Tuesday Tidbits
March 10, 2020

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

March
3/11-3/13 - 5th Grade Camp
3/16 - Kindergarten 2020-21 Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m
3/18 - 1/2 day for Students (12:25 Dismissal)
3/18 - Dining to Donate - Benito's Pizza
3/20 - Daddy/Daughter Dance
3/24 - Flower Sale Orders Due
3/27 - Drum, Dance, and Marimba performance at WLW

April
4/3 - Final Day before Spring Break
Week of 4/6-4/10 - SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
4/13 - School Resumes
4/16 - Variety Show Rescheduled Date at Northern

Options-Based Emergency Response Update

Throughout the 2019-2020 school year, Dr. Delgado, our deputy superintendent, has shared information about district-wide efforts to improve our emergency responses. Specifically, our district has adopted an options-based emergency response for potential violent intruder events. Throughout this process, we have collaborated with local law enforcement including staff training and parent informational meetings. This topic is sensitive and critically important; and so we are grateful for our partnership with law enforcement and for the support of our community.

On Tuesday, the 3rd, our half day of staff professional development focused on additional training about options-based emergency responses. We learned more about an options-based approach to violent intruders, ran through scenarios with law enforcement, and prepared for introductory lessons with students. It was a very productive afternoon and we are grateful that our staff is so committed to school safety.

Our next steps are to teach our students in an age-appropriate way about Options-Based Safety Drills. I have met with the building Principals from the other WLCSD Elementary Schools to collaboratively develop a plan to introduce Options-Based Safety Protocols to our students. You will receive a letter later this week with more information regarding next steps with our students.
Glengary Art Students Honored at Board Meeting

A BIG congrats to the following students who were honored at the Board Meeting on March 5th for their outstanding art work. Way to use the character strengths of creativity and perseverance Gators!

Alexander Dice (K)
Sienna Crawford (K)
Elizabeth Kast (1st)
Ruby Guirlinger (1st)
Shawn Henderson (1st)
Decklan Cygan (2nd)
Joseph Kwiatkowski (2nd)
Camille Cody (3rd)
Donald Martin (3rd)
Lee Monkman (3rd)
Daniel Guysinsky (4th)
Jerson Reynoso (4th)
Callie Dusten (5th)
Anthony Lee (5th)

The artwork will be on display at the Educational Services Center (ESC), 850 Ladd, Building "D"(near the large water tower in Walled Lake) until Wednesday, March 25th. Feel free to check it out during normal business hours.

Mr. Vogt Honored with Golden Apple Award

Bob Vogt received the Golden Apple Award at the Board of Education meeting on March 5, 2020. Mr. Vogt was nominated because he is a driving force in changing the way the students take care of themselves, get involved in sports and stay active.

It was quoted that "Bob teaches his students to believe in themselves and do their best while reinforcing that winning isn't everything and sportsmanship is everything."

Congratulations to Our Destination Imagination Teams

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Destination Imagination Competition this past weekend at Waterford Mott Performing Arts Center.

Destination Imagination is an organization that teaches "21st century" skills and STEM principles to kindergarten through university level students by collaborative problem solving challenges. Way to go Glengary Gators!
Team Fox: 4th Place
Evelyn Lloyd
Corbin Lindner
Jaylin Sulaiman
Serenity Wickham
Liana Jordan
Ruby Guirlinger

Team Rare Bears: Rising Stars/Noncompetitive
Thomas Guirlinger
Everett Yuen

Team Mega Blowfish: 1st Place
Antonio Proulx
Michael Foster
Ivan Mihallik
Troy Heitzmann
Bryce Heitzmann
Christian Yessian
Peyton Walker

Team Sweet and Scary: 3rd Place
Evynn Lindner
Peyton Stout
Abigail Schad
Eve Piagentini
Sophia Robinson

Upcoming Performance-Save the Date
The Glengary Drum, Dance and Marimba teams will open for Walled Lake's Percussion show at Western High School on Friday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. Please save the date! This will be fantastic event!

