

Cobra Connection #2

September 26, 2017

Dear Glenwood Families,

I hope your week is off to a great start! As we find ourselves in the fourth week of school, I am impressed how you have fallen into a routine! Speaking of routine – I sent the message below out last year about time management, to share it with you again.

So Much To Do And So Little Time...

Do you ever find yourself with, “so much to do and so little time?” Indeed, it seems that people today have a hard time. Sorting through and prioritizing activities is a skill that is needed every day in our lives.

Middle school youngsters find themselves also in a position wherein they must make choices regarding what to be taught and developed in our young people. You would be surprised at the large number of students who may ask in class three or four times for students to turn in their work, and still they somehow do not. Parents often complain about assignment and not receiving credit for it, but I was fortunate enough to develop organizational skills when I was in middle school in this regard and helped me to keep track of my priorities and be sure that I completed those before other activities.

This has not changed today. In fact, if anything, it has become even more important for parents to help their children to choose the ones they believe to be the most important and to say no to others. It is always interesting to note the comments, missing/incomplete assignments or poor preparation. Both of these comments truly indicate that the child’s agenda book may reveal a large part of the problem. Many students participate in athletics, dance, soccer, etc. Additionally, they want to spend time with their friends, play their video games and “just chill.” All of these activities, if not developed, is to include all of their activities in the planner so that they can prioritize them. It is amazing how many students do not do this time more efficiently and effectively. Remember, organization does not come naturally, but needs to be taught to children by discussing activities for the week and by the day, and helping students to see where the priorities are.

As we begin a new school year, it is the perfect opportunity to begin new habits. Have a conversation with your child about what has been added and improved upon to create an effective system? Remember, this is not only a middle school teacher’s job, but a parent’s job as well.

Sincerely,
Robert A. Motley
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

October 6	Harvest Hustle
October 12	National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony @ 6:30pm
October 17 -19	Outdoor Education
October 26	School Picture Day / Flu Shots (registration required)

HARVEST HUSTLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Attention Parents!

We hope you have seen the information come home in the first day folders about the HARVEST HUSTLE on activities.

We are working to make this a fun event for the kids and we are hoping they will ask parents and other relatives to help, and

if you need another, please visit the PTSA website at <http://secure-web.cisco.com/1auXRfPQv4ooZXwUZxLf fg2akH9OLUgVSukxGYrhGLp6mycQ6iJrYnfTXXaEuCVYxob3MmqsmkFWK Cm3i4u0AEipJ 3mHZheBPMI yhrRIIHTWG0czhUj12QMiuXAY7K94CTwX5JiF -ynFXRbnpmzm9Q8-1R-HxxpyVSnQRLWvDUHJCX37LCDgaomK3APJLpNXChx8SeaQ9jKlCkZg6jyg/http%3A%2F%2Fglenwoodpts>

average of \$20 donation from each student.

We are also asking for volunteers to help run the event. Look for the volunteer link which will be sent out soon. Thanks for helping to support your PTSA!

50th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Mark your calendars! Friday, March 23, 2018 will be the Midnight Madness Extravaganza (a culmination of our 50th anniversary). We are in the process of setting a date for the event. The logo that will be used this year in commemoration of this occasion. We are in the process of setting a date for the event.

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