

The Panther Point



Glebe Street Elementary School Newsletter for the month of March 2010

A Message From Mr. C:

The month of March is full of activity at Glebe Street Elementary School. Our PARP Olympics is underway, students and families can participate in the Academic Fair (March 18), the All County Festival will be held on the March 5 and 6 weekend, Assemblyman Mark Butler will visit our classes, we will hold our Accelerated Reader Night, McDonald's Night, and our Talent Show! All the while students are learning in and out of the classroom!

Please be sure to support your child's homework practice. Let homework time be independent work time, and always support your child's teacher's efforts to enable your students to get the most from the education that is offered at Glebe. Check out the 'Homework Helper' link on the school's website, too, at <http://www.johnstownschoools.org/glebe/glebeindex.htm> Most of all, would like to stress the importance of daily reading for your child. Choose high interest books at home, and surround your child with the place and space to read – reading with your child can offer the most intimate, special times you will ever spend together. PARP is a great way to make great advances in reading within the entire family! We are also pleased to announce that Accelerated Reader is experiencing unprecedented participation from students – nearly 99% of students are participating. Thanks go to the AR committee and staff who have opened up a world of possibilities to our students by accepting any book for AR 'points' - either through taking downloaded tests at school or through book reviews of 'non-AR' books! Any book is game! Just read!

Let me encourage you and your child(ren) to participate in the many exciting and fun school activities – Accelerated Reader, PARP, Student Council, Intramurals, PTA Family Events, and the Academic Fair this month. The Fair continues to be one of our most wonderful events because it is a time for your child's individual academic interests really shine. The projects and displays will surely be terrific this year – we're looking for 100 percent family participation! You are all welcome to attend our version of the 'Chef's Challenge'. A student leadership committee of seven students, led by Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Wood, have created a juried 'Sandwich Challenge', whereby ten student contestants will vie for first, second, and third place for the 'Best Sandwich Creation' in an evening of fun and excitement on March 9, at 6:00.

Your PTA is hard at work. If you've never attended a Glebe PTA meeting you're missing a gathering of highly motivated, sincere, and caring individuals whom work only for the Glebe students in mind. Please accept my invitation to become involved by attending meetings, joining a committee, and become an important connection to your child's education at Glebe. As a matter of fact, you can e-mail Kimberly Preston at kpreston0@yahoo.com for information or to lend your comments and questions about PTA and your school. Our next upcoming family gathering will be the Glebe PTA Family Pancake Breakfast at St. Patrick's Masonic Lodge in Johnstown on March 6. Please look online for more information. The staff and I always welcome your phone calls, visits, or e-mails, as well. Our number is 762-3714, ext. 1000, and our email (any Glebe staff member) is (first initial, full last name, @gjsd.k12.ny.us). For example, mine is wcrankshaw@gjsd.k12.ny.us.

Lastly, thank you for helping us to keep your children safe at school. Many parents and caregivers are very careful when dropping off their children to school. Please remember, when delivering your child on Glebe Street to walk them across the street from your parking spot. Your patience during heavy traffic times and less than adequate parking spaces is admirable! Our first priority is to keep your child safe in and out of, to and from school.

Cheers for a beautiful, sunny, fun, productive March month! How fortunate we are! See you in school!

MARCH

- 3/2 Harlem Superstars @ Glebe, 2:15 pm.
Harlem Superstars@JHS @ 7:00 pm.
- 3/4 **PRISM Concert**, 7:00 pm.
Board Of Ed Meeting, 7pm, Warren
- 3/5 Lunch with the Principal, 12:30 pm.
PARP ends
- 3/5-3/6 **All County Festival I I** (Grd. 5/6 Chorus)
JHS
- 3/6 Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11 am
St. Patrick's Masonic Lodge
- 3/8-3/12 NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK
- 3/8 SDM Meeting @ 4:30 pm.
PTA Meeting @ 6:30 pm.
- 3/9 **JHS POST PROM SPAGHETTI DINNER**
- 3/10 Grade Level Meeting, (K-3)
- 3/11 Grade Level Meeting, (4-6)
- 3/13 **JHS PTSA's Spring Craft Fair@JHS.10-3**
Student Council Participates
- 3/14 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3/15 **Leader Herald Spelling Bee**, 6:30 pm.
@ Gloversville Middle School
- 3/17 Saint Patrick's Day
- 3/18 **ACADEMIC FAIR**, 6:30 p.m.
OPEN TO ALL!
Board of Education Meeting,
7:00 pm, JHS
- 3/20 Spring Begins!
- 3/29-4/1 **Kindergarten Registration**
- 3/30 **McDonald's Night**, 5-7 pm.
- 3/31 **Talent Show**, 6-8 pm.
- April** (looking ahead...)
- 4/2-4/9 **NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK**
- 4/12 SDM Meeting @ 4:30 pm.
PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm.
- 4/16 Lunch with the Principal, 12:30 pm
3rd Marking period ends
- 4/19-4/21 SPRING BOOK FAIR

**The Glebe Panther Pride Word
for the Month of March is:**

RESPECT

TALENT SHOW

Our talent show this year will be on Thursday, March 31, 2010. The 'sign-up' forms will be going home in the near future. Please start thinking about this year's performance. It's always a really wonderful show! The talent show is sponsored by the Glebe Street Elementary School PTA, and directed by Mr. Robert Frenyea.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

First Annual
Panther Prowl
Walk-a-thon

Saturday, April 24th
Knox Field
9:00am – 12noon

More information to follow

PARP Reading Olympics 2010

Glebe Street Elementary School has begun its PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) program for the 2009-2010 school year. The theme this year is the Olympics and runs from February 22 to March 5. This program is meant to foster a love of reading by example and encouragement. At the end of the program, there will be a "Medal Ceremony" for all the participants.
HAPPY READING –together!

