

Glenwood Middle Cobra Connection



Important Dates

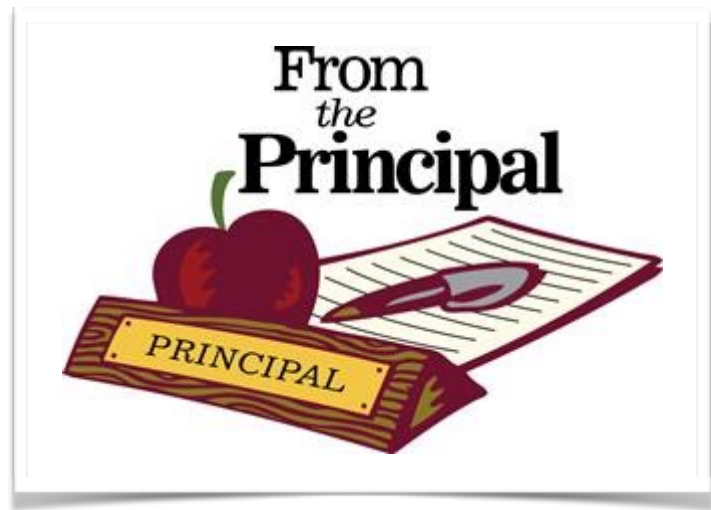
Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- Schools close 3 hours early Friday, October 30
- Hearing/Vision screening November 4 & December 2
- American Education Week November 16-20
- School close 3 hours early Monday & Tuesday, November 23 & 24
- Schools closed for students November 25-27 for Thanksgiving Holiday

Building Updates

An email update was sent on Friday, Sept. 25th regarding the latest air quality measurements at GMS. In addition, the air quality test results have been posted on the website (www.gms.hcpss.org). As always, if you have any questions please feel free to give me a call.

Robert Motley, Principal



Principal's Message

Dear Glenwood Families.

The colder temperatures and the impending end of daylight savings time mark the complete arrival of our fall season. In addition, they will mark the end of our first quarter. It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the first quarter of 2015 - 2016!

It is my sincere hope that you have forged positive relationships with your child's teachers by this point and that





Online Payment Option

Parents have an option to pay for many school activities using our Online School Payment program. No more worrying about misplaced checks or students carrying cash to school.

For first time users please go to:

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<http://gms.hocoschools.org/sites/default/files/ospparent.pdf>

OSP Website <https://osp.osmsinc.com/howardmd>

OSP does charge a small fee.

HoCo Parks & Rec

Registrations for Howard County Recreation and Parks
 Please visit the Howard County Recreation and Parks website for all of their current programs and registrations. There are lots of sports and adventure opportunities. Visit today!

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DisplayPrimary.aspx?id=6442460647>

you have utilized HCPSS Connect to monitor grades and attendance.

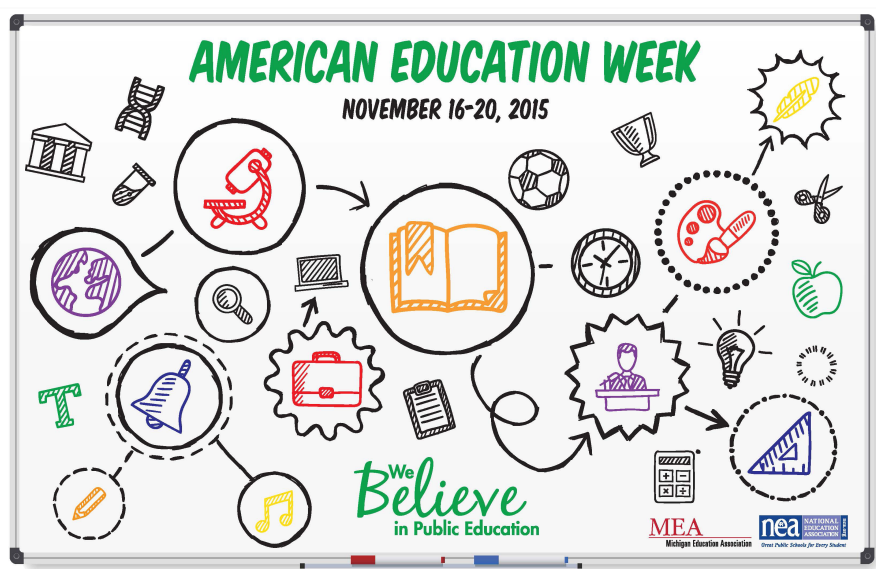
Please mark your calendars for **American Education Week coming November 16 – 20, 2015** this year. The faculty and I invite you to accompany your daughter or son to classes during a regular school day as your way of celebrating this week. We are hopeful that a day in school will further your appreciation of the middle school education program and provide encouragement for the schoolwork being done by your child. Even if you cannot spend a full day with us, we believe that any part of the day you are here will be interesting for you and supportive of your daughter or son. We look forward to seeing you – mark your calendars!

