



Westbrook School

October 20, 2016

Recognizing the needs of each child and believing all children can learn, the mission of Glenview School District 34 is to empower children to be responsible learners and decision makers in a changing society.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October 24	25	26	27  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Picture Retakes 9-10 a.m.</div>	28  Halloween Parade 2:20 p.m.
31 	November 1	2	3	4  Change your clocks on Sunday 
7	8 Election Day Institute Day No School 	9	10	11
14 Board of Ed. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	15	16 PTA Mtg. @ GG 9:15 a.m.	17	18 

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Every Friday is Panda Pride Day! Remember to wear your spirit wear, or red, white and black.

Dear Westbrook Families ,

How can it be mid October already? The days are flying by as we treasure the last warm days of Fall. Our Parent-Teacher conferences are coming to a close, and the teachers always value that time with you. It is so important to communicate closely with each other to support your children, our students, in the best way. Our students are very comfortable with the school routines, and each day they are working hard with their teachers. I love walking into classrooms as they are humming with engaged learning activities. The students are also humming with excitement about Halloween! Please remember the guidelines for costumes...especially no masks, any pretend weapons, or violent type costumes. Fun is the goal!

Halloween

Our Halloween plans remain the same as last year. **Our parade begins on Friday Oct. 28 at 2:20.**

The students will be leaving from an all-school sing-along that will take place in the front gym. (The sing-along is only for our students, as we do not have enough room in that gym to accommodate families.) 2nd graders exit first and go directly to walk through the Admin. Building, and join the parade again beginning at the front gym door, traveling east to the blacktop, around the blacktop and then south on the sidewalk, 2nd graders go into their entrance, and first graders go into their entrance at the south doors.

Parents may watch the parade from the blacktop behind the school, if the weather permits an outdoor parade. Cones will be placed so you can see the route. (No parents may enter the building from these doors) IF the weather is rainy or too cold, students will parade within the building from the front gym into the back gym. We will have staff to guide parents where to stand in the hallways to watch the indoor parade.

For security purposes, only parents who are already scheduled to assist with class parties will be given a sticker to wear when they arrive to sign in, through the front door only. Room parents will be providing a list of the parent helpers for each room, to the front office. Remember, all parent helpers must enter the building through the front office to get their stickers. We want to ensure school security as we do every other day of the school year.

(If you prefer that your child not participate in Halloween activities, you may either pick them up at noon, or let us know so that we can provide supervision for your child in the LRC during the afternoon).

What's in the backpack?

As a parent, I know the busy-ness at the end of the afternoon, when the kids come home, toss the backpack on the floor, and look for something to eat and something to do! But their backpack might well have something that parents need to see! Of course, on Fridays, the Friday Folder might be one thing that always gets looked at because it may contain work from the past week, or a newsletter or flyer.

But, *it's a good idea to look at your child's backpack at the end of each day* because there may be a communication from school, or a piece of homework or other task that needs to be completed. Your child may have a new book from the LRC to read. Please check the backpack and/or folder each day! Talk to your child about papers or completed work, or support them to complete the homework or unfinished work. Encourage your child to be responsible for showing you their take-home folder each day.

Fall Carnival

Thank you all for attending the Fall Carnival. It was a joy to see so many WB families at Attea last week. All of the assistance and support by parent volunteers was very much appreciated! Speaking of PTA, please read the information later in this Bulletin about the Cultural Arts assemblies the PTA sponsors this year. Such great experiences for the students, and we very much appreciate these events. Thank you, PTA!



Please read all the information in this Bulletin, especially the policy on School Closings due to weather.

Thank you... have a wonderful weekend.
Mary Sue Smith, Interim Principal



PICTURE RETAKES

Color Portraits, our school photographer, will be here on Thursday, October 27th from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. to do picture retakes. If your child was not in attendance on our original photo day, he/she can be photographed on this day. If you ordered a photo package and are not satisfied, the retake policy is described in your child's photo package. Please have your child bring the entire package back to school on retake day. Afternoon kindergarten students will need to come at 9:00 a.m. for their picture retakes and then return home until their class begins at 1:00.

