

GLEN HEAD SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to nurture and enrich our students natural delight in learning and in the powers of mind and body. Each child's awakening into confident young adulthood requires guided engagement with vital ideas and events of the past to realize fresh possibilities and discoveries for the future.

We aspire to foster in our students those qualities of character consonant with the ideals of a democratic society. We are committed to reaching beyond routine expectations in a learning environment that encourages inquiry and builds its daily practice upon respect for oneself and others.

Glen Head School's the place to be we are like one family...

Glen Head Elementary School

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516-705-0425

Lori Nimmo, Principal

Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

During the past several weeks new friends have been made, routines established and excitement and enthusiasm can be found in all areas of the building. Glen Head teachers are working hard to get to know as much as they can about the learners in their classrooms.



You are an integral part of this process. Please contact your child's teacher and share pertinent information when you feel something might impact your child's ability to participate in class activities.

In addition to classroom teachers, there are many people to help you including:

Mrs. Elaine Goldman – Social Worker

Dr. William Kitay – Psychologist

Ms. Bridget Hicks – Assistant Principal

For those of you who are new to Glen Head School, please take a moment to read a copy of the Student Handbook that contains a description of all policies, procedures and programs on the Glen Head Policies and Forms section of our website. You will also find a list of voice mail extensions for all of our teachers and be able to go directly to their e-mail addresses.

Something new on the Mathematics portion of the North Shore District website is a glossary of elementary math vocabulary similar to that which is posted in classrooms. You can access this information by going to www.northshore.k12.ny.us/instructional/mathcurriculumnew.htm.

If you have any questions upon review of these resources, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Fondly,

Lori Nimmo

School Calendar

- Oct. 2nd - School's Closed
Oct. 5th - Beginning of Registration for PTO After School Program
Oct. 9th - School's Closed
Oct. 10th - First week of kindergarten stay days
Oct. 11th - Picture day
Oct. 13th - Last day of registration for PTO After School Program
Oct. 14th - Bring your dad to breakfast 9:00-10:30
Oct. 19th - PTO MEETING 9:00a.m.
Oct. 20th - GH Sports Night 7:00p.m. in HS gym
Oct. 23rd - Anticipated start of the PTO After School Program
Oct. 31st - Harvest Festival

Upcoming Events

- *** MARTY HYMAN Photography forms must be returned to school by Oct. 4th.
*** INNISBROOK WRAP sale ends- must be returned to school by Oct 9th.
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What's for lunch?

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">October</div> <div>NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS</div> <div style="text-align: right;"> 2006 </div> </div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2 YOM KIPPUR</p> <p>SCHOOL'S CLOSED</p>	<p>3 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Slice Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Tuna Salad Plate/ Sandwich Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Tossed Vegetable Salad Chilled Peaches Fresh Apple Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>4 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Baked Macaroni & Cheese Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Ham/Cheese Sand./Plate Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Cucumber Slices French Bread Chilled Pears Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>5 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Meatball Hero Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Turkey Salad Plate/ Sandwich Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Green Bean Salad Dessert Cookie Chilled Cherries Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>6 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Baked Chicken Nuggets Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Tuna Salad Plate/ Sandwich Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Fresh Celery & Carrots Wheat Bread Mozzarella Cheese Fingers Cinnamon Applesauce Choice of Milk</p>
<p>9 COLUMBUS DAY</p> <p>School's Closed</p>	<p>10 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Slice Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Tuna Salad Plate/ Sandwich Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Tossed Vegetable Salad Chilled Peaches Fresh Apple Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>11 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Spaghetti w/Marinara/Meat Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Ham/Cheese Sand./Plate Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Green Beans Garlic Bread Chilled Pears Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>12 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Waffles w/ Ham Slice Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Sliced Turkey Salad/ Sand. Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Butter Blend/Syrup Cucumber Slices Chilled Apple Slices Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>13 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Baked Chicken Nuggets Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Tuna Salad Plate/ Sandwich Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Golden Corn Niblets Wheat Bread Fresh Orange Chilled Applesauce Choice of Milk</p>
<p>16 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Slice Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Tuna Salad Plate/ Sandwich Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Tossed Vegetable Salad Fresh Apple Chilled Pears Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>17 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Hamburger or Veggie Burger Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Sliced Turkey Salad/ Sand. Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Potato Wedges Pickle Chips Chilled Apple Slices Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>18 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Baked Rotini w/ Mozzarella Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Ham/Cheese Sand./Plate Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Fresh Garden Salad Garlic Bread Chilled Peaches Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>19 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Mozzarella Stix w/Sauce Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Tuna Salad Plate/ Sandwich Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Fresh Chef Salad Oatmeal Cookie Chilled Applesauce Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>20 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Baked Chicken Nuggets Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Turkey Salad Sand/Salad Plt Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Wheat Bread Mozzarella Cheese Fingers Green Bean Salad Chilled Cherries/Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>
<p>23 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza Slice Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Tuna Salad Plate/ Sandwich Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Tossed Vegetable Salad Fresh Apple Chilled Pineapple Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>24 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Applegate Hot Dog on a Bun Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Sliced Turkey Salad/ Sand. Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Cucumber Slices Potato Wedges Chilled Pears Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>25 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Spaghetti w/Marinara/Meat Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Ham/Cheese Sand./Plate Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Fresh Garden Salad Garlic Bread Chilled Cherries Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>26 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Taco Day Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Turkey Salad Sand/Salad Plt Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Lettuce Tomato & Cheese Steamed Brown Rice Chilled Peaches Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>27 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Baked Chicken Nuggets Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Tuna Salad Plate/ Sandwich Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Wheat Bread Golden Corn Niblets Chilled Apple Slices Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>
<p>30 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Pizza Bagel Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Tuna Salad Plate/ Sandwich Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Tossed Vegetable Salad Fresh Apple Chilled Pears Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>31 Choice of One Entrée</p> <p>Hamburger on a Bun Bagel w/ Butter, Cr. Cheese Turkey Salad Sand/Salad Plt Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.</p> <p>Choice of Sides</p> <p>Potato Wedges Oatmeal Cookie/Pickle Chips Chilled Applesauce Asst. Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>All North Shore Lunch</p> <p>Menus can be viewed on the North Shore Website. http://northshore.k12.ny.us</p> <p>Bagel with Peanut Butter or American Cheese is available daily. Lunch \$1.50 Milk \$.30</p>	<p>Bottled Water .50/1.00 Popcorn .60 Hot Pretzel .50 Creamsicle Bar .70 Frozen Fruit Bar 1.00</p> <p>Bread & Vegetarian Lunch is offered daily. See menu for choices.</p>	<p>Call Marge McCarrick Food Service Director 516/705-0250 for concerns, questions or suggestions concerning this menu or the lunch program.</p> <p>Ham, Bologna & Tacos may be made with Turkey, Beef or Pork.</p>

