

# Glendale Elementary

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## Welcome to the Glendale Elementary January 2017 Newsletter



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### Calendar

**Jan. 4-** AIMS Testing

**Jan. 5 -** Jr. Naturalist Meeting @ 8:10 am

**Jan. 9-11-** CogAT Testing for 2nd Grade

**Jan. 9 -** Davanni's Night 3rd Grade Volunteers

**Jan. 10 -** Grade 5 Hyland Hills Field Trip

**Jan.10 -** PTC Meeting @ 6:30 pm

**Jan. 11 -** Geography Bee 2:00 pm

**Jan. 11 -** Kindergarten Weather and Seasons

**Jan. 12 -** Chorus Rehearsal @ 8:15 am

Welcome back to school, Glendale families! With the arrival of 2017, students and teachers are getting reacquainted in the classroom. Routines and procedures are being reviewed each day to help students be successful after several days away from school. January is an exciting month with special learning activities including the Geography Bee for 4th and 5th grade students and the January 20th ESTEM Night at Glendale. Our PTC partners with

several community groups to provide a fun night for learning and games for families. We look forward to a great month of learning and some snow to make it feel like winter!

Mr. Richardson



## Important School News

### Welcome NEW Staff!

The new year has brought some new friendly faces to our staff. Please join us in welcoming them into our Glendale family.

#### Dawn Ryan- Head Secretary



Dawn Ryan will be the new Head Secretary at Glendale. Dawn has been the Head Secretary for the past 15 years at Five Hawks Elementary and will be working with Heather Hartman in the front office. Students and families will enjoy getting to know her during the next few weeks. Please help us welcome, Dawn Ryan to Glendale!

#### Amien Shakur- Kids Company Assistant

Amien Shakur will be working as a full-time Kids Company Assistant and paraprofessional at Glendale. Amien has been working with the Kids Company program and has experience tutoring students. He will be working with Kids Company, supporting small group instruction and providing Noon Supervision each day. Amien will be a great addition to Glendale.



#### Katie Lichtenberger- Special Education Paraprofessional



Katie Lichtenberger returns to Glendale as a paraprofessional with our Special Education department. Katie has worked in this role prior to working at Grainwood Elementary in a similar role for the past two years. Students will appreciate having her support each day.

### CARES Kids

Each month, staff members have the opportunity to fill out a designated note when observing a student demonstrating one of the five C.A.R.E.S. behaviors: **C**ooperation, **A**ssertion, **R**esponsibility, **E**mpathy and **S**elf-Control. Congratulations to all of the students that received this award for the month of December! Students were honored at the All School Meeting and will be invited to a CARES breakfast in February.

### PTC ESTEM Night

Glendale families are invited on **Friday, January 20th** from **6:15-8:00 pm** for an activity filled event. Come take part in games and challenges with your child. Mathnasium, The

**Jan. 12** - Kindergarten  
Weather and Seasons

**Jan. 12** - Grade 3  
Synergy Creativity  
Festival Field Trip

**Jan. 16** - **No School**-  
Martin Luther King Day

**Jan. 19** - Chorus  
Rehearsal @ 8:15 am

**Jan. 19** - Kindergarten  
Registration @ 6:30  
pm

**Jan. 20** - PTC E-STEM  
Night

**Jan. 20** - Bills for  
Beaks and More

**Jan. 20** -Yearbook  
Sales Begin

**Jan. 26** - Chorus  
Rehearsal @ 8:15 am

**Jan. 26** - Early Release  
@ 1:50 pm

**Jan. 27** - No School -  
Report card day

**Jan. 31** - All School  
Meeting @ 1:40 pm



Works,



Richardson Nature Center, and Bakken Museum are just some of the groups leading activities on this night. Join the PTC for ESTEM Night! Stay tuned for more information and mark you calendars.

## Geography Bee

The Glendale Geography Bee will take place on **Wednesday, January 11th at 2:00 pm** in the Multipurpose Room. All Students in grades 4 and 5 take a preliminary written exam in their classroom and the top students advance to the Geography Bee. Congratulations to the following students who will be participating in the bee:



|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Sienna Domagalski      | Jackson Golberg    |
| Thaden Pellett-Gilbert | Prisha Somashekara |
| Addison Leveille       | Cecilia Albrecht   |
| Philix Nguyen          | Will Bauleke       |
| Ellie Krings           | Alesi Evavold      |
| Brady Johnson          | Kaitlyn Albrecht   |
| Alex Kuehn             | Aiden Horel        |
| Zac Landuis            | Kylie Berg         |

## Brilliant Bus Behavior

At our December All School Meeting, students were recognized for demonstrating "Brilliant Bus Behavior" by the bus drivers. These students have been safe and respectful on the buses on the way to and from school. Thank you to these student leaders for helping to make the bus ride a positive experience for Glendale students!

