







Westbrook School
April 22, 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
April 25  Debra Gelfand Fund for Children	26 REACH (ECP) Parent Night 6:30 p.m.	27 Parent Orientation @ GG for 2nd Grade Parents @ 6:30	28 Raffle Drawing @ GG 7:30 P.M.	29 Schoolkidz Orders Due 
May 2 Open House (TREE) 9-1 @ GG for 2nd Grade Parents	3 2nd Grade Visits GG	4 	5	6 2nd Grade Input Forms Due
9 Staff Breakfast Hosted by: PTA	10	11	12 Staff Luncheon Hosted by: PTA	13
16 1st & 2nd Grade Field Trip	17 WB/GG PTA Mtg. @ GG 9:15 A.M.	18 Fine Arts Evening 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.	19 	20

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

Dear Parents,

Happy Earth Day! We had a wonderful celebration of our Waste Free Lunch today. Weighing our students' lunch "garbage" and hoping that we would gather much less than the 50 pounds that was weighed last Thursday! Thanks to Angela Shim for helping to organize this. We were so pleased to see that many more of the students brought containers that could be washed and reused at home, and many of the hot lunch buyers proudly told me, "Ms. Smith, I ate ALL my lunch today!" I know so many of you recycle at home and truly, your children are growing up with recycling as part of their mind set... so thank you for fostering that in whatever way you do at home!

In line with Earth Day, did you know that next week is considered "**Screen Free Week?**" This is an opportunity to unplug for one day, or a few days, or a few evenings, to conserve energy AND to re-connect with our families. In the past, some families have made one night a "family board game night", and even played by candlelight! Other ideas are family picnics, family reading time by reading to each other, playing outdoor games together after dinner... I am sure you can think of many others. Give it a try.... See how great it feels to be "unplugged"!

We certainly enjoyed the **Pastries with Parents** on Thursday. I loved seeing so many parents and children starting their day off together with such smiles and hugs. And, how can I forget to mention the AMAZING baskets put together by each classroom, for the raffle. I had a hard time deciding where to put my tickets! Thank you parents, for such incredible support of our school through your attendance at our PTA events. Thank you room parents, for organizing the raffle baskets!

How can we be thinking of **next year** already, but of course, we are! It would be SO helpful in our planning if you each would complete your registration for next year as soon as possible. The online registration process is simple and easy. *Please read details on the next page of this Bulletin.*

You will find the **online registration form** when you go to: www.glenview34.org, then under the "Parents" tab, scroll down to "Powerschool/ Online Registration" and complete the form.

Please tell any neighbors who may be new to the WB area, to register now for the fall term.

Fostering independence in our children is something we teachers are especially aware of at this time of the year. After working for 2/3 of the school year on learning and applying new skills in all areas, gradually releasing more responsibility to students, we are especially aware of encouraging more independence in learning at this time of year. We are always providing feedback to students as they progress in their learning, just as you provide feedback to your children at home; perhaps you say..... "I noticed you pulled the covers all the way up when you made your bed this morning" or, "I see you put your papers right back into your folder when you finished your homework". At school, what might have been more explicit and direct earlier in the year can now be delivered in a way that transfers more of the ownership to the student. For example, I might see a student fumbling through a backpack at the beginning of the day and ask, "What am I going to remind you to do right now?"(instead of saying "Find your red homework folder and go put it into your classroom bin"). In the vast majority of cases, the student knows immediately what to do.

Teachers might look at student work now and say: "Which problem needs fixing?" "Which piece of writing shows details in your description?" "What should you do next?"

You've likely seen this same gradual change in independence at home as well. You can continue to challenge and support your children by encouraging them to do the things that they are capable of doing for themselves and then letting them do them. Even when it takes longer! Even when they attempt to wiggle out of it, preferring to let you do it for them. They will thank you later for it! (Okay, they may not ever actually thank you, but they'll be better for it down the road!) They will also feel a stronger sense of accomplishment and pride in what they can do!

A note to those of you who drive your children to school-----we appreciate the way you are following our traffic director's guidance! Also, please remember that there is a federal law stating that use of cell phones is not legal in school zones. Help us keep everyone safe with your full attention in the parking lot. Also, please remember to place your child's name sign in the front window... and if you need another, please contact Pam Schurr at 847-998-5055.

Finally, have a fantastic weekend with your families!

~Mary Sue Smith, Interim Principal



**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016-2017
ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN**

The directions needed to complete this process were provided in the letter you received last week. The fees can be paid by either check or by credit card through the District 34 website. If you are re-applying or feel you may qualify for the District Free/Reduced Meal Program, you do not have to pay the fees at this time. The application for this program will be mailed to all District 34 parents in early August.

Please Note: There is a new addition to on-line registration that is critically important for parents to complete. Federal regulations now require school districts to seek permission to send non-emergency phone calls, which includes canceling school due to winter weather. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK THE BOX THAT YOU AGREE TO RECEIVE THESE TYPES OF PHONE CALLS WHEN ADDING YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION.**

It is very important that all parents complete the on-line registration prior to **May 15th**. By registering your child, you are helping the school district plan for the correct number of teachers needed for next school year.

Complete the online registration form. Visit www.glenview34.org, select “Parents” and then select “Online Registration.” You will need to enter your PowerSchool User Name and Password that you created when setting up your account.

If you do not remember your User Name/Password, click the “Forgot Username or Password?” link and follow the directions to recover your User Name or Password.

If you have not created an account in PowerSchool, click the “Create Account” tab, then the “Create” button. You will be prompted to fill in your name, email, etc. Then, under the “Link Students to Account” section, you will need the ID and Key (that was mailed to you) in order to link your student with the parent account you are creating:

If your child(ren) will not be returning to District 34 next year, please let the office know at 847-998-5055.



2ND GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION

Glen Grove School
April 27th @ 6:30 p.m.

An informational night for parents only in order to learn more about your child's transition to Glen Grove for 3rd Grade!!

May 2nd @ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m
Informational morning for parents interested in the (TREE)



SCHOOLA CLOTHING DRIVE

3 STEPS TO RAISING MONEY FOR THE WESTBROOK/GLEN GROVE PTA

1. Fill a grocery bag with clothing and accessories for babies on up. (no formalwear)
2. Fill out a donation card/sticker that you received with the flyer this week.
3. Drop the bag off in the front office at either WB or GG by April 29th.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found at Westbrook 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. All items left will be donated to the Schoola Clothing Drive on April 29th.



SCHOOLKIDZ SUPPLIES

Your SchoolKidz order forms went home this week.

You have the opportunity to save time and make back-to-school shopping less of a hassle. Schoolkidz offers brand name products in their kits such as Crayola, Fiskar, Elmer, Staples and more. Best of all, the kits contain items that have been specifically requested by our teachers for each grade level. Order @ www.shopttkits.com and use our school code 20310. All orders are due by April 29th.

Orders on line will be charged IL sales tax upon checkout.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Urso @ pamurso9@yahoo.com

BOX TOPS PROGRAM



SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!!!

Please clip box tops wherever you see them.
Your child can drop them off to the front office.

BOX TOPS MUST BE UNEXPIRED AND UNTORN.

If possible, please make an effort to cut the box tops properly; this helps us with the submission process and saves our volunteers hours of time.

Box Tops can be found on a wide variety of products. Please see the attached flyer for a complete list.

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

Also, sign up to support Westbrook and Glen Grove online at www.boxtops4education.com.

You can track our donations online (donations are shared by both Westbrook and Glen Groves and are visible on the Westbrook page).