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
WRAPS NOW AVAILABLE AS SANDWICH OF THE DAY CHOICE.



Health News
From The Desk Of Mrs. Muth
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If my child is sick, should I call the nurse?

Please call the school if your child is going to be absent. The nurse should be informed if your child has had an injury or if your child has a Communicable disease (Strep, conjunctivitis, fifth disease, flu, lice, etc.).

Can my child take medication in school?

Medication may be taken in school if we have a prescription signed by a physician and a signed parental request. Even over the counter medications should be accompanied by a signed parental request.

Hi Kids! We need a name for our monthly Newsletter, Please help by thinking of one for us.

Name _____ grade _____ Class _____

Choice of name for newsletter _____

Please cut this out and place in the Newsletter Naming Box in the Main Office.
The name will be chosen by the Newsletter committee and the child will receive an honorable mention in the following Newsletter!



From the Desk of Mr. Papa

No cars are permitted to enter the faculty/staff parking lot at any time. When dropping off: To maximize safety, students should always exit the car curbside on the south side of School Street. Parents are asked to drive through Rail Road Plaza and come down School Street heading east to make this possible.

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten classes are busy learning the routines in their classrooms and in the lunchroom. They are also learning the names of the children in their classes and all the names of their new teachers.

First Grade News

1st Grade

First grade is studying the author Eric Carle and has begun the science unit on weather. They are also doing Second Step and talking about feelings and classroom community. They will begin studying the lifecycle of ladybugs over the next few weeks.

Second Grade News

2nd Grade

All classes are building a sense of community at this time, settling in and learning about their new students. It was a smooth beginning.

Third Grade News

3rd Grade

Third grade is studying habitats. They kicked off a study with a trip to the waterfront center in Oyster Bay where the children learned about seashore, estuary and marsh. They were in the water with nets and buckets and found crabs, fish and eels. It was great.

Fourth Grade News

4th Grade

Fourth grade is studying graphing, time and elapsed time in Math. In Social Studies they are working on the creation of the world, looking at civilization and moving into the Land Bridge which will bring them to the Native American time period. In Science they are starting the unit of study on electricity. The children will explore parallel and series circuits. In Reading the children are getting to know themselves as readers and learning to select just the right books. They are also talking about different reading strategies and goals. In Writing the children have been studying the writerly life: learning to live like writers and exploring the different topics/areas of writing. Most of the time so far has really been working on building a strong, comfortable and safe community with the children. The children have been getting to know themselves as learners and setting goals for their personal best for the beginning of the school year.

Fifth Grade News

5th Grade

Fifth grade is getting to know their students and is in full swing with the curriculum. In Math students are studying measurement and graphing. In Science they are learning about micro worlds and how to use a microscope. Literacy is in place with various reading and writing activities.

