

# Woody's Turtle Times

Glen Lake School  
*A Great Place to Start!*  
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## Principal's Message

Kathy Stoye, Principal



Hello! It's so nice to see this building busy and filled with happy, young faces again! Our young students have adjusted quickly, and it is great to see their smiling faces entering the building each day. Any occasional tears upon arrival are quickly gone as students become happily involved in all the day's fun to be had at school. They are growing in independence already, as they learn the routines and make their way through the building. Our building is just the right size to foster independence in these little ones!

Thanks to all of you for the preparation you've given your children at home. You are their first teachers and all the time you spend **talking, singing, reading, and exploring** with your child form the basis for learning and curiosity. We would also like to thank all of our parents and guardians for completing the many assorted online forms promptly. It is so important that we have all the necessary information to care for students during the school day. Please remember that if contact information changes you **must** change it with the school right away.

**School Picture Day** will be held on **Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please remember that if you said "no" on your student's photo permission form your student **will not** be included in the class picture, but they will have an individual photo taken. If your preschooler doesn't normally attend on Tuesday you can coordinate a time to bring them in that day for their individual and class photos. More info will be coming home soon.

Our **Glen Lake School Parents & Guardians Visit School Night** will be **Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. This year, once again, we will use an Open House format and students will be able to show their classroom to their families. Curriculum information for parents will be posted online before that evening. Teachers will be available to answer curriculum and other questions that evening. This is not a time to conference with the teacher, but rather a chance to learn more about your child's day from your child. **Kindergartners and preschoolers may visit any time between 5:30 and 6:30. This is a "come and go as you please" event!**

Thank you for your cooperation with our arrival and dismissal procedures that make it safe and efficient for all. A couple of reminders, we load buses first at dismissal. If you want us to bring your child to the car, please stop before the entrance to the staff parking lot. We will wave that line up once buses are loaded. We **load and unload between the two crosswalks ONLY**. Please do not load or unload before that zone unless instructed to by a staff member. **Remember, you MAY NOT PASS A BUS WITH A STOP SIGN OUT and/or RED FLASHING LIGHTS!** Doing so may result in a very hefty fine. **Student safety is our most important job!** Thank you for your cooperation to keep our students safe! **Please share this information with anyone who transports your child!!** Please read through this entire newsletter. It's filled with lots of important information! Thanks for your support. We're looking forward to a great year!

All the best, Kathy Stoye, Principal



## Calendar of Events

### September

Tuesday 9/26: School Picture Day

Thursday 10/5: Parents/Guardians Visit School Night 5:30-6:30  
(\*corrected date)



### October

Monday 10/9: Columbus Day, No School

### November

Friday 11/10: Veterans Day observed, No School

Wednesday 11/22: Early Release, No PM Classes

Thursday 11/23 - Friday 11/24: Thanksgiving Recess, No School

### **Nurse's Corner**

**By Olivia Winkfield RN, BSN, CPN**  
**Glen Lake School Nurse**



Welcome! The start of the school year has been heartwarming. The students took a tour around the school, and they were able to see what my office space is all about. Not only am I here for illnesses or injuries that happen during the school day, but I will be teaching health lessons in the kindergarten classrooms every month. September's topic will be injury prevention. I will be discussing bus, bicycle, car, and pedestrian safety.

If your child needs medication at school for any reason, a parent or other adult needs to bring in the medication and give it to the nurse. Medications are **NOT** to be sent in with your child due to safety concerns.

If your child will be absent, please notify the school each day you are keeping your child home. If your child is home due to illness, here are the parameters for returning:

1. Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
2. Free from vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours
3. Other illness such as strep or conjunctivitis requires effective antibiotics for 24 hours prior to returning.
4. The student is ready to play with classmates and is ready to learn. Please be mindful of others and that the illness doesn't prevent the student and classmates from participating comfortably in school activities.

I am so excited for this school year. Do not hesitate to call me with questions.

Be well,  
Mrs. Winkfield,

## Constitution Day

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is a combined event that is annually observed in the United States on September 17<sup>th</sup>. This event commemorates the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787.

Glen Lake School takes this opportunity annually to talk with students about our school “constitution” or rules. Glen Lake takes a positive approach to behavior in school. We keep it simple and developmentally appropriate with just 3 rules:

1. Be Safe
2. Be Kind
3. Take Care of Our Things

You’d be surprised how well these rules fit virtually every situation and how easy they are for young children to understand. In observation of Constitution Day, each student will “take the pledge” to abide by these positive behaviors. They will sign their classroom “constitution” with either their name or their handprint.



## Snacks and Food in School

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all of our children safe. With food allergies always a concern, the staff at Glen Lake School thanks you for keeping peanut products at home. Should you forget and send in a peanut snack, we have other snacks (e.g. pretzels, popcorn, cheese crackers) on hand that we can substitute for your child.

Most of our 3- to 6-year-olds cannot grasp the consequences of a life-threatening allergic reaction, they can't always identify foods they are allergic to, and they frequently lack the skills to advocate for themselves. This is why we ask for your continued support in keeping peanut products out of the classroom. Peanuts are not the only food allergy our children have, which is why we also do not allow the children to share food at school. This includes birthday cupcakes or other celebratory food. As children mature, they will be able to make safe decisions on food choices and will no longer need our help. In the meantime, we are working diligently to keep all our little ones safe. Thank you for your help and understanding!





In March 2023, Goffstown neighborhoods received neo-Nazi propaganda in their driveways. Because of that incident, the Goffstown Public Library developed the “One Goffstown” series of discussions for teens and adults with the goal of encouraging communication and becoming a more welcoming, accepting community for everyone. A new event has been added for September and the public is invited to attend, no library card required.

**Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. - Cyberbullying**

Do you want to understand cyberbullying and the effects it has on our mental health? Dr. Kate Murphy, psychologist, and Plymouth State University professor will help us understand cyberbullying with some suggestions about how to prevent it and the harmful effects it has on all of us. This event will be held at the Fire Station on Church Street in Goffstown and will be recorded and available to view on the library's YouTube channel after the event. Registration required at [www.goffstownlibrary.com/calendar](http://www.goffstownlibrary.com/calendar).



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