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Fall "Fun"amentals!

We are fully entrenched in the new school year and the students are off to a fantastic start. As I go around the building, I love seeing the students actively engaged in discussions with their classes, reading books, writing, doing science experiments, completing art projects, singing, working on the computers and most importantly- smiling while they are doing it!!

It is so important for students to establish good work habits at the beginning of the year, then maintain them all the way through the school year. We appreciate your help in making sure students have a quiet place to study and time to complete homework.

As the school work gets more complicated and the material is completely new, some students begin to get frustrated. Please watch for this and provide assis-

tance to your child while helping them overcome their frustrations. If you have concerns about how your child is progressing, always feel free to contact the teacher.

It is important for all of us to work together as a team to educate your child(ren). Please continue to be a part of your child's education by talking about what happens at school, asking about homework, communicating with the school, volunteering whenever possible, and always conveying the importance of school to your child(ren).

Please note that Parent Teacher conferences will be held on Friday, October 23. If you have not signed up for a time, please call the office so that we can get you on the schedule.

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PTO News

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Box Tops, Tyson labels, Campbell's Soup labels

Please continue to keep an eye out for all of these. Cut them out and send them in with your child. They all help us to raise money for our school. You may want to save them for our contests....more details coming.

School Carnival

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Glenn Carnival by volunteering, donating items, and attending! It was a fun night and a great way to celebrate our wonderful school and the start to a new year!

PTO (continued)**Chuck A Puck**

Glenn will be working Chuck A Puck at the Prairie Thunder hockey games again this year. It is a great opportunity to go to the hockey games, have fun, and raise money for the Glenn PTO all at the same time! If you are interested in working a game with your child(ren), please contact Dan Blodgett (662-0617 or dan.kristine@verizon.net).

Glenn has the following dates:

Oct. 24	Feb. 24
Nov. 4	Mar. 5
Nov. 13	Apr. 2
Dec. 11	
Dec. 19	
Jan. 16	
Jan. 27	

Children & Elders Forest– Cardinal Grove at Glenn

Cardinal Grove, The Children and Elder Forest at Glenn School is being planted two Saturdays in October.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

October 10 and 17 at 10:00 am. Please bring wheelbarrows and shovels.

**There is also a rain date of October 24.

Contact Jan Turner 454-7012 or janice.turner10@verizon.net

Thanks for your help!

Dedication ceremony:

Please plan to come on Friday, November 6 at 2:00 pm for the Dedication ceremony.

**Mark your calendars!**

Looking ahead to October, there are some dates that you will want to put on your calendar:

- Nov. 9-20– USBORNE reading program
- Nov. 9– Vision/Hearing screening at Glenn
- Nov. 9– PTO meeting– 6:30 pm
- Nov. 10– 2nd/3rd grade concert
- Nov. 20– Report cards go home
- Nov. 25– NO SCHOOL– Teacher Institute

**Book Fair**

We will be having the annual Glenn Book Fair the week of October 19. The students will have an opportunity to view the book fair and make a wish list, then they will be able to come back before school, during lunch, or after school to purchase books. If your child would like to purchase a book for his/her classroom, the teachers will have wish lists that the students can look at. You are also welcome to come to the book fair with your child before school, at lunch, and after school. The book fair will also be open during the day if you would like to come without your child and purchase gifts.

7 Keys to Comprehension

We are continuing our study of the 7 Keys to Comprehension. We hope your students are coming home and talking to you about the strategies they are practicing. In September, we talked a lot about visualizing what you are reading and creating a motion picture in your head. This month we have a new strategy to focus on, but we will always continue to utilize the previous keys as well!

October Key-

Making Connections

What is it?

All students have background knowledge—based on the experiences they have had, the places they have been, other books they have read, the things they have seen, etc... When reading books, students should relate the experiences they are reading about to their own lives and background knowledge. Making these connections helps students gain a better understanding of what they are reading, and it helps them to remember what they have read.

What can you do?

- Model the strategy by stopping to share how something in the book you are reading reminds you of something in your background knowledge.
- Ask your child if they can remember a time when they experienced something that a character in the book is experiencing.
- Try reversing it- when something happens in your daily life that could connect to the book you are reading with your child, be sure to tell your child and then talk about it with them.
- When you are reading with your child and you come across something that is confusing to you, talk with them about how you will figure it out—reading on, looking up a word, asking questions, finding out more about a topic etc... This is how you build your background knowledge.



Parent Volunteer Screening

The Glenn staff always encourages parent involvement. We want parents to feel comfortable and welcome at our school, and we often depend on families to help us within the school day.

With that said, it is also a priority for us to provide a welcome and safe environment for our students. In compliance with the Unit 5 Board of Education, we have been asked to have all volunteers provide information for a background check to ensure the level of safety for our children is maintained. They have partnered with Bushue Human Resources, Inc. to provide this service. Secured Socket Layer technology is used to protect your information in transit to their systems. If you have additional questions, you can contact Bushue Human

Resources, Inc. at:

Bushue Background Screening
104 N. 2nd St. Suite B
Effingham, IL 62401
Phone: 217-342-3042
Fax: 217-342-5653

If you have not yet completed the process, please come to the school during normal business hours (7:45 am-4:15 pm) and complete a form on our computer. You will only need to complete the process one time each year. Once the screening is complete, you will receive a badge that can be used in multiple buildings. Please call the office if you have questions.

Office notes

Change in phone numbers/address

Please let the office know right away if any of your contact information has changed. It is very important to us that we are able to get a hold of you in case of an emergency with your child.

Appointments/Absences

Please call the office when your child is going to be absent for any reason. If your child has an appointment, it is also helpful if you come a few minutes early so that we have time to call your child down and get everything ready for him/her to go.

Going Home

If your child is going home any way other than the usual way, please call or send a note. We will not let them go home in any other way without a note or phone call.

Illnesses

When you call your student in sick, please include information about their symptoms in the message if they have a cough, runny or stuffy nose, fatigue, fever over 100°, sore throat, body aches, or headache. Also, please let us know if your child has a confirmed case of H1N1.



Respect Responsibility Right Choices



In this section each month, you will be able to read about our PBIS program. We use PBIS as a positive way to help students make the best choices about their behavior each day. I will provide a brief overview of the program so that you are familiar with the terminology and process and can talk with your child about it:

Expectations

When Glenn implemented PBIS 6 years ago, the staff worked to develop expectations for each area of the school. At the beginning of the year, the staff reviewed each of the expectations with the students. We wanted the students to know what the expectations look like, sound like and feel like. This year, teachers used the SmartBoards to review expectations with the children and the children followed a treasure map as they reviewed expectations for different parts of the building and different parts of the day!

STAR slips

Students receive STAR slips for **S**oaring **T**owards **A**ll **R**RRs. STAR slips can be awarded by any staff member when they see a student working especially hard to follow the expectations.

Referral Forms

A referral form is completed when a student is not making positive behavior choices. Depending on the severity of the issue, the referral is considered a **major** or a **minor**. If a student has a **major** referral, he/she will come to the office to talk with Mrs. Bergmann and a copy of the referral is sent home. If a student has a **minor** referral, the form is sent to the office and kept on file.

Rewards/STAR assembly

We reward students throughout the year for making positive choices. One Friday a month, we have a STAR assembly where students earn a prize if their STAR slip is drawn. We will also have periodic drawings for prizes during the week. On Friday, September 25, we had an "Out of the Blue" reward for students who had not had a referral this year. Be sure to ask your child about it. In December and May we will have big rewards for any students who make it through that half of the year without getting 3 minor referrals or one major referral.