Fun Pages

Color The School Bus



Poetry Page

October-Chicken Soup With Rice

by Maurice Sendak

*In October I'll be host,
to witches, goblins and a ghost.
I'll serve them chicken soup on toast.
Whoopy once, whoopy twice,
whoopy chicken soup with rice*

Help

I'm trying hard to learn to read
But what's a kid to do
When there's a NO and a GO and a SO and a HO
And then there's a word like to?

Reading BONE and CONE and LONE and TONE
Can almost be kind of fun
But I get upset when I have to believe
That D-O-N-E spells done!

It's plain to see a kid like me
Sure needs a helping hand.
No matter how much I really try
I just don't understand

I'm trying hard to learn to read,
Somehow that's what I'll do,
But for now if you'll just read to me
Someday I'll read to you.

PTO Minutes

September 21, 2006

The meeting was called to order by co-president Alex Mink.

I. Presidents Report:

- A. On behalf of the PTO Alex extended thank you's to:
 - Tobi Kupferman & Leslie Sgaglione – for the Spring Carnival 2006
 - Jodi Cirella & Susan Giovaniello – Family Picnic 2006The Giovaniello & Bolowsky Families – for their generous donations for both events. Special thanks to everyone who donated baked goods for the 5th Grade to sell at the Family Picnic
 - B. The membership voted to accept the June 2006 PTO meeting minutes.
 - C. Alex reminded everyone of the great deal offered on subscriptions to the Gold Coast Gazette and the Glen Cove Record Pilot. If you didn't get a flier at Back-to-School night and would like to subscribe contact Alex or Nathalie.
 - D. A sign up sheet was passed around for the PTO Volunteer Bank. This is for busy people who don't have a lot of time to volunteer but may want to help out as needed and as it fits into their schedule. Anyone not able to sign up at the meeting should call or email Alex to be added to the list.
- II. Our guest speaker Gil Torrosian spoke about the Second Annual North Shore School District Homecoming. The parade will start at 12 noon on October 7 at the Glenwood Landing School parking lot and end at the High School. The Homecoming Football Game will take place at 2 pm, and there will be a barbeque and fun all day. If we want Glen Head School to March in the parade we just need our marchers and banner (which we have from the Memorial Day Parade).

III. Treasurer's Report

- A. Marianne Russo spoke about the proposed budget, copies of which were available to everyone and reminded us that some items may change depending on what the actual cost is, but the proposed budget is based on what we spent for the same or similar items last year. Ballots were passed out and the proposed budget was voted on by the membership.
40 yes, 0 no for the proposed 2006-2007 PTO Budget.
- B. Marianne then reminded us that the approved By-Laws have been available for review.
- C. The next item discussed was membership dues. It was collected at Back-to-School Night and remains at only \$10.00 per family. The membership dues are used by the PTO for funding operations as we get our fundraising projects for the year underway.
- D. Marianne then discussed the school clothing merchandising options with regard to color and logo. Some suggestions were made by the membership, and Marianne will obtain samples to display and discuss at the next PTO meeting.

IV. Fundraising Report

- A. Wrapping Paper Sale – Eileen Stanton kicked-off this year’s Innisbrook wrapping paper sale with great enthusiasm. She reminded us that last year we raised \$10,000.00 which was used to fund the Cultural Arts Program that all of our children were able to participate in and enjoy. The PTO also uses the wrapping paper funds for the extras we need at school to benefit the children. Eileen told us that Dr. Melnick has specifically requested that there is **NO door-to-door selling** (we have not done so in the past, but wanted to share his thoughts). **If Dr. Melnick is told of any door-to-door selling he will cancel the fundraiser immediately.** This year there will again be prizes awarded. The class that sells the most will win a movie basket to enjoy together and anyone who sells 10 or more items will be entered into a raffle to win a CD player. Delivery of ordered items will be at the school the second week of November and the committee members will send home information for parents to pick up their ordered items.
- B. Corporate Incentives – Alex gave the corporate incentives update in the absence of Andrea Manfredonia. Alex told us that those little box tops coupons that we cut out and send to school raised \$500 last year. Andrea has done the labor of cutting them appropriately, bundling them together and sending them in. Alex said that Andrea has asked for some help in doing this, and that it is not a huge time commitment for the benefit we receive. We also received \$150 from the Target charge cards. You can sign up at Target and designate the Glen Head School to receive a rebate. Then each time you use your Target card our school will benefit. Also, when you sign up for the Target card, you will receive 10% off your purchase that day.

