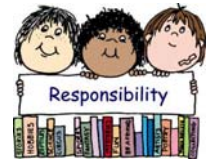


# The Panther Point



Glebe Street Elementary School Newsletter for the month of FEBRUARY, 2010

Dear Families,

We would like to share this poem with you  
For its words speak so much about reading that's true.  
We hope after reading, you see what we see  
The excitement and joy that reading can be  
For it's in these moments when our students get lost  
In great books, for inside their pages  
Lie so many words to inspire us all... anytime and in all ages.

## Story Trail



I opened a book  
And there on its pages  
Were stories of foxes  
And lions in cages  
And forests so dark  
And leafy and deep  
That all who would enter  
Would lapse into sleep  
While snakes coiled tightly  
Unseen on the ground  
Stalked uneasy mice  
Rushing nimbly around.  
My plan was to read  
Just a bit to begin...  
But I can't stop now,  
I'm completely drawn in.



-from *The Big Book of Classroom Poems*  
Scholastic Teaching Resources

Beyond what we know that research shows us about the benefits of reading to our children from an early age, is there any greater joy than the closeness that comes while reading with your child and having discussions about their reading? As educators, we frequently see the foundation of skills that students carry with them as a result of being read to at an early age. As parents, we have seen the magic unfold before our eyes as we read to our young ones, knowing they will be "completely drawn in" to the power that reading holds. We encourage you to continue to read with your child and share in the magic of reading.

-Mrs. Park and Mrs. Wood

## **RESPONSIBILITY is our character trait focus for the month of FEBRUARY**

Responsibility is the act of being responsible. Responsibility is our Glebe Panther Pride Good Character Word for the month of February. February is a busy month for the Glebe Street Elementary School Community! We will learn so much through our studies, as well as our projects and events. Please join the children as they learn about the true meaning of responsibility, and how it connects to the five other pillars of good character already mentioned! We all look forward to seeing more of you at the events coming up, and hope that you will agree that our school is a place to learn to strengthen good character traits—especially responsibility!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### *FEBRUARY* The Loveliest Month of All!

- 2/1-2/11 MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE WEEK
  - 2/3 Elementary School Report Cards Issued
  - 2/4 CMRT Meeting, 8:00 am  
Faculty Meeting, 3:20-4:20 p.m.
  - 2/5 Spelling Bee, In-Class  
Lunch with the Principal, 12:30 p.m.
  - 2/5-2/6 All County Music Festival
  - 2/8 Shared Decision Making @4:00 pm.  
Parent Teacher Association @6:30 pm.  
Grade 6 Ski Trip to Royal Mountain
  - 2/9 In-School Spelling Bee(grades 4-6),1:30 pm  
Parents, Family , and Friends welcome!
  - 2/10 Founder's Day Dinner  
Valentine's Day Parties
  - 2/11 **SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY**
  - 2/11-2/15 **WINTER BREAK (no school)**
  - 2/13 Missoula Jack In The Beanstalk Performance  
Two performances, TBA
  - 2/16 School resumes
  - 2/17 **100th DAY**  
Miss Manners Assembly
  - 2/19 Winter Ice Age Dance, 6:30 pm
  - 2/23 AIE Assembly, Chris Holder , Storyteller
- ### *MARCH* (looking ahead...)
- 3/4 PRISM Concert, 7:00 pm
  - 3/5 Lunch with the Principal, 12:30 pm
  - 3/8 SDM Meeting, 4:30 pm  
PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - 3/17 Saint Patrick's Day
  - 3/18 ACADEMIC FAIR,6:30 p.m.
  - 3/31 Glebe Talent Show

## GLEBE ACADEMIC FAIR

All students in grades K-6 are invited and encouraged to participate in the 2010 Academic Fair, which will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 6:30 pm. This year the academic fair will be organized by academic area, including science, math, literature, music, art, research, experiments, technology, etc. Students and their families will enjoy working together to display talents and interests of any academic nature! Please come and enjoy this fun event!

## Of course, you have talent!

Our talent show this year will be on Wednesday, 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.

## 2010-2011

### 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 WERE SENT HOME INSIDE YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD.**

## ***PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL EACH DAY WITH THE PROPER ATTIRE FOR WINTER PLAY...***

Many days can be spent outside for Winter-time recess—WE WANT ALL CHILDREN TO EXPERIENCE THE FUN, SUN, SOCIALIZATION, AND FRESH AIR. We have learned a mnemonic device at Glebe that all children have learned: Before Going, Have Special Clothing. Please help them to be prepared by sending them prepared with Boots, Gloves (mittens), Hats, Snowpants, and a warm Coat THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## HOMework REQUEST PROCEDURE...

When a child is absent from school, parents should request school-work to pick up for their child so that they don't fall behind in work. Often times, the requests can be difficult to honor because the requests come at times during the day that don't provide teachers with enough time to get work together for a child.

Therefore, it will be school procedure that homework requests from parents, on the behalf of a child, must be made to the office before 10:00 am. Otherwise, it may not be possible for the teacher to gather the work in time to honor that request.

Please understand that this new procedure comes as a result of the school's sincere desire to help the student to be successful in the long run.

Thank you for honoring this procedure, for your understanding, and for your cooperation.

## **A POSTER CONTEST OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS!!!**

The New York State Department of Health is having their annual "SunWise With SHADE" poster contest. If any students are interested in entering this contest, please see Mrs. Ruggeri. Poster entries are due by February 25, 2010.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

Our February character trait word is RESPONSIBILITY and our students at Glebe Street Elementary School always rise to the challenge! Through the help of our Student Council we will have Panther Paws for sale in the main hallway of our school starting Monday February 1<sup>st</sup>. The proceeds collected will be sent to help the people of Haiti on behalf of our students, staff, and community. Simple necessities such as water, food, and tents for shelter are needed. This is an awesome opportunity and a teaching moment for our children on how we can help our fellow human beings, and at the same time take responsibility to help people in need. Proceeds will be sent to **Save The Children of Haiti**. Save the Children is the leading independent organization creating lasting change in the lives of children in need in the United States and around the world. Recognized for our commitment to accountability, innovation and collaboration, our work takes us into the heart of communities, where we help children and families help themselves.

## **STAYING HEALTHY DURING A BUSY SCHOOL YEAR...**

To ensure that our students stay healthy and do well in school, please make sure they eat a healthy breakfast and get plenty of rest. Limiting out of school obligations and keeping a well-organized routine of diet, rest, and physical activity will help your child to do his or her very best in school.