

The Panther Point

Glebe Street Elementary School Newsletter for the month of NOVEMBER 2011



Mr. Carroll's Message:

What a difference a year makes! This year's Halloween Parade- for which Mother Nature graciously provided a perfect fall day- marked my first anniversary as the principal of Glebe Street Elementary School, and while it seems like yesterday that we paraded through the hallways on that rainy Halloween afternoon of 2010, when I reflect on the last twelve months it is remarkable how much has changed in the world of education. At this time last year it was completely unclear to schools what New York State's July 2010 adoption of *Common Core* learning standards would actually mean. To many folks who are familiar with the usual implementation timelines of new education policies, a long and gradual process seemed the most likely. Instead, New York State's Commissioner of Education, Dr. King, charged schools statewide with the mission of incorporating the new standards- national ones that have been adopted in 46 states- into instruction this year. Glebe's teachers have risen to this challenge in a remarkable way, and when I talk with my colleagues in other schools and districts it is clear that our progress positions us very well. The *Common Core* standards were designed as a logically-ordered roadmap of skills and concepts that lead from Kindergarten to college, which means that the high-quality new lessons and units that Glebe's teachers are designing and teaching are great for our kids.

Board of Education Approves Four Half-days For Students:

A message from Superintendent DeLilli:

In order for parents to make plans regarding the care of their children, please note that the school calendar has been revised. The Board of Education revised the calendar at the October 20, 2011 meeting. **There will be four ½ days of school for students – Tuesday, January 31, 2012, Thursday, March 8, 2012, Wednesday, March 28, 2012 and Wednesday, May 2, 2012.** Elementary students will be dismissed at 11:45 am while Junior High and High School students will be dismissed at 11:00am. **Lunch will be served at each building.**

The purpose of the revision is to allow the staff to receive professional development on the increased State Education Departments mandates in curriculum implementation. Ultimately, the work conducted by staff and administration will enhance the ability to meet the new increased standards which in turn positively affects your student. Our apologies for the change; however, some important timelines and expectations provided to the District were not available until the school year began. We appreciate your understanding as we strive to improve teaching and learning in the Greater Johnstown School District.

NOVEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

- 11-4 LUNCH WITH THE PRINCIPAL, 12:30 pm.
FIRST MARKING PERIOD ENDS.
 - 11-6 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)
 - 11-9 Veteran's Day Assembly @ 10:00 am
ALL WELCOME!
 - 11-10 **Superintendent's Conference Day.**
NO SCHOOL
 - 11-11 **Veteran's Day Observed**
NO SCHOOL
 - 11-14 SDM Meeting , 4:00 pm
PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
 - 11-15 Parent Teacher Conferences, 6-8 pm
 - 11-16 PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY
 - 11-17 **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**
Early Dismissal @ 12:05 for all students
Lunch will be provided.
 - 11-17 Post Prom Spaghetti Supper, 4:30-6:30 pm
St. John's Episcopal Church
 - 11-16 Board of Ed Meeting, 6:00 pm, JHS
 - 11-18 Johnstown Holiday Parade
 - 11-18 **REPORT CARDS ISSUED**
 - 11-22 **EMERGENCY GO HOME DRILL**
DISMISSAL – 2:55 PM
 - 11/23-25 **THANKSGIVING RECESS – NO SCHOOL**
 - 11-30 Accelerated Reader Night, 6:30 pm.
- DECEMBER* (looking ahead...)
- 12-2 LUNCH WITH THE PRINCIPAL, 12:30 pm.
 - 12-7/8 BOOK FAIR
 - 12-9 Santa's Workshop, 6:30-8:00 pm
BOOK FAIR
 - 12-12 SDM Meeting, 4:00 pm
PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
 - 12-13 Glebe Winter Evening Concert @7:00 pm.
- 12/24-1/2 Holiday Break - NO SCHOOL**

'Tis the Season:

Here comes winter, Panthers. Please keep in mind these important reminders:

- **Glebe students go outside for recess every day.** Except in cases of extreme cold, when the temperature or wind chill is 20 degrees or below, there is not an indoor alternative to outdoor recess.
- **This means that students must come to school prepared for going outdoors.** Please be sure to check that your student leaves home in the morning with clothing (hats, boots, gloves, and coat) that is appropriate for the day's weather conditions.
- **Cold and flu season is here!** As important as regular attendance is for your child's education, his/her health and the health of the school community remain the priority. Please be sure to keep sick children home until they are well. **Children should not come to school if:**
 - They are vomiting.
 - They have diarrhea.
 - They have a fever. They must wait 24 hours after the fever breaks to return to school.

EARLY DISMISSALS

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at night on Tuesday, November 15th and during the day on Thursday, November 17th. **Students will be dismissed at 12:05 PM on November 17th** for afternoon conferences.

There will be an **EMERGENCY "GO HOME DRILL"** on Tuesday, November 22nd. **Students will be dismissed 15 minutes early (2:55).** Students are to leave the building promptly and go directly home or to the designated place. School personnel will also be asked to "Go Home". It is very important that you make arrangements for your children to be picked up on time.

Johnstown High School Post Prom Fundraiser Spaghetti Supper

The JHS Post Prom Committee will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, November 17th from 4:30-6:30 pm. It will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church. The cost is \$7.00 per ticket. It is **TAKE OUT ONLY**. Dinner includes spaghetti w sauce, homemade meatballs, salad w Italian dressing, and dessert.



Do you have a perfectly good digital camera that just sets unused in a drawer or shelf? Maybe you have a fancy new phone that has taken the place of your camera? If so, please consider donating it to the Glebe Street School Yearbook. Contact Mr. Carroll at 762-3714 or dcarroll@johnstownschoools.org for information.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS & DELAYS

Please listen to your radio or TV regarding school closings and delays.

ONE HOUR DELAY – School begins at 10:00 a.m. and breakfast is available at 9:30 a.m. **Students will not be able to enter the building until 9:30 a.m.**

TWO HOUR DELAY – School begins at 11:00 a.m. and there will be **no breakfast** served on that day. **Students will not be able to enter the building until 10:30 a.m.**