I hope you had a terrific weekend! As always, thank you for sending us your amazing children. We feel privileged that you have entrusted them to our care. Remember – we want to hear from you if you have questions or concerns.

Warmest regards,

Robert A. Motley

Principal



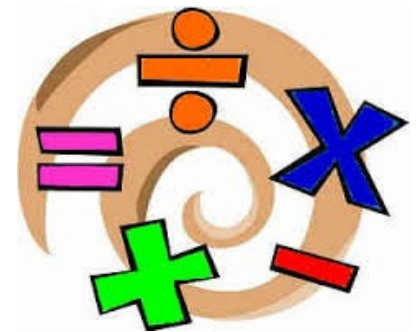
SCHOOL NEWS



Family members play an important role in their children's attitudes toward, and success with mathematics. Join the math teachers of Glenwood Middle School for our **tenth, annual Family Math Night on Thursday, November 12th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Get tips on how family members can help their children have a positive attitude and enjoy mathematics, find out what today's math classroom is like, learn practical ways to discuss and do math at home, and experience having fun, through mathematical activities, with your student.

The evening's activities will culminate with an **ice cream social in the school cafeteria, and a "Math Homework Pass" will be presented to each student attendee.** Limited child care is available, in the gymnasium, so that parents may fully participate with their Glenwood student.



Please call or email Mrs. Cornelius (nancy_cornelius@hcpss.org) to pre-register your young children or if you have any questions about our **Family Math Night**. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** *Registration forms will follow closer to the date.*



Glenwood Middle School and the GT Leadership class is planning a special celebration to honor our nation's veterans, those who have served and those who are currently serving.

On **Wednesday, November 11, 2015** we are inviting veterans to GMS for breakfast, a recognition ceremony, and to meet with students. For our veterans and their families, we will host a **breakfast beginning at 8:15 a.m.** We will hold an **assembly to recognize our veterans following the breakfast at 9:00 a.m.**

Any veterans who have artifacts or stories to share with our students are welcome to stay and participate in our Living History Museum in the Media Center. Students will visit the Media Center to walk around and talk with veterans throughout the visiting period.

Please feel free to email pictures of veterans and family members who have served, with a brief biography or snapshot to kelly_storr@hcpss.org. We will use these as part of our ceremony honoring our veterans. A snapshot could include information about the veteran's service years as well as: location of service, rank, and any deployments.

If you or someone in your family has served or are currently serving in our Nation's Armed Forces and would like to attend our Veterans Day event, please fill out the **form below and return it to the school's main office by October 30.**

If you have questions, please contact Kelly Storr at

kelly_storr@hcpss.org or call the school office at 410.313.5520.



Glenwood Middle School's Veterans Day Celebration

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Name of Student(s): _____

Grade(s): _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

I have a family member who is interested in attending the Veteran's Day Recognition:

Name of Veteran: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Best way to contact (phone/email) _____

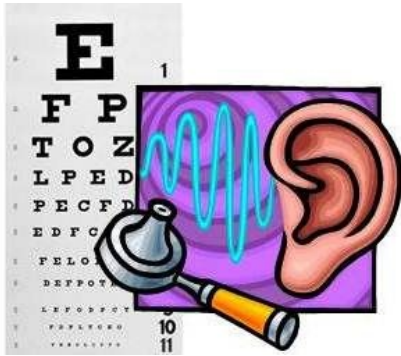
Other Attendees: _____

_____The veteran attending has artifacts relating to service and would like to stay and participate in the Living History Museum.

Return this form to the main office by October 30.

HEARING & VISION SCREENINGS

The Howard County Health Department will be at Glenwood Middle School on **Wednesday, 11/04/2015 and 12/02/2015 to conduct Vision & Hearing Screenings.** If your child wears glasses, please encourage them to wear their glasses on these days.



Also, we are in need three parent volunteers from 7:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and an additional three parent volunteers from 11:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. If you are available to assist us, please contact either Denie or Barbara in the Health Room at 410-313-1282.

Absence - A student must bring a note from home within the first TWO days back to school after an absence, explaining the reason for the absence(s). After two days, the absence is marked unexcused. The note is to be taken to the front office immediately upon arrival to school. A secretary will take the note and stamp the student's agenda book to be shown to the teachers. Students are responsible for make-up work. The best way to meet this responsibility is to ask the teachers or check a classmate's agenda



book for assignments.