LOW LUNCH BALANCE REMINDERS



In order to ensure your child has access to the school lunch choices, it is important to maintain a healthy lunch balance. Please know that you can check your child's balance at anytime by logging into Power School. In order to help parents keep track of those balances, automated email reminders are sent when balances begin to get low. Those messages can sometimes go into your junk folder as they are seen by many email systems as spam. Please keep an eye out for these reminders and if one does go into your junk folder, mark it as safe to ensure future delivery of the messages.

LOST AND FOUND

Already the lost and found has accumulated quite a collection of jackets and sweatshirts. If your child is missing one, please stop by or have your child look in the lost and found area right outside the school office. Please remember to write your child's name in his/her clothing.

VISITORS IN THE OFFICE

We recognize that parents waiting in the office may have younger children with them that may not be acclimated to the school environment. Please help your young children to stay seated and work quietly to color, read a book, or play with a toy. Thank you in advance for your help in keeping the office a quiet, calm, and safe place for our school.



DISTRICT 34 GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL CLOSURES



Parents and students should assume that classes are in session at the normal time unless otherwise notified.

Priority on Safety

During periods of inclement weather or in emergency situations, our first priority is the safety and welfare of our students and staff. At the same time, the closing of school can be burdensome to families due to child care and work schedules. We consider cancelling school to be an exception and we place a strong emphasis on keeping our schools open. Some of the primary factors that are considered when making a decision include:

- The safety and well-being of students and staff
- Severity of the weather (extreme cold, excessive snow, flooding, etc.)
- Timing of the weather events
- The ability of buses and cars to travel safely
- The operable condition of our buildings

Please know that if school does remain open and you feel that it is unsafe to send your child to school, please contact the school attendance office and the student will be given an excused absence.

Making the Decision

The Superintendent of Schools determines when and if conditions at one or more of the schools warrant the cancellation of school. This decision is normally made in collaboration with the District Administration, other area superintendents, local Village departments, the bus service provider and the Illinois Department of Transportation, depending on the condition.

Glenview District 34 works collaboratively with Glenbrook District 225 and our Township Districts 27, 28, 30, 31, and NSSD on school closings. Because we have many families whose students are enrolled at both GBS and District 34, we seek to be consistent to create the least amount of disruption. This may not always occur, but please be assured it is a priority in our deliberations.

Data source: The National Weather Service (NWS) will be the primary meteorological source to determine and declare weather conditions such as snow forecasts, wind-chill advisory or wind-chill warnings. <http://www.weather.gov/>

Notification to Our Parents

In the event of a school closing or other emergency, parents can expect to receive an automated phone call, e-mail, and text. It is the responsibility of the parent to provide this information to the school. This process was completed during registration, but must be updated if either a phone number or e-mail is changed during the school year.

School closure decisions will normally be made before 6:00 a.m. the day of closure. This allows weather conditions to be monitored overnight to avoid unnecessary closures. Closure decisions will only be made the night before if conditions are known for certain and warrant closure. Parents should establish contingency plans for possible closures throughout the school year regardless of the season.

Emergency and closing information is also available through the following sources:

- School and district websites,
- WGN's Emergency Closings website,
- Mass media including major radio and TV sources, and
- The district's social media channels

General Information Regarding School Cancellation

School may be cancelled due to weather conditions or other emergency conditions that made the operation of school facilities unsafe. In extreme conditions or due to large-scale damage, the superintendent may close all buildings and cancel all events. General guidelines:

- School may be cancelled for all District 34 school facilities or for an individual facility as necessary.
- All after-school activities and field trips will be cancelled unless specifically announced by the school principal.
- All student events will be cancelled unless specifically announced by the school principal.
- Athletic events and practices will be cancelled unless specifically announced by the school principal.

