







Westbrook School
May 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.

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May 23	24	25 	26 Cultural Arts Hosted by: PTA	27
May 30  Memorial Day No School		June 1 Kindergarten Field Trip	2	3  Cultural Arts Hosted by: PTA
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Every Friday is Panda Pride Day! Remember to wear your spirit wear, or red, white and black.

Dear Parents,

Finish Strong

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.

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 with homework completed, rested, and ready to learn! 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 savor the summer to come even more! Thank you for your support!

During May, we also plan 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.

Parent Survey

Glenview School District 34 is interested in your opinion. Please take a few minutes to take our survey at <http://www.glenview34.org/parentsurveys/>

The survey is given annually to evaluate parent satisfaction in a number of key areas. We hope to continue to improve what we do and how we communicate with parents. The length of the survey depends on the number of schools attended by members of your family. It should take less than 20 minutes to complete the survey. As always, thank you for your time and involvement. We truly value your thoughts.

Cultural Arts

Our students will enjoy two special assemblies as we close the school year. The PTA has provided 2 Cultural Arts assemblies: one is Asian Improv Arts Midwest next week, and the other will be a juggler/performer for our Field Day afternoon. We appreciate the PTA's support by supplying these wonderful programs! The students have all been doing a drumming unit in preparation for the Asian drummers.

Appreciation

Teachers also have truly appreciated the PTA breakfast and luncheon, during last week's Teacher Appreciation Week. We are very grateful to work in such a supportive community. Thank you SO much, parents, for your support of PTA activities that makes this all happen. Also, very huge THANK YOU to Mrs. Rudolph, Mrs. Labrie, and Mrs. Paradies for completing the organization of our Bookroom! The teachers are thrilled that it is now so beautifully organized. This has been a PTA project that is deeply valued!

One more thing... you may notice that the north end of our school, facing the parking lot, has lost some old vegetation. That is because we are planning on using some of the generous PTA gift funding to plant a monarch butterfly garden. The Early Childhood program and our K-2 students will work to plant some seeds and seedlings to begin an inviting garden for butterflies. Be sure to enjoy the "work in progress!"

Finally, thank you to all of you who registered online already.... Remember that although the date for online registration is passed, we still need you to either register online now, or come into the school office and we will be glad to assist you! Our office has called with reminders and we truly appreciate parents who have completed registration as it helps us to plan for next year.

Oh---- one more thing---if you attended Fine Arts night with your 2nd graders-- wasn't it just fantastic? (You can also see WB student artwork displayed on Mon. evening at the Book Stall on the Glen!)

Have a wonderful weekend with your families. ~Mary Sue Smith



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016-2017

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

It is very important that all parents complete the on-line registration.

By registering your child, you are helping the school district plan for the correct number of teachers needed for next school year.

The directions needed to complete this process were provided in the letter you received from the District Office. 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.

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.

LOST AND FOUND

Please stop by and check the lost and found area one more time before the end of school. We have an overflow of lost clothing and miscellaneous items.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

- **PRE-KDG. and ECP STUDENTS – JUNE 9TH**
- **EIK, KDG. 1ST & 2ND STUDENTS – JUNE 14TH**

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES FOR THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

- The first day for students is Tuesday, August 23, 2016
- Winter Break is from December 23, 2016 - January 6, 2017
Spring Break is from March 27 – March 31, 2017
- Winter Break and Spring Break match the District 225(GBS) calendar