Lydia Chapman  
Mila Chen  
Lilly Hale  
Presley Kiefer  
Caden Harris



## Cold Weather Apparel



Dressing your child with warm clothes, hats, gloves and snowpants helps students have a fun time in cold, snowy weather. Students will always go outdoors for recess unless the "feels like" temperature falls below -5 degrees or it is steadily raining. Please help to make sure your child is prepared for outdoor recess each day!

## Winter Playground Expectations

The winter weather creates a fun snow-filled playground for our students. The snow creates new play opportunities and some new challenges. At Glendale, snow is expected to remain on the ground. Students are taught to not throw snow during recess for safety reasons. Building forts and designing structures is a fun past-time during recess. We encourage all students to be respectful of students' creations. Unfortunately, the forts can't always be protected throughout each day and each weekend. Finally, the Glendale hill can be fun for sliding, but students are expected to follow recess supervisors' expectations to make sure no one is hurt as they walk back up the hill. Following these rules for kindness is important and will help everyone enjoy their recess time each day.

## Toys for Tots

Glendale families donated **290 items** for Toys for Tots! Thank you to everyone for your generosity! It was an impressive team effort and we thank Mrs. Bahr for helping organize the drive.



## Coats for Como

Thank you to all of the generous Glendale families who donated their new/gently used winter items for our friends at Como Elementary. We collected **384 coats!!** Way to go Glendale!! Here is a note we received from one of the Como Elementary staff members: "I spent the morning making sure I could get most of my students clothed in snow pants, coats, hats, mittens, boots. I was able to cover majority of them up! We had outdoor recess for the first time this week as the temps were finally warm enough and they had so much fun. Many of these kids have never had snow pants, boots or gloves. I heard one of them say....'Wow, I've never sat in the snow before!' She was born and raised here in Minnesota and has never owned winter gear. We really appreciate that you do this for the Como kids each year."

## WE Day Birthday Boxes

Our WE Day 5th graders collected enough items to make 25 birthday/holiday boxes for the Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women. They were able to brighten the lives of several children and families with their efforts.



## Glendale Elementary Yearbooks On Sale January 20-February 3

To order a Glendale yearbook please see the link and school code below. All orders are online ONLY. Please do not send any checks or cash to school. You will be asked to submit your child's name and child's teacher's name. **The standard yearbook starts at**



**\$16.** For additional fees, parents have the option to add child's photo and name to the cover, add current events inserts, add autograph inserts and purchase yearbook stickers. Parents also have the option of hard cover or standard soft cover. Hardcover is an additional cost. For all the add on features and to order a yearbook please visit the link below. **A flyer will be sent home with each child the week of January 16-20.**

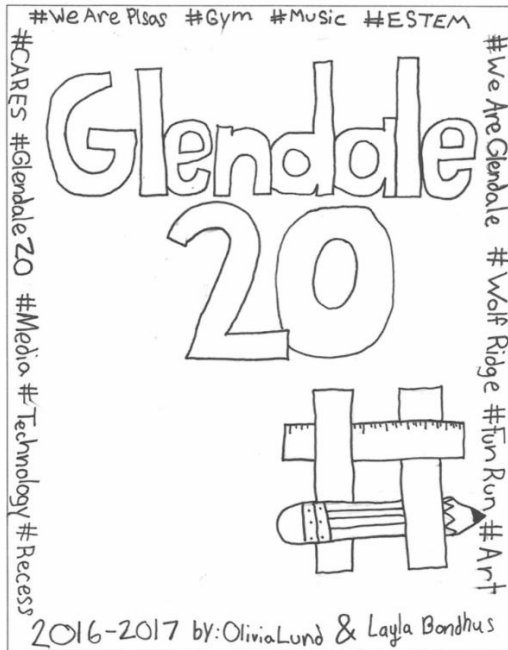
If you have any yearbook related questions, please contact Tom Deris (2nd grade teacher) at 952.226.0220 or [tderis@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us](mailto:tderis@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us)

### **GLENDALE YEARBOOKS**

**Flyer:** [goo.gl/nbe5qn](http://goo.gl/nbe5qn)

**Ordering Website:** [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com)

**School access code:** 1206917



## **Parent Information**

### **Report Cards**

The second quarter ends on **Thursday, January 26th**, which is an **early release day**. **Students will be dismissed at 1:50 pm on this day.** Teachers will complete report card work on Friday, January 27th, which is not a school day for students. Students' report cards will be posted in Infinite Campus and a copy sent home this year.