V. Upcoming Events

- A. Bring Your Dad To Breakfast – Committee Chair Kari Sobel was pleased to announce that this event will take place on Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 am in the cafeteria. She hopes to see many children and dads enjoy this event together.
- B. After School Program Registration – is tentatively scheduled for the week of October 5th – 13th with an anticipated start of the program on October 23rd. As more details become available we will pass them along. Alex Mink, co-chair of that committee last year has asked everyone to respect the “return by” date in order to have your child attend a program. There is a huge amount of paperwork and many exciting programs are planned, so please be sure to sign up on time.
- C. Distribution of School Directory – Leslie Sgaglione has volunteered to put the directory together once again. Our thanks to Leslie for all of her efforts. The distribution of the directories will be in mid-October. As we have done in the past, each family will receive one directory at no charge, which will be sent home with the family’s oldest child. Additional copies will be available for \$5.00 each.

VI. Fifth Grade Graduation Committee Report

- A. The fifth grade graduation committee is undertaking various fund-raising events including the sale of Entertainment Books. These are the books with the coupons in them that can be used in many different activities throughout the year. Members that have purchased them in the past have reported great savings as well as ideas for new things to do.
- B. The other fundraiser they are working on now is a pocket-size version of our school calendar. It is the perfect size to carry with you to keep track of school events and important dates in the school calendar. They will be available for \$5.00 each. For more information you can contact Lori Ciotoli.

- C. The Committee and the PTO wish to extend a special “Thank you” to Andrea and Bill Manfredonia who generously donated signage to last year’s fifth grade even though they did not have a fifth grader! Thank you for your generous school spirit!
- VII. **Vice-President’s Update**
Vice-President Sandra Di Re began with a thank you to the PTO for all of the items purchased for our school. The children and teachers will all benefit from your generosity.
(SEE PAGES 7 and 8 FOR GRADE REPORTS)

VII. **Principal’s Report**

A. Glen Head School Principal Lori Nimmo told us that we had an amazing opening to school this year. Everything has gone very smoothly. The reading reunion was successful and Convocation, where the older grades teachers and children participate to welcome the kindergarten children, was wonderful.

B. Everyone should have received a copy of the Code of Conduct and wanted to highlight two very important items:

-- **in compliance with School Anti-Violence legislation, if a child threatens to kill another child the school must take action and could include a medical evaluation of the child.**

-- **Weapons are not permitted in school and that includes water pistols and cap guns.** If a child is found to have a weapon of any kind, including those mentioned, that child will be suspended.

C. Mrs. Muth wanted to remind us that the children visiting the nurse’s office are entitled to confidentiality. If you, as a parent, are at or near the nurse’s office, please do not ask a child why they are in Mrs. Muth’s office. If you are there to speak to Mrs. Muth, please wait outside of the office.

D. The office has been receiving regarding the ELA and Math Assessment scores. Coincidentally, the ELA scores were scheduled to be released today via press conference. That would include the information concerning our building. BOCES will print individual notices and they should be received by the parents shortly thereafter. The math scores are expected to be released by the state around October 5th, with parents receiving notices shortly. To see the scores you can go to www.nysed.gov.

E. **Dogs on school property-** Some parents are bringing dogs to the school and it is not only inappropriate, but prohibited. The custodians are constantly cleaning up dog feces which are hazardous to our children’s health.

There are no dogs allowed on school property.

F. There is a new icon on the website for PAC. Lori has asked for representative volunteers and reminded us that dates for the meetings were on the flyer that has gone home in the backpacks and can be found on the website, as well. Lori looks forward to attendance at the next meeting on October 11 at 9:30 in the cafeteria.

G. Lori pointed out that children are not permitted in the building until 8:10. If a parent needs an earlier drop-off there is the Before/After School Child Care.

H. The kindergarten visitations were in progress and stay-days for the kindergarten will begin on October 10.

I. For the Harvest Festival this year, the school will present singer/storyteller Jonathan Kruk.

J. In response to a question about the new lunch procedure, Lori told us that there is a big change this year. Now, grades stay together and do not overlap on the playground. One group plays while another group eats. Plastic tubs have been provided for the children who bring lunch to deposit their lunch bags. For example, while kindergarten eats and 1st grade plays, the 1st graders lunches are in the tubs. When kindergarten goes out to play, they deposit their empty lunch bags in the tubs. 4th and 5th graders deliver the tubs back to the classrooms. The new system has the lunch flow working better. The only concern raised is for the children who have been playing before lunch to be sure to wash their hands before eating. Some suggestions were made regarding have liquid hand sanitizer or wipes available for the children to use.

For further information regarding any of the above items please contact co-Presidents Alex Mink at 801-2072, email alexmink04@yahoo.com, or Nathalie Woods at 674-3132, email nathaliewds@yahoo.com.

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