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION?

The terms of three current board members of the Greater Johnstown School District will expire June 30, 2010. The election of new members to serve three-year terms will be held on May 18, 2010.

Candidates for the board of education must be at least 18 years old, qualified voters in the school district, able to read & write, and must be residents of the district continuously for one year before the election. They can't be employees of the school district or live in the same household with a family member who is also a member of the same school board.

Nominating petitions signed by 100 qualified district voters must be filed with the District Clerk before 5 p.m. on April 28, 2010. Petitions may be obtained at the District Office, 1 Sir Bills Circle, or by visiting the school web site, www.johnstownschoools.org

HARLEM SUPERSTARS VS. JOHNSTOWN "DREAM TEAM"

Tuesday, March 2, The Harlem Rockets basketball team will be playing the Johnstown Dream Team at JHS at 7pm. Advance sale tickets are \$7.00. Tickets sold at the door are \$8.00. Tickets are available in the front office. Hope to see you there!!

ACADEMIC FAIR

On March 19 Glebe will hold its annual Academic Fair. Many good ideas are coming in from the children! Projects are ranging from making maple syrup to building volcanoes to making power point presentations on recycling! This fair is a terrific opportunity for kids to shine with their creativity and passion for learning. As long as it involves learning, it belongs in the Academic Fair. Remember that students may choose to participate in one academic area (writing, poetry, math, science, social studies, music, art, culture, etc.). Creativity is the idea, and thinking 'outside the box' is just great, too! Please come and see what wonderful, creative things our students are up to! **The Fair is to be held on Thursday, March 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm.**

CONGRATULATIONS, PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION FOUNDER'S DAY WINNERS!

This year's Founder's Day Award
Winners are:
Beth Geleta, Kathy Simone and Robert Frenyea

There will be a dinner honoring our recipients and others on **Wednesday, March, 24, 2010 at the Townhouse Restaurant (formerly Rainbow) in Johnstown.** 5:30—social gathering; 6:30—dinner. Please call the school for more information. Tickets are \$26.50 Please consider supporting your school personnel at the dinner!

JHS PTSA's Spring Craft Show, Saturday March 13, 2010

Mark your calendars - Johnstown High School PTSA's Spring Craft show will be on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the high school. Join us for a fun-filled day for the **whole family.** Over 50 crafters will be there with wonderful crafts for yourself and your home. Children will enjoy themselves in our KIDS CORNER, where they can have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny and make hands on crafts and yummy treats.
Admission is free.

Spelling Bee...here's the buzz!



The following students did a great job participating in the Glebe Spelling Bee: Grace Fitzgerald, Taylor Small, Judah Hague, Allyson Brandow, Nolan Hayes, Matthew Boyle, Matthew Salamack, Alexys Hutchins, Paige Stewart, Kayla Wesley, Christian Solby, Emily Clizbe, Danny Jarabek, Abi Trzaskowski, Noah MacVean, Nate Ackerknecht, Meghan Roehl, Sreedurga Cherukumalli, Ryan Gargiulo, Juliet Sear, Jack Fitzgerald, Devin Boyle, Kelsey Johnson and Jonathan Bearden. **KELSEY JOHNSON (6th grade), NATE ACKERKNECHT (5th grade), AND KAYLA WESLEY (4th grade)** were the grade level winners during the Spelling Bee, and will be representing Glebe Street School at the Leader Herald Spelling Bee on March 15th at the Gloversville Middle School. **CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!!!**



Kindergarten Recruitment 'registration'

Kindergarten 'recruitment' will take place at Glebe Street during March 29-April 1, 2010. Any child who will turn 5 years old by Dec 1, 2010 will need to be enrolled during that week. It is requested that parents bring in the birth certificate, immunization records, social security card, and the completed paperwork for their child. Your child will be assessed to help determine the best possible Kindergarten experience. A Kindergarten teacher will evaluate development in several areas; the nurse will conduct hearing and vision screening activities; additionally information will be provided during 'recruitment' week. If you have questions, please contact the Glebe main office at 762-3714

POST PROM EVENT

The Post Prom committee will have a Spaghetti Supper fundraiser, which will be held on **Tuesday, March 9**, at the Immaculate Conception Church hall. **The price is \$7. per ticket.** Dinner includes Spaghetti with sauce, homemade meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert! Tickets can be purchased in advance, at JHS, or at the door. **Dinners are take-out only.** Contact the **JHS office at 762-4661** for information.

All-County Chorus and Prism Concert Chorus Members



2010 All-County Chorus Members:

Jonathan Bearden, Lindsay Blackwell, Stephen Camarra, Trent DeBlock, Spencer Frenyea, Payton Sardella, Juliet Sear and Trevor Sweet.

2010 Prism Concert Members:

Jonathan Bearden, Lindsay Blackwell, Stephen Camarra, Trent DeBlock, Lindsey English, Spencer Frenyea, Hunter Livingstone, Kayla Mercer, Madisyn Orsell, Jordan Pregent, Lindsey Salamack, Cassie Saltsman, Payton Sardella, Juliet Sear, Kaitlyn Serpa and Trevor Sweet.

The Prism Concert will be held at JHS on Thursday, March 4th.

The FCMEA All-County Festival will be held at JHS on Friday, March 5th and Saturday, March 6, 2010 with a culminating concert at 3PM on Saturday. The students and their

parents already know they need their own transportation home Friday at 5PM, back to JHS at 8:30 Saturday morning and home after the concert.

GOOD LUCK and CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS!

REMINDER

Please remember to call the school when your child is going to be absent or late. Also make sure that you send in a written excuse if your child will be on vacation and/ or if your child has been absent or late.