### **Kindergarten Registration**



Kindergarten registration night is scheduled for **Thursday, January 19th** at all elementary schools. Registration at Glendale Elementary will be from **6:30-7:15 pm**. This event allows parents to turn in necessary forms and ask questions about kindergarten for 2017-18. We are excited to meet our new kindergarten students and families.

### **Growth and Enrollment**

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools (PLSAS) continues to be a growing district with increased student enrollment each school year. A new demographic report points to an increase of 850 resident students over the next 5 years spread across all grade levels. As a

result, the School Board has taken action on short-term solutions and, with input from the community, is researching long-term solutions to ease crowding in our schools.

### **Short-Term Solutions**

To help ease enrollment growth in our schools, PLSAS is limiting [open enrollment](#) to the most restrictive amount possible, per state statute, for the remainder of 2016-17 through the 2017-18 school year.

### **Long-Term Solutions**

Long-term facilities planning is underway, with the district's [Facilities Task Force](#) meeting to study enrollment and demographic data. The Task Force will identify districtwide needs, generate ideas and provide input to a Facilities Design Team.

For more details on short and long-term plans to ease crowding in our schools, click [here](#)

## **CogAT Testing**

Our 2nd grade students will take the CogAT test **January 9-11**. The CogAT is a paper and pencil test that provides a measure of a student's abstract thinking and reasoning. This test is used as part of the entrance process for gifted and talented services through the Synergy program or SAGE Academy.

## **MAP Testing**

Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing will take place for 2nd-5th graders starting on January 10th. The purpose of the test is to assess student performance in both reading and math. Students will have scheduled times in the computer lab to complete MAP testing. Teachers utilize MAP data to make instructional decisions and to assess student growth over time.



## **AIMS Web Testing**

The AIMS Web oral reading fluency testing window will be **Wednesday, January 4**. This is a one minute fluency reading test given to most students in grades K-5 and is used to check the progress of students reading ability.

## **SPAN**

SPAN is the Synergy/SAGE Parent Action Network. We are also known as the Prior Lake-Savage Chapter of the MN Council for the Gifted and Talented. Our next meeting will take place on **Tuesday Jan. 17 at 7pm in the WestWood Media Center** (5370 WestWood Drive SE, Prior Lake, MN 55372). A panel of high-school and middle-school students taking advanced/AP classes will discuss what they wished they would have known in elementary school. They will take questions as well. If you have questions or would like to be placed on our email list, please email Apryl at [span.priorlake@gmail.com](mailto:span.priorlake@gmail.com). See all of our meeting dates on our website [www.mcgt.net/priorlake](http://www.mcgt.net/priorlake).

## **Nurse Notes**

Find out the latest information from the [Health Office](#). Learn more about proper outdoor winter attire, hypothermia and how to protect yourself from frost bite.

## **Job Posting**

Prior Lake High School is looking for applicants for an RN Health aide to do some skilled care and assist with mandated programs as well as general health aide duties. The position is 178 days-- student contact days plus 6 days. Please see the posting on our website under Health Services for more information and to complete an application. Also, we are looking for RN/LPN Health aide subs-posted on the District website as well.

# **Principal Blog Updates**

## ESTEM Night! Mark your Calendars!



## Community Activities

### Community Ed Classes

Learn about what is happening with [Community Education](#). Look for information on all of the exciting Community Education classes happening this month.

### Davanni's Night

Mmmmm... It's time for our Davanni's Fundraising Night!



The next "Glendale Night" is on **Monday, January 9th**. When ordering your food at Davanni's (Savage location) please bring your coupon with and let the cashier know you would like a portion of your purchase to be donated to Glendale Elementary Give Back Program. The cashier will add 20% of your total sale to Glendale's running total. It's that easy! We are excited to have our very own Glendale students as our hosts. Each month a different grade level will host for the night. The students will have the opportunity to organize/clean tables, make pizza boxes, call orders, restock tables, and have lots of fun! No special instructions for the night, the Davanni's staff is ready to help us and guide the students through the shift.

The Glendale PTC thanks you for your support!

### DOGS Update

It's time again for the DOGS annual Winter Blast which is scheduled for **Friday, February 3rd from 6:15-8:00 pm at Glendale Elementary**. There will be sledding and fire pit in the back of the school (possibly even music), cartoons and snacks (hot chocolate, popcorn, nachos, McDonald's orange drink, & cookies) in the lunchroom, and activities in the gym. We are also looking to bring out the "DOGS Pound" game as well to give away some candy prizes!!

So gather all the kids up, bring your winter gear & sleds, and join the DOGS for some WINTER FUN!!

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