Disability Awareness Workshop March 27: Volunteers Needed
Our 4th grade students have the unique opportunity to participate in an interactive Disability Awareness Workshop on Friday, March 27th. A lot of volunteers are needed to make this learning experience a success.


Please contact Lisa West at West.Lisa@hotmail.com or call/text 248-722-1591 with any questions.

More detailed information can be found below:

Disability Awareness Workshop 2020
**Optional training will be held at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center on Sunday, March 15 from 6-8 pm.**

There will be a Disability Awareness Workshop for 4th grade students at the WL Outdoor Education Center, which will be conducted as a field trip. The main emphasis of the Disability Awareness Workshop is to help children become more aware of the challenges that people with disabilities face every day. The program includes several hours of activities centered on empathetic understanding of physical, speech, hearing, vision and learning impairments. We want the students to remember that people should be respected no matter how they may look, act, walk, or talk.

The students will:
- Participate in a wheelchair obstacle course
- Wear goggles that simulate vision impairments
- Speak with an electric larynx
- Experience several reading disabilities
- And much, much more.

**Staffing Announcement**

Mr. Matt Kujala, 4/5 Cross-Categorical Teacher, has accepted a position in the Transitions Program at Walled Lake Western High School for the 20-21 school year. Mr. Kujala is a phenomenal educator who has done outstanding work for our students in the Cross-Categorical Program. To say he will be missed is an understatement and we are truly grateful for his leadership at Glengary.

Mrs. Johnson knows the value of an excellent teacher and is working in collaboration with Human Resources and Special Services to ensure the best candidate for the position is hired.

**The Read by Third Grade Law**

Being a good reader is critical for children to be successful in school. In 2016, the Michigan Legislature passed the Third Grade Reading Law to ensure that students exit third-grade reading at or above grade level.

The impact of this law began with the kindergarten class of 2017-2018. Walled Lake Schools educators immediately began a documented plan to assist these students and all of our early learners. This plan ensures that our current 2019-20 third-grade students are prepared for the state literacy assessment in the 2020 April/May timeframe.

In accordance with this law, and as a means of better informing classroom instruction, Walled Lake Schools has been providing K-3 reading assessments. These assessments identify students who need intensive reading instruction and intervention, and will also provide useful information to help teachers tailor instruction to meet individual student needs. (See summary of Curriculum and Instruction Implementation Plan below.)

**Timeline for parent and community communication:**
The law also requires districts to provide early and regular written communication with parents of K-3 students with reading difficulties. Communication will include information about current services being provided, additional reading supports planned for your child, and a read-at-home plan for you to help your child at home.

Reading Retention Michigan House Bill No. 4822
I-Ready Reading Assessment that Walled Lake has been utilizing the past three years.
K-3 literacy instruction in Walled Lake, includes this the Essential Instructional Practices in Early Literacy booklet.

District Health Update

Walled Lake Schools is following all of the Oakland County Health Department mandates and regulations regarding the Coronavirus/Covid -19.

We are encouraging all of our staff and students to follow all of the precautions set forth from the Oakland County Health Department, the Michigan Department of Education and the Center for Disease Control.

- Mr. Gutman's Letter to WLCSD families
- Oakland County Health Department
- Michigan Department of Education
- Center for Disease Control
- As a precaution, we have added a question to the Request a Tour link on the website and will decline/delay a tour for anyone that answers that they have traveled to China in the past six months.

If you have questions regarding this, please use info@wlcsd.org

Practice Bus Evacuations

The Michigan Department of Education recommends that all districts do 3 practice school bus evacuations every year. Our first drill was completed in the fall in conjunction with our Buster the Bus Safety program. Our next two are scheduled for March 31st and April 28th. They will be conducted when the drivers arrive at the school in the morning. They will have the students practice a rear door “sit and scoot” evacuation where they leave all of their possessions on the bus. They will then go back on the bus to retrieve their items and exit through the normal service door.

Important Community Forum

Wednesday April 29th, please join us for the important forum.
Math Course-Skipping-Date Change

In early April we offer the opportunity for current students in grades 2 through 7 to attempt to test out of the upcoming course in their Math sequence.