Heavy Snow – School Will Be Closed

If we have heavy snow that creates conditions where the safety of students and staff is at risk, travel is prohibitive, or buildings cannot be prepared for a regular school day, school will be closed. Parents will be notified by all communication methods previously identified.

Unlike cold, it is more challenging to determine if the conditions will result in a closure due to snow. More often than not parents should expect notification of a school closure due to snow in the morning.

Severe Cold – Two Possible Outcomes

Wind-Chill Warning – Schools Will Be Closed

Schools will be closed under the condition of a Wind-chill warning. A wind-chill warning indicates that life-threatening conditions and a risk to safety exist. Measures should be taken to safeguard life and property immediately. A Wind-chill warning is typically issued when the wind-chill will be -30 degrees Fahrenheit or colder and the winds are greater than or equal to 10 mph OR the actual temperature is -15° F.

General Range – Wind-chills -30°F or lower and wind speeds 10 mph or greater or Actual temperature -15°F or lower

- Classes will be cancelled and school closure protocols will be instituted.
- All notification systems will be leveraged to send school cancellation communications to families.
- Extracurricular activities will be cancelled.

Wind-Chill Advisory – Schools Will Be Open

A Wind-chill advisory is issued when conditions do not meet the wind-chill warning criteria but still cause significant inconvenience. The weather during a wind-chill advisory is not life

threatening but presents conditions that may result in inconvenience or pose moderate risk to safety. A wind-chill advisory is typically issued when the wind chill is -20 degrees Fahrenheit or colder AND the winds are greater to OR equal to 10 mph.

General Range – Wind-chills -20°F to -29°F and wind speeds 10 mph or greater or Actual temperature -5°F to -14°F

- Schools will be open and student attendance is expected.
- Fire and Police will be notified prior to the start of these school days.
- Extracurricular activities will be evaluated and may be suspended if conditions persist.
- All outside student activities will be suspended.

Family Situation

Whenever a decision is made to cancel school or alter the school day, it is based on the general safety conditions for all students and staff. The District recognizes that conditions may vary for each individual student or family. As mentioned above, if you feel that it is unsafe to send your student to school, please contact the school attendance office and the student will be given an excused absence.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate challenging situations. Again, I would emphasize that the students' safety is our highest priority, and we will only hold school when we can assure you that they will be safe and have a productive learning environment.

Respectfully,
Dr. Griff Powell & Dr. Patricia Wernet
Interim Superintendents

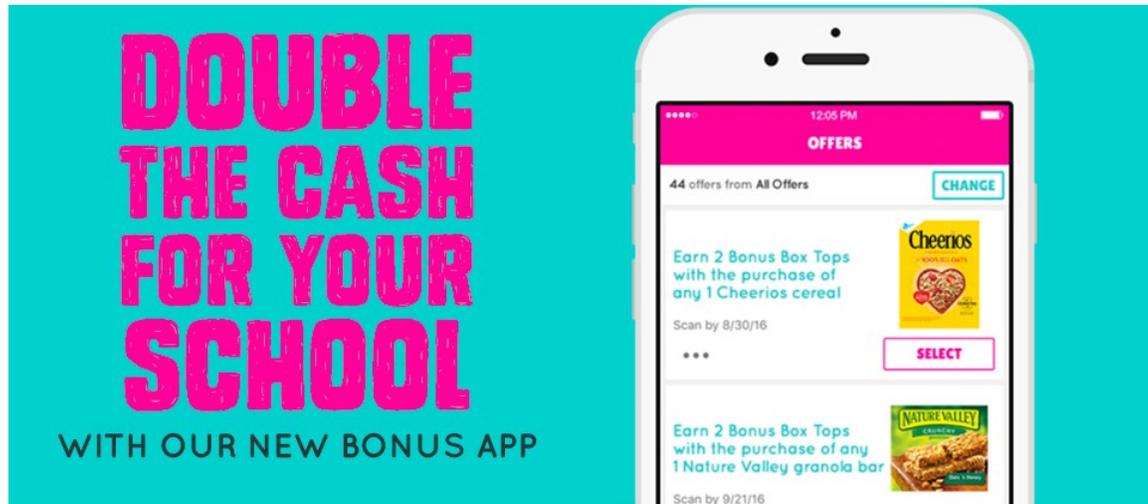


Thursday October 27th is Pizza Night!
Dine at **Your Pie in the Glen** and help support the
Westbrook/Glen Grove PTA!

