



Glebe St. Elementary School September 2018 Newsletter

Dear Families,

I hope you had a wonderful summer with family, friends, and happy memories! It is great to finally have the students back in school. We are so fortunate to have great teachers and staff members, wonderful families, and awesome students here at Glebe. Each month I will send a newsletter and calendar in order to inform you of events happening here at Glebe, celebrations, our successes, and our progress toward our building goals. Our newsletter can be viewed online at www.johnstownschoools.org. You can also follow us on Twitter, @GlebePrincipal.

This year, the elementary schools will operate on an A-F day schedule. You may have noticed this in your child's folder on the first day. September 5th is an "A" day, September 6th is a "B" day, etc. This calendar takes into account all planned vacations, holidays, and days off from school. When there is a day off (other than a snow day) we do not skip the day, thus students do not miss the instruction or specials (i.e. PE, Art, Music) planned for that day. If we have a snow day we DO skip the day. Your child's teacher will be communicating with you in regards to which days your child has PE (A, B, C, D, E, or F) so they can be prepared with sneakers.

The number one thing you can do as a parent to help your child succeed is READ! We will be offering monthly Accelerated Reading nights where students and families can come to the library and read together. Students will also be able to take AR quizzes. **Our first Accelerated Reader Night will be** October 17th from 6-7 p.m.

Just a reminder, instruction begins each morning at 9 a.m. It is very important that your child is on time, attends school daily, is well rested, and has a positive attitude! These things will contribute to your child's success this school year. Breakfast will be served at 8:25. At 8:45 students are able to go to their classrooms. Please remember, if your child needs to be out or is home sick – you must call our office by 9 a.m. to let us know. If you would like to request homework for a sick child, requests will be taken until 10 a.m. and homework will be available in the main office after 3:30 p.m. Parents are required to provide a WRITTEN excuse, signed by a parent or guardian when a student is absent, tardy, or leaving school early. This is a New York State Education Law. Blue excuse forms were provided in the purple folder yesterday.

A new school year is a great time to become involved! Take the opportunity to attend as many school events as you can with your child, join the Johnstown Elementary PTA, or ask how you can get involved. Glebe's Leadership Team (GLT) meets monthly to plan the literacy, enrichment, and parent outreach events for the school. If you would like to get involved, our first meeting is September 20th at 3:30 p.m. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to be involved, please email me at anorth@johnstownschoools.org

If you ever have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to call or email your child's teacher or myself. Working collaboratively, we can help assure the school year ahead is enjoyable and successful! Welcome back and we'll see you at Open House on September 27th from 6-7 p.m.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Abbey North, Principal

Glebe Family Handbook

During the first few days of school I will be visiting each classroom to welcome students, remind students of our "SOAR for FOUR" expectations (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready to Learn, and Be Safe) while in the cafeteria, outside, the halls, and their classroom. Your child should have received a Glebe Family Handbook. A group of dedicated committee members assisted with the creation of the handbook. It outlines important dates, contact information, procedures, etc. that will make our school a safe, wonderful place for students to learn and play. **Please take a moment to review the handbook with your child and return the Signature of Understanding page near the back of the handbook to your child's teacher acknowledging your review of the handbook with your child.**

Transportation, Arrival, and Dismissal Reminders

If you need to change your child's dismissal information, you will need to call Mrs. Simek or myself in the main office at 518-762-3714. If you are requesting a change for the shuttle bus or traditional transportation, you will also need to fill out a change of transportation form (found on the website or in the main office) and notify the transportation department at 518-775-5788. If your child will not be taking the bus or you will be picking him or her up, please call the office at 518-762-3714. **Please make every effort to make changes by 1 p.m. Changes will not be made after 1 p.m.** unless it is an emergency. Our number one priority is to get all students dismissed safely and making last minute changes compromises this. Please do not come to the office to sign out your child at 3 p.m. if you have not sent in a note.