

The Panther Point



Glebe Street Elementary School Newsletter for the month of OCTOBER, 2011

Principal's Message:

When I think back on Glebe's Open House of 2011 it won't be the sounding of the fire alarm that I remember most (*okay, maybe it will!*), but instead the sea of people who filled the school gym on that muggy night in September. As a principal it is an awesome feeling to look out upon an Open House crowd of hundreds that includes not only students and parents but aunts, uncles, grandparents, and other adults who are important in the lives of our students. This type of support is unfortunately not the norm in all schools, and it is a key ingredient to what makes Glebe a special place. For a school community this devoted to its children's educations, the sky truly is the limit.

Take, for example, the recent Glebe Golf Tournament. The Glebe Golf Tournament Committee worked from January through the Sept. 17th tournament planning, organizing, and soliciting sponsors and donors from the community to raise \$7300 for the PTA in the single largest fundraising event ever held at Glebe! The Glebe PTA is busy at work putting those funds to good use in its planning of programs such as the October 2nd **Panther Prowl** walk-a-thon in support of area flood victims, the October 15th **Family Fun Fall Festival** at Jansen Avenue School, and the annual **Hot Dog/ Chili Cookout** on October 20th. We hope that you and your families will join us for these fun events, and the PTA would love to welcome your participation in the great work they do. PTA participation is an outstanding way to support your children's school experience and to connect with likeminded parents in your community.

Finally, if you are able and willing to lend a hand on a consistent basis, opportunities to get involved are available before, during, and after school, whether it is once a week or every day. Several parents have already answered this charge and we could not be more grateful. In so many different ways the families of Glebe's students are participating actively in our students' educations, and I encourage you to join this movement. If you'd like to get involved please contact me at 762-3714 or at dcarroll@johnstownschoools.org.

Sincerely,

Daniel Carroll

OCTOBER

- 10-2 Panther Prowl, Knox Field, 12-2 pm
- 10-7 Lunch with the Principal, 12:30 pm
- 10-10 Columbus Day Observed
NO SCHOOL
- 10-11 PTA Meeting, 3:30 pm
SDM Meeting, 4:30 pm
- 10-11 **National School Lunch Week**
(10-11through 10-14)
- 10-15 "Family Fun Fall Festival"
Jansen Ave School Field, 12-4 pm
- 10-20 Hot Dog/ Chili Cookout, 5:30-7 pm
- 10-25 Accelerated Read Night 6:30 pm.
- 10-31 **HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PARTIES**
HALLOWEEN PARADE FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS (change into costumes at 1:00; parade at 1:30) Parade at Knox field)

NOVEMBER (looking ahead...)

- 11-4 Lunch with the Principal, 12:30 pm
End of 1st quarter
- 11-5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11-9 Veteran's Day Assembly, 10 am
- 11-10 Superintendent's Conference Day
NO SCHOOL
- 11-11 Veterans Day Observed
NO SCHOOL
- 11-14 SDM Meeting, 4 pm
PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 11-15 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11-17 Board of Ed Meeting, 6 pm
Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11-18 Report Cards Distributed
- 11-22 Emergency Go Home Drill
- 11/23-11/25 **Thanksgiving Recess**
NO SCHOOL
- 11-30 Accelerated Reader Night, 6:30 pm

Glebe Street Elementary School Panther Prowl:

On Sunday, October 2nd, from 12:00-2:00, the Glebe Street Elementary School PTA will hold the Panther Prowl at Knox Field. The Panther Prowl is a fundraiser for the PTA in which students collect pledges for the number of laps they walk. This year, the PTA is donating half of all funds raised to its neighbors at the Fonda-Fultonville Elementary School PTA, a school community in which many families are still recovering from devastating flooding. Donations for the Fonda-Fultonville PTA will also be accepted at the event, and we will be accepting donations of bottled water and bug spray indefinitely.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK!

National School Lunch Week will be celebrated October 11-14, 2011. 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 \$2.00 the same price as a student. Since this week is a true celebration of the School Lunch Program, parents are respectfully requested not to bring fast food into the cafeteria. **THERE WILL BE NO ALTERNATES THIS WEEK. Pre-paid meal orders must be received by Thursday, October 6, 2011.**

PAYMENT

- The reason for guests prepaying is to expedite the waiting lines. *Family members who have not pre-paid will still be able to purchase a meal ticket the day of the event at the registration table.*
- A registration table will be set up near the entrance. Manned by PTA volunteers, the reservation table will provide meal tickets for those who have prepaid.
- The meal ticket must be presented at the lunch line.

October 11, 2011	Chicken Pattie on a Bun, Garden Veggie, Fruit Choice
October 12, 2011	Chef Salad with a Roll, Fruit Choice
October 13, 2011	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Garden Veggie, Fruit Choice
October 14, 2011	Chicken Nuggets or Chicken Grabbers with a Roll, Fruit Choice

The form will go home on Monday, October 3rd.

Please note that students that buy lunches during this week will be receiving "promotional gifts" that include push up erasers, lenticular flip bookmarks, sticker jigsaw puzzles, pencils and magnifying rulers.

PICTURE RETAKES

We will be having Picture Retakes on Wednesday, November 16th.

MENU CHANGE

Please note that the DAILY Alternates have changed on the menu.

MWF – Grilled Cheese
T/TH - Fajita Wrap

IMPORTANT Student Arrival Reminders

- Students should arrive to Glebe Street School between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m.
- **No student should arrive to school prior to 8:30 a.m.** because supervision is not available.
- Only those with pre-arranged meetings with the principal or a teacher will be admitted before 8:30am