

The Panther Point



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

Happy New Year Panthers!

For those of us involved in schools- whether we are parents, teachers, school staff, or students- September, of course, marks the *real*/beginning of the year. In these early days of September, when clothes and school supplies are new and shoes and gym floors are shiny, the students' excitement and anticipation are tangible.

As I prepared my thoughts for our opening day assembly I was reminded of the wisdom of our most recent graduates, who composed the theme, "Another Year...Another Chance" for last year's yearbook. With that theme in mind I asked Glebe's students to reflect on the school year that ended so many weeks ago in June and to choose one aspect of their previous year that they would like to improve. Whether it was their study habits, their punctuality, their treatment of others, their organizational skills, or their time spent practicing their instrument, I encouraged the students to commit to the goal of improvement in that specific area. Parents, I encourage you to follow up with your children related to their goals for this school year and to help them set worthwhile, ambitious goals that are within their reach. Although it is true that data and research can be found to support just about any position, one area in which educational researchers overwhelmingly agree is in the power of setting and communicating high expectations for children.

Speaking of high expectations, the new school year is one in which teachers and principals statewide join their students in the learning process. In preparation for this first year of new learning standards for students, Glebe's teachers worked hard throughout the summer. This work will continue throughout the year as teachers develop instructional units that integrate the new learning standards and attend training sessions related to their incorporation in the classroom.

So here's to another great year here at Glebe! Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 762-3714 or by e-mail at dcarroll@johnstownschoools.org whenever questions or concerns arise.

Sincerely,
Mr. Carroll

SEPTEMBER Welcome Back!

- 9-7 First Day of School!
Kindergarten Parent Information Meeting, 1:30 pm. Kindergarten students dismissed with parents. MUM SALE BEGINS.
- 9-7 In School Welcome Back assemblies.
- 9-12.1 PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm. (All parents welcome and encouraged to attend!)
Music Department Instrument Demonstration Night 7:00 pm. at JHS
- 9-13 1st Grade Parent Meeting, 6:00 pm.
MUM Sale Pick up, 3:00-5:00 pm.
- 9-15 Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm. JHS
- 9-17 Glebe Golf Tournament
- 9-19 Homeroom Parent 'Drawing', 3:30 pm.
- 9-27 OPEN HOUSE, 6:30 pm.
- 9-29 School Pictures

OCTOBER (looking ahead...)

- 10-2 Panther Prowl, Knox Field, 12-2 pm
- 10-7 Lunch with the Principal, 12:30 pm
- 10-10 Columbus Day Observed
- 10-11 PTA Meeting, 3:30 pm
SDM Meeting, 4:30 pm
- 10-12 National School Lunch Week (10-11 through 10-14)
- 10-15 "Family Fun Fall Festival"
Jansen Ave School Field, 12-4 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)

GLEBE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

Your PTA membership does not obligate you to volunteer for committees and projects that involve your time. Through your membership dues (\$5.00) you will help to provide contributions for the following PTA activities throughout the year:

▶ Arts In Education Assemblies ▶ Art Show & Ice Cream Social
▶ Book Fairs ▶ Fall Festival ▶ Playground and Recess Equipment ▶ Accelerated Reading Program ▶ Beach School Dances ▶ Santa's Workshop ▶ Beautification of our School Grounds ▶ Reflections Program ▶ School Pictures ▶ Yearbook ▶ Talent Show ▶ Scholarships ▶ Refreshments and Hospitality ▶ Academic Fair ▶ Box Tops/Printer Cartridges for Funds ▶ Hot Dog/Chili Cook-out ▶ Character Education ▶ and more...

We are always looking for volunteers to help with these events! If you are interested in volunteering or have any suggestions or comments, please contact us through the School District web-site and "Panther Parent" link on::

johnstownschoools.org

P.T.A Officers for 2011-2012 school year

Eric & Misty Houser, *Co-Presidents*
Kim Kortz, *1st Vice President*
Shelley Yerdon, *2nd Vice President*
Beth Connelie, *Recording Secretary*
Bobbi Jo Haverly, *Treasurer*
Jamie Tallon, *Corresponding Secretary*
Virginia D'Amore, *Public Relations Coordinator*
Sandy Vosburgh & Lisa Wager, *Teacher Representatives*
Christine Krempa, *Central Council Representative*
Kathy Simone, *Sunshine Fund*

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SUPPORT! JOIN TODAY!
PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS,
AND RELATIVES ARE ALL WELCOME TO JOIN!