Present this flyer when you visit and 10% of your purchase will be donated to our schools.

YOUR PIE
2085 Tower Drive, Glenview, IL 60026
Thursday, October 27, 2016
11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
(847) 834-4226
www.yourpie.com

Download the BOX TOPS app!

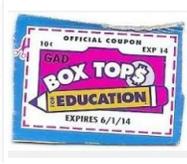
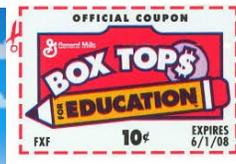


Download the FREE APP on your smartphone and collect more cash for Glen Grove and Westbrook Schools. It's easy to use! The schools will get an additional \$.20 for each Box Tops item you purchase. You should also clip and send in the box top for an additional \$.10.

And as always, please clip box tops wherever you see them.
Your child can drop them off to the front office of either
Westbrook or Glen Grove.

COLLECT BOX TOPS FROM YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!!!

Also, please sign up to support our schools online at www.boxtops4education.com.



Dear WB/GG Families -

PTA funds and organizes Cultural Arts assemblies throughout the year! Cultural arts funding is one of the biggest items on the PTA budget! These assemblies enrich the curriculum and allow our kids an opportunity to celebrate the diversity amongst us. *Glen Grove assemblies are 45 minutes & Westbrook assemblies are 30-35 minutes. These are for student only and are held during school times!*

Here's the lineup for the 2016 - 2017 school year:

Helen Keller on Oct 19 @ GG: This highly engaging assembly will help children celebrate "Diversity Awareness" month. It's a story of a delightful, feisty little girl no different than any other child except she is blind and deaf. Her moving and a very compelling story will instill within children a deeper sensitivity for those with disabilities as they come to understand and accept the different ways people do the same things.

Fractured Fairy Tale (Cinderella) on Dec 1 @ GG: A multicultural experience, done in the tradition of Chicago-improv, blends the German, French and Chinese versions of the story into one multi-cultural medley of fun.

The Ugly Duckling on Dec 2 @ WB: This adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's classic story uses wit and humor to give an "anti-bullying" message, with the Odd Duck Out emerging as the most beautiful, most self-assured creature in the pond by the end of the show.

Amazing Africa on Feb 3 @ GG & WB: This high-energy, journey to West Africa, assembly celebrates "Black History Awareness" month. It will feature acrobatics, authentic African attire, and native instrumentation. With an overall message of love, peace, and respect kids will dance away from this experience feeling empowered.

Asia Fantasia on April 24 @ GG & WB: Master storyteller Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo of Eth Noh-Tec will delight the children with folk tales and myths from Korea, Japan, China, Tibet, Afghanistan and other Asian cultures. Storytelling will take our kids on an adventure of the imagination, weaving a variety of music, movement and wild facial gestures to bring the characters to life.

Matt Wilhelm on June 2 @ WB: Matt, a 3-time X Games Medalist & 2-times National Champion, is an inspiring and motivating speaker who relates well to young kids. His Field Day assembly will be a great mix of exciting BMX bike tricks and stories of overcoming obstacles and dealing with bullies.

A HUGE Thanks to my co-chair, Tanya Klatt, for helping me identify and organize these amazing assemblies that I am certain our children will enjoy and learn from. A special thanks to both the principals and the Fine Arts teachers (Nancy Kabat & Karin Meister) for their support in helping PTA bring these fun and educational assemblies to our school.

Thank You,

Vibha Gupta, Cultural Arts Chair