Part one of the test will take place at Glengary after school **Thursday, April 30th.** Please note that the date was changed from April 16th to April 30th due to the rescheduling of the Variety Show.

Students currently in grades 2 through 7 interested in determining if they are eligible to skip the next course in the sequence must demonstrate proficiency on a test over the content of that course.

Registration for the test is required and is open through the month of March. This year's process is described in the letter attached below. You can also find additional information on the districts website:

[https://sites.google.com/teachers.wlc sd.org/walledlakemath/acceleration](https://sites.google.com/teachers.wlc sd.org/walledlakemath/acceleration)
Donations Needed-Kindergarten 2020

We are looking to create Fine Motor Kits to pass out to our incoming Kindergarten students this spring.

Please consider donating an item using the Sign Up Genius Link to help us prepare our future Glengary Gators! Donations will be collected now through March 20th. All donations will be collected in Mrs. Dryden's Classroom. Thank you!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E48ABAA23A2FC1-kindergarten3

2019-20 PAC Meeting Schedule

All meetings are free and open to everyone. Unless noted, meetings are held at: Educational Services Center (ESC) 850 Ladd Road Bldg. D Walled Lake, MI 48390

Have questions? Contact Cory Hensley at knackcor@yahoo.com. Below is the schedule of meetings.

Help Support our Classrooms

The 15th Annual Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle is here! Glengary will be selling tickets at our Variety Show on 2/27 or you can go online.

Purchase your TE raffle tickets online today and give this holiday season the chance to win BIG and support Walled Lake Schools!

Proceeds support the Foundation for Excellence mini-grant program benefiting Walled Lake Schools’ classrooms.

- Tickets are $50 each or 3 for $100.
- Only 1,000 will be sold!
- Check, cash, and credit card also accepted
- Grand Prize drawing is March 30, 2020 @ District’s Reflections Celebration

Questions? Visit FFE website-Tuition Expedition or contact FFE office @ ext. 2116
Positivity Project - Social Intelligence

This week, the Glengary community will begin learning about the character strength of Social Intelligence.

The Positivity Project refers to Social Intelligence as a person's ability to understand and manage interpersonal relationships. It is distinct from a person's IQ or "book smarts." It includes an individual's ability to understand, and act on, the feelings, thoughts, and behaviors of other people. This type of intelligence can take place "in the moment" of face-to-face conversations but also appears during times of deliberate thinking. It involves emotional intelligence and self-awareness.

Examples of social intelligence include knowing when to talk or listen, what to say, and what to do. Timing is a big part of social intelligence. For example, someone who is imperceptive may tell a funny joke – but at the wrong time, or not show enough interest when meeting someone new.

So, why does social intelligence matter? Social intelligence helps individuals build relationships – and is important to numerous aspects of a person's life. It allows an individual to form friendships and alliances. And, it assists a person against being taken advantage of. People with social intelligence can "read" other people's faces and know what motivates them. Social intelligence builds over time and as a person ages. In this sense, it is similar to the character strength of perspective.

Some books to support the growth of social intelligence at home are listed below:

- Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall.
- The Dark by Lemony Snicket.
- Don't Think About Purple Elephants by Susanne Merritt.
- Too Shy for Show-and-Tell by Beth Bracken.
- The Book of Mistakes by Corinna Luyken.
- Ask your child which character(s) from the story used the strength of Social Intelligence? How?
- Give your child the opportunity to act out what Social Intelligence looks like, feels like. Role play different ways your child can demonstrate this character trait that will help reinforce the behavior.
- Promote, support, and encourage children as they initiate and engage in behavior that demonstrates Social Intelligence.

Positivity Project - Other People Matter - Love of Learning

Next week, the Glengary community will begin learning about the Other People Matter Mindset: Love of Learning.

Love of Learning means you enjoy learning simply for the sake of learning. You do not need a prize or a high grade as a reward. The reward is the process of doing the work and improving. You are eager to try new experiences like learning to play an instrument or learning how to build something. You master new topics on your own! Additionally, individuals who love learning have the desire and ability to overcome challenges.

How to foster Love of Learning at home?

