizations and much more...

Make sure to bring your dimes so that you can make your own YUMMY trail mix!!!

All students must be accompanied by a parent.

The cost is \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 per family.



A Balanced Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and Glebe's students will celebrate Valentine parties and activities in their classrooms....as always we encourage healthy snacks and treats!

FOUNDER'S DAY AWARDS

Congratulations to Mrs. Kim Kortz, Mrs. Laura Lakata and Mr. Joe Pollak.

They are this year's Founder's Day Award winners. There will be a dinner honoring our recipients and others on Monday, March 26th at the Winner's Circle Restaurant. Social hour will begin at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm.

IMPORTANT DATES

February The Loveliest Month of All!

- 2-2 Lunch with the Principal, 12:30 pm
- 2-3 Report cards distributed
- 2-7 In-School Spelling Bee, 1:30 pm
Parents and Family are welcome!
- 2-9 Board of Ed Meeting, JHS, 6pm
100th Day of School
- 2-10 Winter Dance, 6:00 pm.
"Too Good FOR Violence Program"
6:30 pm in the Library
- 2-14 SDM Meeting, 4:00 pm
PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 2-14 Valentine's Day Parties
- 2-15 Accelerated Reader Night, 6:30 pm
- 2-20 President's Day Observed
NO SCHOOL**
- 2/21-2/24 WINTER BREAK-NO SCHOOL**
- 2-27 School Resumes

March -

Music IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

- 3-1 Family Fun Night, 6-8 pm, JHS
Board of Ed Budget Mtg, 6pm, JHS
- 3-2 Lunch with the Principal, 12:30 pm
Dr. Seuss' Birthday
Read Across America Day
- 3-5 PTA Meeting, 3:30 pm
SDM Meeting, 4:00 pm
- 3-7 PRISM concert, JHS, 7:00 pm.
- 3-17 Saint Patrick's Day
- 3-20 Spring Begins
Accelerated Reader Night, 6:30 pm

“Too Good For Violence” Program and Parent Night

Glebe students in grades 4-6 are currently midway through the seven-lesson “Too Good For Violence” program. The program, which is brought to us by the HFM Prevention Council and the Glebe Shared Decision Making Committee, engages students through role-playing, cooperative learning games, small group activities, and classroom discussions that encourage students to apply positive social skills to different contexts. These skills are critical in building children’s resiliency to such challenges as peer pressure and bullying; and studies of the program’s effectiveness point to positive effects on students’ behavior and knowledge, attitudes, and values.

Parents of 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students are encouraged to learn more about this program on **Friday, February 10th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Glebe library.** While their children dance the evening away in the gym at the PTA Winter Dance, parents of students in grades 4-6 are invited to join Yvonne Major, instructor of “Too Good For Violence,” who will discuss the issues that TGFV explores and allow plenty of time for questions and sharing. And if that weren’t enough, one lucky parent will win a wonderful prize basket in a raffle sponsored by the Shared Decision Making Committee.

Thursday, February 9th is the 100th day of school. We can’t wait to see your 100th Day Projects!!!



Glebe PTA Winter Dance



Glebe St. PTA will be holding a winter dance for students in grades K-6 on February 10th from 6pm to 7:45pm in the Glebe gym. This is a free event for students that attend Glebe St. School. Please note that if your child is planning on attending this dance an adult must be in attendance for the entire dance.