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

Please read over with your child/children the GJSD Code of Conduct you should have received with all of the first day materials. The codebook serves as a guide for student expectations and displaying good citizenship in school and in the community. Please be aware that our Board of Education has adopted this code for all of our schools, and expects that it will be fully enforced as written. Copies are available in the front office.

FOOD SERVICE LUNCH and BREAKFAST!

Free and reduced breakfast and lunch applications are sent home with your child on the first day. Please complete the applications and return them to school by **Wednesday, September 14th.** If you have any questions please call the office.

Please check carefully the school lunch menu. On it, one can see the regular cafeteria meal. Please notice that there is an alternate lunch, as well. The alternate lunch choice will be offered each day.

- Lunch is \$2.00 per day.
Reduced lunch is \$.25 per day.
- Breakfast is \$1.25 per day.
Reduced breakfast is \$.25 per day.

Please make payments on-lin through www.mynutrikids.com or use the "MyNutrikids" link at www.johnstownschoools.org. Checks for the correct amount should be made to "Greater Johnstown School District". Payments can be made in advance. Please make every effort to maintain a balance on your child(ren)'s meal account.

EXCUSES

Parents are required to provide a **WRITTEN** excuse that is signed by a parent/guardian when a student is absent, tardy or leaving school early. This is a New York State Education Law. Please send an excuse with your child in the morning if your child needs to be dismissed early or is tardy, as well as the day your child returns to school after being absent. Please notify the school if your child is going to be absent. If your child is late you need to sign him/her in and if he/she leaves early you must sign him/her out.

BUS SAFETY NOTE:

Please send in notes to change bussing students daily by **NOON**. Too often the front office receives calls late in the day to change bussing arrangements and this makes it difficult for the staff to get the information to the student *and* the transportation department. The safety of our students is our top priority. Thank you for your cooperation.

GLEBE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Thursday, September 29, 2011 is "Picture Day" at Glebe Street Elementary School. Order forms and money envelopes will be sent home prior to pictures being taken. Please have your child bring in the order form with payment the day that their picture will be taken. There will be make-up pictures scheduled at a later time. **Make sure to wear your smile!**

OPEN HOUSE

Our Open House will be held
Tuesday, September 27, 2011
at 6:30 pm.

All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to visit the classrooms and become acquainted with our school and staff. We will be sending home more information at a later date.

Throughout the evening, the PTA will have information available for the parents on how to become more involved in their child's education as well as sponsoring their annual membership drive. Please come and enjoy the fun!

Please note that monthly newsletters, lunch menus and updated school information can be found on the district's website:
www.johnstownschoools.org

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Mrs. Cromer

In an effort to provide a safe playing environment for all students in Physical Education class, students are asked to remove all jewelry during class. It is understandable that certain circumstances require earrings to be left in until the 6-week healing process has ended, and we make provisions for such students. Once the 6-week period of time has expired, those students are also expected to remove earrings. The best place to leave them is at home where they remain in a clean environment. If your child is able to remove them without assistance, a zip lock bag or small plastic container may be a solution for keeping jewelry safe and clean in your child's classroom during Physical Education class time.

Please consider making sure that your child's sneakers can be securely laced and tied tightly so that they do not come off easily without being untied. Too many times students not wearing proper footwear step out of their sneakers while playing, leading to an increase in the potential for foot, ankle, lower leg and knee injuries. Several sneakers have flown through the air during activities in PE class and recess, increasing the risk of injury to other children as well.

PLEASE RETURN FORMS

*Please return the following forms to school by **September 14th**:*

- **Student Parent Contact Information Sheet**
- **Emergency School Closing**
- **Pupil Absence Notification**
- **Technology Use Form**
- **Free & Reduced Lunch Form**

Free time on your hands? *Be a Glebe Volunteer!*

If you have been looking for a worthwhile way to contribute during your free time, we just might have the answer for you.

Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the school day at Glebe.

Examples include assistance during student arrival before school; during lunch and recess from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and at dismissal time after school. Opportunities are also available to serve as the advisor/supervisor of an after-school club.

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