



Westbrook School

May 19, 2017

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 |
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| May 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | Glen Grove Book Fair | | | |
| 29 Memorial Day No School  | 30 | 31 1 st Grade Field Trip REACH Field Day | June 1 | 2 Kdg. 1 & 2 Field Day Last Day- REACH |
| 5  | 6  | 7 | 8 Last Day for Kindergarten, 1 ST & 2 ND | 9 Summer Break Begins |
| 12 | 13 | 14 First Day of Summer School | 15 | 16 |
| Enjoy Your Summer Break! Watch for the Newsletter in July/August | | | | |



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

Dear Parents,

It seems that our days are flying by at hyper-speed! May is always a busy month for teachers, students and families. We look forward to summer while we try to slow down enough to savor the learning opportunities that still lie within each day. One of my colleagues refers to this as "Finishing Strong". If you are a runner or a competitor of any sort, you can identify with those words. At school and at home, we find that the improved weather and numerous activities can present potential distractions from our goal of continuing the hard work we've done in our learning thus far, so we all have to do our best to stay focused on the end goal for a very successful school year.

Our staff will "Finish Strong" by continuing to keep the student expectations high for learning as well as for behavior. Teachers continue to plan lessons that teach new skills, apply strategies already learned, and solidify the concepts taught in reading, writing, math, science and social studies. The recently completed NWEA assessments help us identify areas of growth for the students and help plan for any adjustments through the end of the year. Keeping our student expectations high for respectful, kind behavior toward each other is key, whether in the classroom, on the playground, or on the bus.

At home, you can "Finish Strong" by helping ensure that your child comes to school on time each day rested, ready to learn, with homework completed and iPad charged! It can mean helping your child continue to have a healthy diet, adequate sleep, and keeping to as much routine as possible. "Finishing Strong" will help us make the most of every remaining school day, and savor the summer even more! Thank you for your support!

During May, the staff also plans for classes for next year. Our goal is always to create balanced classrooms, taking into consideration many factors: gender, academic needs, social emotional needs, program needs, and language needs...and others. Teachers are thoughtful in forming classes for the next school year. I continue to be impressed with the professionalism and expertise of our WB staff. You can be assured your children are in good hands and will have a great year next year!

On Wednesday, our staff SKYPED with our new principal, Jeannie Sung. Her eagerness and enthusiasm to begin at WB is very evident, and I am so confident that the WB family will provide a warm welcome. I feel very comfortable with the upcoming transition in leadership!

Teachers truly appreciated the breakfast and luncheon during Teacher Appreciation week - we all feel very grateful to be working among such supportive parents and families! The teachers really enjoy the special treats that provide the extra energy needed for their busy days with students!

Speaking of supportive parents, the Pastries with Parents today was such fun. The baskets put together by room parents were just outstanding and many raffle tickets were in each one! Students loved having a bite of breakfast with a parent before the start of school. Thank you to the PTA volunteers for organizing this event. Participating with our vibrant PTA is a wonderful way to become involved in your child's school. As you plan for next year, please consider volunteering to help with one event or one activity! Keep an eye out on the WB PTA Web page..... <http://www.wbggpta.org/> for updates or opportunities to help! Thank you!

*** Please see the page inside this Bulletin for a request for summer gardeners for our beautiful Monarch Butterfly garden. What a great activity to engage in as a family!

Have a wonderful weekend with your families!
~Mary Sue Smith, Interim Principal

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

- The last day for REACH is Friday, June 2nd
- The last day for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd is Thursday, June 8th
- The first day of school for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd is Wednesday, August 23rd
- The first day of school for REACH is Tuesday, September 5th

REGISTER FOR SCHOOL TODAY!

Thank you to all the parents who have registered their children using the on-line system



The directions needed to complete online registration were provided in an e-mail, as well as information on associated fees. Fees can be paid by either check or by credit card through the District 34 website.

By registering your child, you are helping the school district plan for the correct number of teachers needed next school year. If your child(ren) will not be returning to District 34 next year, please inform the school office of that information as soon as possible.

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VISUAL ARTS SHOW

You are invited to a special reception on May 22nd at the Glen Town Center to view amazing art and creations. The show is available from May 5th through May 24th between 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Entry is accessible through The BookMarket.



SUMMER GARDENERS WANTED!

Last June, with a generous donation from the PTA, Westbrook students planted a Monarch Butterfly Garden in the front of the school. The Monarch butterfly populations have declined dramatically in the past 20 years. In order to help preserve this beautiful and essential insect, the Monarch Watch was established. This project aims to create urban gardens designed specifically for the Monarch as way stations on their yearly migration from North America to Mexico. Go to <http://www.monarchwatch.org> for more information.

We will need gardeners to help our garden stay watered and weeded over the summer.

Summer Gardeners sign up for one week of gardening chores. Duties include watering the garden and occasional weeding. All equipment and tools are supplied.

If you would like to sign up, please follow this link.
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080F44A9A729A6FE3-butterfly

Thank you for helping the Monarch Butterflies!



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