

The Panther Point



Glebe Street Elementary School Newsletter for the month of OCTOBER, 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

It is hard to believe that September has come and gone! What an exciting month it was! Now, once again, with refreshed staff and students, impending updating of classroom technology, a beautifully maintained building and grounds, and healthy team-building with the great family community of Glebe Street Elementary School will make this a constructive and positive learning year for children. I maintain that we have the finest children in the world at Glebe Street Elementary School! Our staff is consummately professional and highly experienced in their field, The curriculum that we teach here is always in the process of continual crafting so that we may be able to meet the needs of all learning styles. Our efforts will lead the children on a highly visible path to success.

During September we did address several important things at Glebe. Among them were (and will continue throughout the year).

- appropriate behaviors for learning
- attributes of a positive school environment
- the importance of pride and trust, while learning
- maintaining general traits of excellent character
- the importance of active listening and caring

We are continuing a few new programs this year with the purpose of giving more responsibility to our intermediate students, as we continue to develop and evolve the programs that we put in place over the past two years. Our strong PTA will help to provide the support for our children in activities and programs that augment our curriculum, but so important to holistic education. We continue to partner with the PTA to provide enrichment opportunities for all students, We will also contract with several community agencies to address our student's social and emotional education and advancement.

My thanks go out to our fine staff, Mrs. Ermie (my right and left hand), our nurse, counselors, custodians, cafeteria workers, lunch and recess supervision staff, aides, and teachers for a superb beginning. I hope that you can sense our excitement and devotion to the children of Glebe Street Elementary School! They are the reason we are all here. Cheers for a great October month!

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER Autumn is Definitely Here!

- 10-1 Board of Education Meeting, 7pm.
@ GLEBE STREET SCHOOL
- 10-2 LUNCH WITH THE PRICIPAL
- 10-5 Transportation Day
- 10-6 Transportation Day, Raindate
Panther Point Cart Day!
- 10-8 Hot Dog Chili Cookout, 5-6:30 pm.
- 10-12 **Columbus Day Observed**
NO SCHOOL
- 10-(12-16) NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK
(please see article in this newsletter)
- 10-13 Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, JHS
- 10-13 Reading Readiness begins
- 10-19 SDM Meeting, 4:30 pm
PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm.
- 10-30 Fall Festival
Halloween Parade, 1:30 pm. (K-3)
Classroom Halloween Parties, 2:15 pm.

NOVEMBER (looking ahead...)

- 11-3 Election Day
- 11-5 PTA Shopping Night, 6:00-8:00 pm.
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AT JHS, 7:00 PM.
- 11-6 **First Marking Period Ends**
LUNCH WITH THE PRINCIPAL
- 11-9 SDM Meeting, 4:30 pm
PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 11-10 VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY (All Welcome!)
(If you would like to participate in the Assembly
as a United States Veteran, please call
Mrs. Mari Jo Smith, Kindergarten Teacher)
Panther Point Cart Day!
- 11-11 **Veteran's Day Observed**
NO SCHOOL
- 11-17 **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**
EARLY DISMISSAL @ 12:15 pm.
- 11-18 **REPORT CARDS ISSUED**
- 11-19 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AT JHS, 7:00 PM

The Glebe Panther Pride Word for the Month of October is:

TRUSTWORTHINESS

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

We'd like to thank the members of our board of education, Ronald Beck, James Levin, Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth, Evamarie Mraz, Joanne Freeman, Robert Kosowicz, Russell Martin, Scott Miller, and John David Praught, this month, especially during the week of October 19-23, 2009), which is School Board Recognition Week. Although being elected to the board of education is a great honor, with which comes a tremendous amount of responsibility and accountability, you may not realize that board members devote many long hours of their personal time to make our district a very good one. We have much to be proud of, and we have our board of education to recognize for their exemplary citizenship, as well as the gift of time and talent throughout their term as a GJSD board of education member. We certainly do appreciate all that you do for the children of our school district!

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

National School Lunch Week will be celebrated October 12-16, 2009. The theme this year is "All Star School Lunch." Parents may reserve a meal ticket for that day and eat with their child(ren). The price will be \$4.05 for an adult meal. The charge for children will be the same as students- \$1.75. This year we would like you to send in your payment with your reservation. The reason for prepaying is to expedite the waiting lines. Since this week is a true celebration of the School Lunch Program, parents are respectfully requested not to bring fast food into the cafeteria. Please refer to the cover letter of the "Glebe Street Elementary School Student Handbook of Good Behaviors". Thank you for respecting the school procedures.

When you come to have lunch with your child/children, you will sign in and you will pick up your meal tickets at the reservation table. You are invited to go to recess with your child/children, *if recess is held outside.*

We look forward to having lunch with you!

OPEN HOUSE IS A SUCCESS!

What a success! Open house is a great opportunity to experience your child's school. This year, attendance was extremely high. Hopefully all families were able to visit for a few moments with teachers and staff, while learning something of the tone of Glebe Street Elementary School. Thanks to our PTA and the PTA members from both Warren St. and Pleasant Ave., baked goods and beverages provided welcome refreshment for everyone in attendance. The reception committee worked hard, and is appreciated! There are ways to continually improve on the event, and one can expect that next year, open house will build on its own success!

ACCELERATED READER

The Accelerated Reader Program theme for the 2009-2010 school year will be "Music". The program will run from the beginning of the school year through May, 2010. Students have already begun to select Accelerated Reader books from the library and a few have taken the computer tests to score points.

We have a new Accelerated Reader committee, filled with staff and parent members ready with new ideas for encouraging reading fluency and reading comprehension at every level. You will, no doubt, be hearing more from us about Accelerated Reader! The team is led this year by Mrs. Misty Houser, Mrs. Laura Lakata, and Mrs. Theresa Buchner—with many, many others ready to assist! The monthly AR nights are wonderful ways to read together as a family!

Enrichment in the Arts! REFLECTIONS...

2009-2010 Theme: "Beauty Is..."

Reflections is a National PTA sponsored program in which every child in the school can participate. All they have to do is close their eyes and imagine..." Beauty Is! " There are a variety of categories that might speak to your child's interests. The categories are; Dance, Film, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. This is a wonderful program for our students to develop their creative ideas. Please encourage your child to participate. We will be sending home the paperwork that is necessary to participate. Please fill it out, and let's get those creative juices flowing!

OUTDOOR RECESS

Students will be going outside daily for a recess period, weather permitting. Please have your children wear jackets and dress appropriately.

VOLUNTEERS

Anyone wishing to volunteer in the Greater Johnstown School District needs to be approved by the district. Volunteer forms are available in the front office.

BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS

Please remember that Party invitations and birthday invitations can only be handed out at school if there is one for everyone in the class. This avoids hurt feelings.



Thank you for your cooperation.



School Meal Accounts Information

Please remember to keep a balance on your child's meal account current. Please feel free to pay by check, in advance or use the on-line payment system—MyNutriKids—found on the school website:
www.johnstownschoools.org/glebe

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

**Announcing NEW and CONTINUING PROGRAMS at
Glebe Street Elementary School
2009-2010 academic school year**

PEER READING PROGRAM

HOMEWORK STUDYHALL and HOMEWORK CLUB

STUDENT COUNCIL

READING READINESS

RECYCLING

SAFETY PATROL

PANTHER POINTS
component of our character education program

SCHOOL BANKING