Extended Absence - A student may lawfully miss no more than THREE (3) days per year for a purpose determined by a parent/guardian. Request for days beyond 3 will have to be coded as an unexcused absence. For an unexcused absence, a student may make up work but will not receive a recorded grade. Extended Absence forms are available in Student Services and on Glenwood's website.

Lateness - A student arriving at school after 7:40 a.m. will report directly to the office. The student must bring a note from home with a legitimate reason if the lateness is to be excused. All students are expected to be in their homeroom by 7:35 a.m. before the late bell (7:40).



Early Dismissals - Students needing to leave school before the normal dismissal time should bring a note from home to the front office at arrival and receive an early dismissal pass. The note should state the time of the early dismissal and **the person picking them up**. Students **MUST** be signed out by a parent/guardian or by the authorized person stated on the note.

Homework Requests - When a student has been absent for TWO DAYS IN A ROW, homework may be requested. A parent must call the Student Service office by **8:30 a.m.** to let them know that the student will be out and that homework should be collected. The parent **must** pick up the work after 2:30 p.m. or arrange to have someone pick it up. If a parent wishes to have another student pick up the work, it **must be prearranged** by the parent but not all work may be available at that time

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Rhinehart in Student Services.

Susan_Rhinehart@hcpss.org or call
410-313-5520.

PTSA NEWS

Save the Date

November 6th, 7pm – 9 pm

DJ & Light Show in GMS Cafeteria!

Bake sale! Door prizes!

Tickets can be purchased at the door, during lunch on Wednesday 11/4 & Friday 11/6 OR send in form below to your homeroom teacher & these pre-purchased tickets will be distributed at lunch on Friday, 11/6.

Please contact Beth Winters at **beth.winters@whiting-turner.com** if you are interested in helping with the event.



Name: _____ Grade: _____

\$5.00 cash: _____ OR \$5.00 check to GMS PTSA: _____



It's that time of year to **clean out your coat closets**. The PTSA is again participating in the annual Winter Coat Drive sponsored by the PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC).

We are collecting **new and clean, gently-used winter coats, hats, mittens, and gloves of all sizes for children and adults**. The clothing will be distributed to students and

their families in our community.

Please drop off your donations in the large box located in the school lobby by
Wednesday, October 21st.

A note from your PTSA President, Troy Marty!

To All Parents:

Thank you so much for your generosity toward the Glenwood PTSA! The membership support you have given this organization has been outstanding! Membership applications have been through the roof and because of this, fundraising has been given a tremendous head start.

I steal from a current company ad campaign when I say,
“Membership has its benefits.”
We love not having to beg for money! That said, we still need help with fundraising. If anyone can take this great start and run with it for the rest of the year, we’d love to hear from you!



Extra kudos go out to the 6th grade families who have signed up in record numbers. This is a fantastic show of enthusiasm and belief in the PTSA that we do not take for granted. Please, do not let this support wave for the rest of this year and for the years to come.

Monica Smith has resigned her position as 2nd VP of the PTSA. A nomination and election process will take place at our next meeting, scheduled for Nov. 4th. Anyone who would like to be nominated should plan to attend.

PTSA meeting schedule for the remaining school year:

Nov. 4th - 6:30pm

Dec 3rd - 9:00am

Jan 7th - 6:30pm

Feb 3rd - 6:30pm

March 3rd - 9:00am

April 7th - 6:30pm

May 5th - 9:00am

June 2nd - 6:30pm (budget approval)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Glenelg Marching Unit Fruit Sale



November 2015

The Glenelg Marching Unit is currently taking orders for their November Fruit Sale. We are offering Ruby Red Grapefruit, California Navel Oranges, Tangerines and a Variety Pack.

The **deadline for orders is Wednesday, October 28, 2015**. Fruit will be available for pick-up at Glenelg High School on Saturday, November 14th between 11:00 and 1:00. Please help support the Glenelg Marching Unit by purchasing fruit. For more information and to get the order form please go to www.glenelgbands.com. Questions? Call Dianne Kvech (410)489-2951 or Meredith Haussler (410)442-0263 or email fruitsales@glenelgbands.com. Thank you.

WHY REGISTER

for the HUB after school hang out?

- 1. Sense of security: Parents notified when the bus drops students off at our warm building, where snack awaits*
- 2. Affirming social interactions: Inside & outside activities to burn off energy with peers and mentors*
- 3. Academic atmosphere: Supervised homework environment with computers and Wifi*

*For more information visit
standrews.episcopalmaryland.org
410 489 4035*