Welcome to Glengary Elementary School - Video Transcript

Glengary is known to be a small neighborhood school. We are a small community but we are a family here. We have an excellent staff who truly care about our kids and their development. We care about the whole child and we while holding high academic and behavioral expectations, we really also try to focus on the character of our students and raising up kind and caring students who are ready to go out into the world and make a difference.

The first thing Glengary is known for is our amazing staff. We have staff who have been here and are invested in Glengary for years. Most of our staff has been here for 10 plus years and our staff does just wonderful things with our kids. They put in time and energy and they really care about the development of the whole child.

We have a phenomenal Parent Teacher Association that partners with our staff and our students. They are here serving our students and every way that they can. It can be seen volunteering at our school on a daily basis. Annually even though we're a small school our PTA also usually raises over fifteen thousand dollars to allow students to go on field trips to put on all sorts of wonderful activities for our families including breakfast with a buddy, family STEAM night, game night a couple years ago they put in a track that our students use every day and we have a mile age club. Our PTA is very strong and it’s part of what makes us special.

The third thing that we are known for at Glengarry is our PBIS or a positive behavior support system. Last year we implemented the positivity project and we are teaching our students how to take on the other people matter mindset and we are doing this by teaching our students 24 character strengths. We are teaching them how to identify and build those strengths in themselves but also how to see those strengths in others and the big focus of this movement is other people matter so we hold monthly PBIS assemblies. We are taking on all sorts of challenges we just finished our Glengarry kindness challenge. We will be beginning our Glengarry empathy challenge and really teaching students that what matters most are people and the relationships, the positive relationships that we can build with those people and through this we are teaching our students how to be their best selves.

Our graduates come back all the time and they all say the same thing. They say that they miss Glengary and that this was a great place and a lot of times they talk about the great PTA events that they remember they talk about our fine arts program and our excellent music program and in fact a lot of students ask to come back to either volunteer in the classrooms or we've had students come back and want to adopt families at the holiday season and they all say the same thing that they want to give back to a community that gave so much to them.

We want our students to be lifelong learners. We want them to persevere through challenges. We want our students to be open minded and experience diversity, respect diversity. We want our students to really develop their character and these 24 character strengths. We want our students to be creative and collaborative and know how to problem-solve and work as a team and probably most importantly we want our students to know that we believe in them and we believe that they can achieve anything that they set their mind to through hard work and integrity and
through the support of those around them be it our staff and parents that we are in partnership with.

Glengary is truly a special place. There is a long-standing tradition of Glengary just being a close-knit family. We are currently servicing and serving a lot of students who are students of former students and I think that's a true testament to the family environment that we have here. We believe that it is our job, our responsibility and our opportunity to really serve, encourage, inspire and we love what we do when we love our kids here at Glengary.