A perfect way to foster a Love of Learning, especially during March is Reading Month, is to pick up a book about a new topic, person or place to visit. Many classrooms display this quote: “The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Dr. Seuss

Here are few suggestions of books, but the possibilities are endless!

Visit a local museum or aquarium. There is something very captivating about learning what is under the sea, or engaging in hands-on experiments at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.
Spring Flower Sales

Forms went home on March 9th to start the Glengary Elementary school SPRING FLOWER SALE! This is a new fundraiser at Glengary that we are really excited to share with you. We have chosen Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse to help us raise funds for Glengary while offering high quality and value rich plants and pots that are grown without any toxic chemicals. **Orders are due Tuesday, March 24th!** Flower Pick-Up Date is 5/15 from 12:00-3:00 or 4:30-6:30 pm.

Daddy/Daughter Dance

Glengary’s annual Daddy Daughter Dance is on **Friday, March 20th**. Travel “Around the World” with your special person and enjoy a night of dancing, refreshments and lots of fun!

There are two dances: **K-2nd Grade from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm** and **3rd-5th Grade from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm**. Cost is $22 at the door and includes a photo keepsake. Please contact Janette Schad at 339-927-5465 if you have any questions.

We couldn’t make this special event possible without your generous help. If you are interested in donating items or your time, please check out the following Sign Up Genius for details. [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EADAB2EA5F49-daddy](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EADAB2EA5F49-daddy)
VARIETY SHOW RESCHEDULED

The Variety Show has been rescheduled! Please see the details below:

Thursday, April 16th
Walled Lake Northern
Check-In 6pm
Show Time 7pm
Volunteer check-in 5:30pm

Forms must be returned by Friday, March 13th. Please indicate on the form if your student can or can not participate in the show and your availability to volunteer.

All purchased show tickets will transfer to the new date. If you didn't purchase a ticket for the show, please visit the Walled Lake schools box office or purchase the night of the show.

Please encourage your child to continue practicing his/her act. It's going to be a great show with NO SNOW!

Please contact Heather Burrows with any questions at 248-884-0885 or haburrows@gmail.com.

PTA WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following PTA members:

Merit Award: Alaina Finkel and Maureen Yessian

Distinguished Service Award: Heather Burrows

Dining to Donate

March Dining to Donate Event will be at Benitos Pizza (lunch or dinner, or both!) on March 18th. Make sure to mention that you are from Glengary Elementary School!

Please checkout our PTA website to keep up to date on all PTA events.

https://glengarypta.wixsite.com/glengarypta
Winter 2020 Community Education

Community Education is excited to offer our Daddy Daughter Dance on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at Sarah Banks Middle School. This dance is open to all girls in grades K-5 and their “Dad” date. This event sells out every year. Don't miss this fun date night! Click on the highlighted link below for our info/registration flyer.

NEW this year...our first Mother Son Outdoor Adventure on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. This event is open to all boys in grades K-5 and their “Mom” date. Space is limited so register soon! Click on the highlighted link below for our info/registration flyer.

Spring Break Adventures Camp will be held for four days, Monday, April 6, 2020 through Thursday, April 9, 2020 at Mary Helen Guest Elementary School. Click on the highlighted link below for our info/registration flyer.

Register TODAY to save your spot in these awesome activities!

Daddy Daughter Dance 2020
*NEW* Mother Son Adventure 2020
Spring Break Adventures Camp 2020

Follow Glengary Elementary on Social Media!

Glengary has a Facebook page, twitter page, and Instagram filled with reminders, updates, pictures, and all sorts of other exciting happenings! It will help you to be in the know!
20/21 Kindergarten Orientation - March 16th

If you know anyone with an incoming Kindergarten student, please encourage them to attend Kindergarten Orientation next Monday, March 16, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at Glengary Elementary. All families with incoming Kindergarten students are encouraged to attend.

Parent Orientation is Monday, March 16, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.
Glengary Elementary
3070 Woodbury
Walled Lake MI 48390

Please also save the date of our Kindergarten Connection which will be held on Tuesday, April 14th. This is an important opportunity for your child to meet and interact with the Kindergarten teachers while you get to tour and learn more about Glengary Elementary.